

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROVIDING WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR NONIMMIGRANT SPOUSES OF TREATY TRADERS AND TREATY INVESTORS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this legislation, which was sponsored by Chairman GEKAS, Ranking Member JACKSON-LEE, and Congresswoman LOFGREN. Even though current law permits spouses of E visa holders to come to the United States, those same spouses are not allowed to work here. The effect is to limit a household to one income for no apparent reason.

H.R. 2277 reverses that by simply allowing the spouses to work in the United States. Not only is this good for immigrant families, which now would be able to rely on two incomes, but it also will increase the labor pool and increase tax revenues. For these reasons, the bill passed both the Immigration Subcommittee and the full Judiciary Committee by voice votes.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT L. BRANDT ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT FROM THE VANTAGE CAREER CENTER

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to recognize a great man who has touched many young lives, Mr. Robert L. Brandt. Mr. Brandt has spent the last 25 years as superintendent of the Vantage Career Center in Van Wert, Ohio. This month, he is stepping down to take a less active role for the remainder of the year when he will officially retire.

In his 25 years, Mr. Brandt has turned the Vantage Career Center into one of the shining stars in the State of Ohio. In 1974, he was asked to join the effort to create a vocational school for Van Wert. He was responsible for choosing the site and developing a building financial plan to have the school open in two years. Right on schedule, the doors of the Vantage Vocational School, as it was originally known, opened in 1976 serving only four school districts. Today, more than eleven school districts send their students to the Vantage Vocational School. In addition, each year more than 5,000 dollars adults gain valuable work and career skills through Vantage's Adult Education Program.

Mr. Brandt has never taken his eye off what was truly important, the students. In a recent newspaper article he was quoted as saying,

"My biggest joy in all of this is seeing the number of students who have attended Vantage who have made real successes of themselves—especially those who hadn't done very well in school before coming here."

Though Mr. Brandt officially stepped down as superintendent on July 1, 2001, he has remained at Vantage as Special Projects Coordinator ensuring a smooth transition for the new superintendent.

Mr. Speaker, year after year professionals such as Mr. Brandt dedicate their lives to the future of America. There is no more important or challenging job than that of our nation's educators. At this time, I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Mr. Brandt and all that he has done for the youth of Ohio.

IN HONOR OF NEW YORK'S SCHOOL OF STRINGS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor New York's School for Strings on its 30th Anniversary. The School for Strings, which annually trains approximately 300 students and thirty teachers of violin, cello, and piano, is one of the oldest and most distinguished Suzuki programs in the United States. The school's founder and director, Miss Louise Behrend, was one of the first musicians and teachers to bring the Suzuki approach to the United States, and the success of the program today is evidence of her persistence and the school's excellence.

In its first thirty years, the School for Strings has enriched the lives of over one thousand families, teaching many the skills needed to earn placement in some of the finest graduate programs and orchestras in the country. Former School for Strings students can be heard in the orchestras of the Metropolitan Opera, the Boston Symphony, the Chicago Symphony, and numerous other world-class groups, and at the music conservations of such distinguished schools as Julliard, Eastman, Curtis, Peabody, and Oberlin. Equally prominent is the school's Teacher Training Program, which has graduated more than 400 qualified Suzuki teachers who bring their knowledge of music to many eager mind around the country.

The School for Strings has also added music into the lives of many underprivileged children through its Start-Up Program. The Start-Up Program pairs children with SFS teacher trainees at reduced rates. After three years, many of the students continue the Suzuki Program with scholarship assistance for the school. For the past five years, the School for Strings has offered an after-school Suzuki program at PS 116 with lessons three times a week in violin and cello for elementary school-age students.

The School for Strings, in its first 30 years, has brought to many the lifelong gift of being able to make music, and the accompanying discipline, concentration, and intellectual stimulation. These fortunate students will be tomorrow's orchestra musicians, talented amateurs and music lovers. On June 16th, 2001, twelve hundred of these former students gathered to fill Carnegie Hall with music, a celebration of the tremendous contribution the school has made to New York City and communities around the country. Congratulations to the School for Strings on 30 years of musical excellence, and I look forward to 30 more years of beautiful music!

PROVIDING FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR NONIMMIGRANT SPOUSES OF INTRACOMPANY TRANSFEREES

SPEECH OF

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this legislation, which makes two positive changes to immigration law. First, because of how current immigration law operates, multi-national companies are having a difficult time encouraging overseas employees to work in the United States. This is because U.S. law would not permit the spouses of those employees to work here; in essence, if the employee wants to relocate to the United States with a spouse, that spouse would have to give up his or her career. The effect is to deny such families the ability to seek two incomes and to limit our revenues from taxing that second income. To rectify this, H.R. 2278 changes the law so that spouses of intra-company transferees can work in the United States.

Second, current law requires that intra-company transferees be continuously employed in the United States for one year before being eligible for permanent residency here. This long waiting period makes it difficult for employers to bring qualified employees to the United States. H.R. 2278 corrects this situation by reducing the waiting period to six months. This bill is good for immigrant families, and it is good for employers.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MR. ALBERT "ALLIE" J. ALLMAN

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a close personal friend of mine, Mr. Albert "Allie" J. Allman, Jr. I have been fortunate to call Allie

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my friend for more than 30 years. Over his lifetime, he has dedicated himself to working for the benefit of his country, the State of Ohio and the Tiffin community.

His volunteerism began in 1943 as a Navy serviceman, and has continued in various political, social and service organizations including the City Council, the Park Board, the Betty Jane Rehabilitation Center, the Cerebral Palsy Committee, the Elks, the Sierra Club, and as a Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

While serving as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in 1955, he aided in forming Tiffin's first industrial and economic development corporation, and in acquiring land for the Seneca County Airport and Riverview Inn Complex. From 1952 through 1961, Allie was the Director of the Community Chest, which was a forerunner of the United Way.

Although he is semi-retired after 22 years as a claims manager of United Insurance Company, Allie is still active in politics. Allie is well respected by many public officials throughout Ohio because of his ability to work with all people and see all sides of a situation.

Allie is currently secretary of the Seniors and Lawman Together (S.A.L.T.) Council, which he helped form. This organization unites seniors and law enforcement officers in working together for a safer community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Allie for his years of service to the Tiffin community and the State of Ohio. I want to also wish my dear friend, his wife Jane, their five children and their seven grandchildren all the best in their future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH RITTER
PLOTZ-PIERCE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deborah Ritter Plotz-Pierce for a lifetime of educating and inspiring New York City students. A group of her most dedicated fans, students in her sixth grade class of 1963-64, will be gathering on Sunday, October 7th to thank her for the significant role she played in shaping their lives. In the words of one of her students, she sparked the imagination of her students to "achieve, accomplish, reach and claim their place in the American Dream."

After graduating from Brooklyn College, Deborah Plotz-Pierce began a career that would impact the lives of countless students. From 1958 to 1965, she worked at PS 213 in the East New York section of Brooklyn, where she was assigned to work with gifted and talented students and their parents. After marrying Milton Plotz-Pierce and having her first child, she would begin a battle that would impact the lives of many women. After falling victim to the rules that governed pregnant New York City female teachers at that time, she filed a sexual discrimination complaint against the Board of Education. Over the course of the next four years, Mrs. Plotz-Pierce's case ascended to the Court of Appeals, whose decision led to the amendment of the New York City Maternity By-Laws to re-

flect greater gender equity. Her long-fought battle for equality in the system surely made a tangible and vital difference in the lives of a generation of New York City teachers.

After having her second child, she returned to the classroom, where she remained until her retirement in 1991. In 1992, Mrs. Plotz-Pierce was invited to join the teaching faculties of Touro College and the Education Department of City College. During the next seven years, she trained and mentored new teachers for the New York City Board of Education, passing her years of knowledge and experience on to the next generation.

Throughout a lifetime of learning, teaching, and mentoring, Deborah Ritter Plotz-Pierce has provided such inspiration to her students that they gather after 35 years to celebrate and thank her. She is truly a model educator, and I join her students in thanking her for a lifetime of dedication to the students of New York City.

SCHEDULE

HON. RICHARD K. ARMEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Monday, September 10 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to member's offices tomorrow. On Monday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 o'clock p.m.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider H.R. 2586, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

Mr. Speaker, the International Relations Committee has had under consideration today H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act of 2001. The Agriculture Committee completed its consideration of the bill prior to the Summer District Work Period. As we move into next week, we will also be taking a look at this important piece of legislation as a possibility for consideration on the floor.

One final note, Mr. Speaker: Next week will be our only full week of legislative business in the House during the month of September due to the Jewish holidays that fall in the later half of the month. After consultation with Minority Leader GEPHARDT, I released an updated September schedule to all members last month detailing the House's schedule during the Jewish holidays. If members have any questions regarding the September schedule, they should feel free to contact my floor office for more information at any time.

TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR HARVEY
"JERRY" CLAREMONT

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Shrewsbury, Massa-

chusetts in celebrating the nomination of Doctor Harvey "Jerry" Claremont as the 2001 "Spirit of Shrewsbury" Grand Marshall. For many years, Dr. Claremont has been a distinguished member of the Shrewsbury community, thanks to his countless efforts to help the less fortunate.

Dr. Claremont and his wife, Anne Marie Pelletier, have long given of their time. Over the past twenty years, his family has adopted seven Korean children into their home. In addition, over thirty children have stayed with the family while they have been in this country receiving medical treatment. Dr. Claremont worked for twenty-seven years as a general and vascular surgeon while recruiting volunteers and founding Children's HealthCare and Nutritional Goals Through Education. That group has sent volunteers to developing countries in order to see patients, perform operations, and deliver medical supplies. Dr. Claremont was instrumental in creating a free medical clinic in the town of Shrewsbury that is responsible for helping uninsured patients.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I acknowledge the outstanding work of Dr. Harvey Claremont. I congratulate him, and wish the town of Shrewsbury the best of luck on the 2001 Spirit of Shrewsbury Celebration.

REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this bill and would like to commend Chairman COBLE and Ranking Member BERMAN for bringing it to the full House. The State Justice Institute was established as a non-profit corporation in 1984 to award grants to improve the quality of justice in State courts and develop new and efficient solutions to problems faced by all courts.

Unfortunately, Congress has not conducted oversight over the Institute in approximately 15 years, so we have no information about how it is functioning. This bill solves that problem by requiring the Attorney General to submit a report to Congress on how the Institute is functioning and how successful its grants have been in improving the quality of judicial education. Once that report is received, Congress can better oversee the Institute and determine what resources it needs.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE FIVE MILLION HOUR SAFETY MILESTONE ACHIEVED AT THE DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION OAK HARBOR, OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to express congratulations to employees of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station for having achieved a significant safety milestone. On August 9, 2001

the employees of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station will have worked five million hours without a lost-time accident.

As the first nuclear power plant in Ohio, the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, since beginning operation in 1977, has generated more than 110 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, enough power to supply about 20 million homes with electricity for an entire year. The plant produces enough electricity to meet the demand of about half the people in north-west Ohio.

Not only have Davis-Besse employees operated the plant reliably, they have observed the highest standards of safety, as well. So, again, it is my pleasure to recognize this important safety milestone. Five million hours without a lost-time accident means that, for more than three years, no employee has missed work due to a work-related illness or accident.

Employees and managers at Davis-Besse have been able to achieve this and other milestones by paying close attention to detail and striving for excellence in even minor daily activities. Because of this operating philosophy, Davis-Besse has been recognized within the nuclear industry as a top performing plant.

In addition to being an important power producer, the plant also is an important asset to the local community. It is one of the largest local employers, conducts business with more than 800 other businesses in Ohio and is a strong supporter of such causes as United Way, Ohio Reads, Boy Scouts of America, numerous wildlife and environmental organizations, and other charities.

The economy of Ohio, and the country, is driven in part by safe, reliable energy, particularly electricity. The Davis-Besse plant has proved itself a valuable asset in meeting our energy needs. And I ask all of my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in recognizing the excellent work of the employees at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant.

HONORING WILLIAM GREEN

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated himself to improving housing opportunities for people throughout Bergen County. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William Green of River Vale, New Jersey, this year's chairperson of the Community Housing in Partnership's (CHIP) Golf Invitational.

As the Chairperson of this year's tournament, Bill has worked long hours to make the CHIP Golf Invitational an enjoyable experience for participants, as well as raise funds to develop affordable housing in Bergen County. It is a testament to his dedication that Bill has balanced this responsibility with his busy full-time job as a Senior Vice President at MetLife.

Bill's work at CHIP will help change the lives of so many in our community by developing affordable housing. Thanks to CHIP, independent living options now exist for working low-income families, senior citizens, recovering alcoholics, and formerly homeless individuals. And CHIP has teamed up with the Bergen County Community Action Program to provide supportive services, as well.

People who give so much of themselves, as Bill Green, do not do so for the recognition. However, he certainly deserves to receive it.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Bill Green as well as his wife Susan and their daughters Katie and Emily, for all their hard work, dedication and generosity on behalf of CHIP, and wish them health and much happiness in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 233. On a day when President Fox makes his first official visit to Washington, I cannot think of a better day to honor and recognize the importance of our relationship with our neighbor to the south, Mexico.

The ties that bind our nations together span the course of hundreds of years. From a confrontational beginning to a cooperative future the United States and Mexico will always have a special connection.

The election of President Fox represented a remarkable day in the history of Mexico. On this day, Mexico cast aside 71 years of single party rule and officially joined the community of democratic nations. It is my sincere hope that this smooth and peaceful transition of governments becomes the model for the future of Mexico.

In the realm of trade, over 80% of all Mexican exports are sent to the United States, and nearly three-quarters of its imports come from the United States. Though our financial interaction is an important component, this relationship is not solely based on economics. With millions of people of Mexican descent living in cities throughout the United States, Mexican culture, cuisine, and music have become pervasive in American society.

In my own district in Queens, New York, the Mexican population has been the fastest growing immigrant group. It always amazes me to watch the development of these men, women and children as they work tirelessly to succeed in the United States. Despite their presence in the United States, the homeland is never forgotten. The connection to their roots and family in Mexico remains strong each and every day. The Mexican community is truly a credit to the American economy, American culture and American values.

This is why I support President Vicente Fox's effort to create a new immigration policy between the U.S. and Mexico which unites families separated by U.S. immigration law and provides the American economy with critical employees through the guest visa program.

Through NAFTA and geography, our countries are connected and our economies are linked. By helping our neighbors to the south, we are helping our own country grow and prosper in the 21st century.

It is these unique circumstances, which makes our relationship with Mexico so important. I look forward to working closely with

President Fox and Mexican Parliamentarians on issues of mutual interest in the years to come.

DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL NEW QUESTIONS OF PATENT- ABILITY IN REEXAMINATION PROCEEDINGS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this bill and would like to commend Chairman COBLE and Ranking Member BERMAN for acting on this issue because our patent system is in need of repair. Specifically, the reexamination process—which lets parties bring challenges to patents that have been issued—may not be functioning as planned because of the substantive and procedural limits involved. As a result, applications that should not receive patents not only receive them, but keep them after a review process.

One reason for this is that the Federal Circuit ruled in a 1997 case called *In re Portola Packaging* that the PTO could not, in reexamination, revisit patents and publications it had before it during the initial examination process. This ruling basically nullified the reexamination process and has prevented examiners from reviewing patents carefully. It is understandable why, at a recent hearing on this topic, the opinion of our witnesses on the need to reverse this ruling was unanimous.

Fortunately, the Chairman and Ranking Member were able to work with numerous patent experts on how to resolve this issue. At the same time, I hope we can still resolve other outstanding issues in the reexamination process, such as what kinds of materials—or prior art—PTO examiners can consult.

SUPPORT OF TAIWAN'S BID TO RE- ENTER THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Taiwan's bid to re-enter the United Nations and the right of its 23 million citizens to have their voices heard in that world body.

Taiwan is an economic powerhouse—consistently ranking among the world's top economies over many years. Its GNP and population are larger than three quarters of the existing member countries of the UN. Taiwan holds approximately \$100 billion in foreign exchange reserves. Significantly, it is the seventh largest trading partner to the United States.

Taiwan has used its economic resources to assist developing countries and contribute to international organizations. Taiwan sent over 10,000 experts to train technicians in developing countries and has provided aid to countries in need including a generous aid package to Kosovo. It understands the meaning of responsibility among the community of nations and is prepared and able to actively support the endeavors of the United Nations.

Taiwan is an openly democratic society. Free and fair elections are held at all levels of government. Two years ago, Chen Shui-bian was the first President from the opposition party to be elected as Taiwan's president. In addition, Taiwan's constitution guarantees its citizens freedom of assembly, expression and association, freedom of religion and freedom of the press.

President Chen has been a bulwark of support for human rights. He has committed Taiwan to upholding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, and the Declaration and Action Program of the 1993 Vienna Conference on Human Rights.

Since his election, President Chen has continued to seek renewed political and commercial dialogue with the Chinese mainland. Taiwan believes that its membership in the United Nations would have a positive effect on peace and stability in the region. This belief is supported by such examples as East and West Germany which were both members of the UN and by the membership of both North and South Korea which have been seeking an improved relationship.

A number of countries have asked the United Nations to reconsider Taiwan for UN membership. Both Houses of the U.S. Congress, by large margins, have endorsed Taiwan's desire for participation in the United Nations. The time has come for Taiwan to officially enter the community of nations.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH JERNSTEDT

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to recognize one of Oregon's most distinguished sons, Kenneth Jernstedt, on the occasion of the dedication of Ken Jernstedt Airfield on September 8, 2001, in the City of Hood River, Oregon.

A devoted husband and father, a fearless warrior, a public servant, and a friend to the people of the Columbia Gorge, Ken Jernstedt is as fine an American as I have ever known. Naming the airfield in Ken's honor is a fitting tribute to a man who not only has served this community so ably, but who personifies aviation in Oregon. From his days as a combat pilot in the skies over China to his service as a test pilot after his return, Ken is an airman through and through.

Recruited from the U.S. Marine Air Corps in 1941, Ken Jernstedt was among a restless and eager group of young pilots who answered the call to protect the Burma Road, a vital support line into China. These young men made up the American Volunteer Group, commonly known as the Flying Tigers, a clandestine organization of American civilian volunteers that became operational even before the United States entered the war against Japan.

The Flying Tigers served in China and Southeast Asia from December, 1941 to July, 1942 under the command of their charismatic leader, Claire Chennault. In just six months of combat operations, Jernstedt and his comrades-in-arms were credited with destroying 296 enemy planes and more than 1,000 air-

men. For this toll on the enemy 22 Tigers made the ultimate sacrifice, never to return to the country they had served so honorably.

During his tour with the Flying Tigers, Ken Jernstedt served as a flight leader of the 3rd Squadron. In combat against the enemy, he scored 10½ victories in his P-40 fighter, earning him the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the highest decorations awarded by the United States for valor in aerial combat. Following the disbandment of the Flying Tigers in 1942, Ken became an experimental plane test pilot, a job no less dangerous than combat against the Japanese. Among the planes he piloted was the P-47 Thunderbolt.

Later in his life, Ken directed his tremendous energies toward less dangerous endeavors. After serving as mayor of the City of Hood River from 1959 to 1960, he was elected to the State Legislature, where he served with distinction in both the House and Senate for a combined 20 years. Following his departure from the Senate, Ken again served as mayor of Hood River from 1989 to 1990. In addition to his invaluable public service at both the local and state levels, Ken has served as honorary chair of the Air Safety and Education Foundation of the Oregon Pilots Association.

In the future, as generations not yet born pass through the gates of Ken Jernstedt Airfield, they will be reminded of this giant of a man. If they admire courage in the face of danger, if they value personal sacrifice in a culture of self gratification, and if they cherish freedom in a world filled with oppression, they will salute him as I salute him today. Ken Jernstedt is, in a word, a patriot. For one who so values the liberty that was purchased with the courage of men like him, I can think of no higher compliment.

PROVIDING FOR APPEALS BY THIRD PARTIES IN CERTAIN PATENT REEXAMINATION PRO- CEEDINGS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this bill and would like to commend Chairman COBLE and Ranking Member BERMAN for addressing this issue. The patent reexamination process, which lets parties challenge patents that the PTO already has issued, is subject to numerous procedural and arbitrary limits that inhibit its effectiveness.

For example, section 315 of the patent law says third parties who file for a reexamination and then lose can file an administrative appeal but then cannot appeal that decision to the Federal Circuit. The law gives only a patent owner the right to appeal to the Federal courts. That provision contradicts the very purpose of reexamination—if someone feels the PTO incorrectly rules on an issue of patentability, that party should have the right to an appeal.

Fortunately, the legislation before us resolves this problem. It amends the law so that any party in reexamination—the patent owner or the third party—can appeal a decision of the PTO to the Federal Circuit. This legislation will go a long way to shoring up our patent

system and has the support of numerous patent experts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 333 and 334, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both measures.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained by a delayed flight and was unable to be present last night for floor votes.

If had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on H.R. 2291 and H. Con. Res. 233.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer a personal explanation. Yesterday, I was absent from the Chamber as I attended the funeral of Liston Ramsey, the late Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives. During that time, I was not present to vote on Roll Call Votes 333 and 334. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on both. I ask that my statement be submitted in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

VERMONT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONGRESSIONAL TOWN MEETING

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding work done by participants in my Student Congressional Town Meeting held this summer. These participants were part of a group of high school students from around Vermont who testified about the concerns they have as teenagers, and about what they would like to see government do regarding these concerns.

I am asking that these statements be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, as I believe that the views of these young persons will benefit my colleagues.

REGARDING THE MEDIA IN PUBLIC LIFE, MAY 7, 2001

APRIL LEICHTNAM: "There are two ways to slide through life; to believe everything or doubt everything. Both ways save us from

thinking." Alfred Korzybski. The media plays an important role in the lives of all human beings. There are numerous different forms of media. Some of these forms are printouts such as newspapers, books, fliers, billboards, clothing, signs and magazines. Along with print media, there is nonprint media, such as television, radio, movies, cassette tapes, CDs, videotapes, Internet and other electronic modes of communication. When the media constructs the message they would like to convey, they have two things in mind. They have a purpose, and they design them to evoke a certain response from their audience.

LAURA DICK: The main purpose of the media is to inform people of the things around them, to persuade them into doing and buying things, to entertain them by showing them false images, and to sell products by not always telling what is true. Also, when constructing ads, the advertisers look to make the ad appealing to those who are seeing it. They use many different types of techniques. Some of these techniques include humor, comparisons, economics, social prestige, emotional appeal, appeal to fears and insecurities, statistics and studies, exotic appeals, a sense of belonging, a sense of mastery, a desire to be noticed, consumer compliments, the use of parental figures, and also "weasel" words. Many of these techniques are designed to target a certain audience. Also, a lot of these claims on TV make ads meaningless. For example, an ad will say, "virtually spotless," instead of just "spotless," which does not mean the dishes will be totally spotless, but it makes one think they will be. Some other common advertising techniques include bandwagon, attraction, happy families, something-for-nothing, testimonials, "all natural," nostalgia, and patriotism. We ask have a statistic that shows the influence on media on the lives of many people today. For example:

APRIL LEICHTNAM: During one year, a child will see approximately 3,000 drinking episodes on television. The average American child will view approximately 75,000 beer ads by the age of 18. Alcohol advertising accounts for 3 to 5 percent of total revenue on TV, and 12 percent on radio. Prime time and soap operas expose teenagers to sexual scenes every nine minutes. Fewer than 6 percent of males and 2 percent of females on TV are obese, yet 25 to 45 percent of the American population is overweight, and two major health problems among teens are anorexia and bulimia. The average American watches 1,000 hours of television every year. In 1991, three out of four households owned a VCR. The average American sees about 32,000 commercials every year. In 1998, a 60-second commercial cost \$2,600,000 during the Super Bowl. The average American household owns two to three televisions. The average child views 10,000 murders, raps and aggravated assaults in one year. 20 to 28 hours per week are spent viewing television. This is the only activity we spend more time doing besides sleeping. Four out of five Americans believe violence on TV causes real violence. Beer commercials air while drinking portrayal occurs five times per hour. Average high school students spend two to three hours a day watching TV on school days, and eight hours a day on weekends. 90 million households own at least one TV set. 63 percent have two or more sets. By the first grade, the average child has seen 5,000 hours of TV. There are more people in the world who have televisions than indoor plumbing. In promoting things that are not reality, the media promotes such complex problems as drug addiction, crime, teen pregnancy, promiscuous sex, materialism, violence, racism, eating disorders, tobacco and alcohol consumption by teens and younger children, sexual and

physical abuse, profanity, voter apathy, and pornography. Therefore, we conclude that media literacy classes should be offered in every high school in the state of Vermont.

REGARDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MAY 7, 2001

PATTY RALSTON: We have a video.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: You have a video?

PATTY RALSTON: Yes.

(Videotape played.)

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: Thank you very much for that excellent video. Who wants to begin verbal presentation now? You don't think you are going to get away with just the video, do you? Just because you are TV stars does not exempt you from discussing it. Your name again?

SELENIA COGHLAN: Selenia Coghlan. Like I said on the video, I just feel that like—I'm not in public school right now, but I go to the Learning Edge. I'm getting my adult diploma. But when I was in the middle school or public schools, I feel that, if you are on a different level than the other kids, like if you can't read as well or you can't do math as well, they treat you a lot differently. And, basically, I feel it is the teachers' fault, because they're there to educate you and they should be the ones to teach you, and when you get your diploma, it shouldn't be just because you got passed along. You should know something.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: Let me back you up here. I don't know that everybody knows. Why don't you guys say a few words about the Lund Home? How is the Lund Home different from other schools?

SELENIA COGHLAN: The Lund Home is for young parenting and pregnant teens. And is it a small class, where all females that are pregnant or parenting can get their diploma or GED. And they take math, history, everything that public schools take, and they also take parenting skills classes and like things that you need to know about parenting, or whatever. If you don't want to parent, what you could do, or if you want to parent, what you could do.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: Thank you. Next?

PATTY SALVAS: I never went to public schools in Vermont, but I do know that a lot of the public schools aren't very friendly to teen moms, and for like the people on welfare, they don't give them enough initiative. So they need to be more sympathetic towards them.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: Okay.

PATTY RALSTON: People shouldn't really, like just cause we had kids young and everything too, doesn't mean like—you know what I mean? Because I will make it, and whether anybody says I won't, I will.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: How many students are there at Lund?

PATTY RALSTON: We go to the Learning Edge. It is a different program, but there is like seven, eight—ten right now. Ten right now.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: And do you think the Learning Edge does things for young parenting moms that a public school often does not do?

PATTY RALSTON: Yes. They're helpful. And they're always there if you need like support or anything. They are there. You know they're there.

SELENIA COGHLAN: The other students that were talking before us, they said something, the other side—what is it called?

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: Alternative.

SELENIA COGHLAN: Alternative schools. I think those are really great for kids. Some people do have problems maybe, with family, and that is why they are there, but some kids learn slower than other kids. Like me, I have

to have somebody explain what I need, you know, like how to do it. Or if I just have a teacher in front of me saying, this, and there you go, I won't know anything, and then I won't do it.

CONGRESSMAN SANDERS: So you think different types of kids respond to different—
SELENIA COGHLAN: Everybody is different. I feel like everybody is different and everybody learns differently. There are kids that can learn things a lot quicker, and lots of people that can't. And I feel it is good to have alternatives for pregnant and parenting teens, and just for other kids that need the extra help, even if they are not pregnant or parenting.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE REGARDING DEATH OF THE HONORABLE FLOYD SPENCE FROM THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, Like most of my colleagues, I was in my district—the southside of Chicago—when the news of the death of our friend, FLOYD SPENCE, came. I was shocked and saddened by the knowledge that this institution had lost, yet, another Member.

Born in 1928 in South Carolina, FLOYD SPENCE was a product of the South Carolina schools and a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was first elected to public office in 1956, the South Carolina Legislature, and he served there until his election to the South Carolina State Senate in 1966.

FLOYD SPENCE began his 30 years of service in this body in 1971 and he served three terms as Chairman of the Armed Services/National Security Committee in the House before yielding the gavel to his successor at the beginning of the current Congress. Throughout his Congressional career, FLOYD SPENCE served the citizens of South Carolina's Second Congressional District, and the citizens of this nation, well.

Mr. Speaker, FLOYD SPENCE was my neighbor in the Rayburn Building. I will remember his cheerful greetings as we passed in the hallways and in the elevators. He was always optimistic, always upbeat, always energetic, always courtly, always the gentleman. I will also always appreciate the unfailing kindness and courtesy of his staff.

Mr. Speaker, my prayers go with his family, his friends, his constituents and his staff, at this time of sorrow. I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this Resolution expressing the condolences of this House on the passing of the Honorable FLOYD SPENCE.

RECOGNIZING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S PARISH

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 275th anniversary of the

founding of Prince George's parish. The Parish, and its home, Christ Episcopal Church, make up the oldest congregation in Rockville, Maryland.

In 1726, the Prince George's Parish was excised from the original southern Maryland parishes, and began to serve the small population on the banks of Rock Creek. The original log chapel was replaced in 1808 by a brick church, and then in 1822, moved one mile to downtown Rockville.

During the Civil War, Christ Church played a role in the underground railroad, despite the presence of slave owners within the parish. Following the war, in 1884, the parish began construction of its current building, strongly influenced by the popular gothic revival architecture. A short time later, in 1896, Christ Episcopal Church joined the newly founded Diocese of Washington, forming a community of churches in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region.

The past century has seen a series of additions to the original church building. In the mid-1960's, the worship space was expanded and new classroom space was added. This allowed the growing congregation to remain in downtown Rockville, and cemented the partnership between the parish and the Christ Episcopal School.

Education plays an important role in Christ Episcopal Church. In addition to the presence of Christ Episcopal School, the Christ Church hosts a seminarian from the Virginia Theological Seminary for a two-year field education placement. Parishioners attend weekly bible study and adult covenant classes, where students learn about the history of the Episcopal church, and the development of the Christian faith. All of this is in addition to the normal Sunday School classes.

Service also plays a leading role at the church. Congregants volunteer at the Rockville Nursing home and with Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Frederick counties. The church recently hosted visiting preacher Reverend Joshua Louw, rector of a parish serving a population of individuals relocated by apartheid, from the companion Diocese of Capetown, South Africa.

Of course, worship is the primary function in the Parish. The Reverends John S. McDuffie and Susan Astarita lead the parishioners in worship every Wednesday and Sunday.

I am extremely proud to have the Prince George's Parish in my Congressional district. Its fascinating history and rich tradition of education, service, and faith, is a source of inspiration for all Americans. I join with the Prince Georges's parishioners in celebrating this impressive 275th anniversary.

TAIWAN BELONGS IN THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in 1996 Taiwan held the first ever direct election for president and four years later, in the presidential election of 2000, opposition party candidate Chen Shui-bian won the presidential election. Miraculously, Taiwan had a peaceful transfer of power, and for the first time in fifty years,

an opposition party replaced the ruling party. Today, Taiwan's democracy is in full bloom. Every political office is contested through free and fair elections, thus dispelling the myth that democracy and Asians don't mix.

Taiwan's rapid evolution into a full fledged democracy with a capitalist free-market economy clearly signals that Taiwan is ready to play a larger role on the international stage. Already, Taiwan is a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and participates actively in the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Congress has repeatedly recognized Taiwan's desire to broaden its participation in the international arena by adopting legislation supporting Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization. The aftermath of the 1999 earthquake is a perfect example of why Taiwan should be allowed to participate. Unlike other disasters around the world, the United Nations delayed providing assistance to Taiwan until they got permission from China. If Taiwan had been a participant in the WHO, or better still, a member of the United Nations, no such delays would have occurred. Instead, thousands of Taiwanese suffered needlessly until the international community finally responded.

After one year in office, President Chen Shui-bian has a solid record of achievement for his nation. Taiwan continues to seek resumption of dialogue with the Chinese mainland regarding eventual reunification. In addition, Taiwan has maintained a strong relationship with the United States and other friendly nations. Taiwan stands tall among nations and over the years has played a significant role in helping other nations develop. Taiwan has sent over 10,000 experts to train technicians in developing countries and has provided aid to many countries in need. It has given much to the world and the world community is enriched as a result.

Unfortunately, despite Taiwan's desire to be a helpful global partner, Taiwan is not a member of the United Nations. It is time for the United Nations, on the principles of universality enshrined in the United Nations Charter, to acknowledge Taiwan's accomplishments and allow Taiwan to be a Member State.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan belongs in the United Nations. I personally support Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations and I urge other members to do so as well.

RECOGNITION OF RICHARD H. WALKER'S PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Richard H. Walker of New York State. Today, we bid him farewell as Director of Enforcement of the Securities & Exchange Commission and commend him for his ten year SEC tenure. More importantly, today, we offer our deep gratitude for his service to the American people.

An attorney by profession, Mr. Walker shared many years of his life as a public serv-

ant. He began his service to the SEC as the Director of Northeast Regional Office in 1991. He later moved to Washington, DC to become General Counsel and then, in 1998, he took the reigns as Director of Enforcement, the Commission's largest division. Mr. Walker has worked tirelessly for reform in securities litigation and earned his reputation as a brilliant, dedicated, and creative leader. As he returns to work in the private sector, Mr. Walker humbly calls his service to the SEC the "highlight of his legal career". We call his commitment an extraordinary contribution.

America's investors benefited greatly while Mr. Walker headed the SEC's nationwide enforcement effort. He led the division's fight against earnings management and other financial reporting abuses. He was the key force behind some of the most significant financial fraud cases ever brought forward in the history of the Commission, including those cases against: W.R. Grace, Cendant, McKesson HBOC, Microstrategy, Sunbeam, Arthur Andersen, and the 1999 landmark auditor independence case against PricewaterhouseCoopers.

A well-respected leader, Mr. Walker also stood out as a team player. He forged working relationships with state and local prosecutors and the FBI, resulting in a record numbers of criminal prosecutions for violations of federal securities law. His passion for justice was evident as he attacked organized crime in securities activities by coordinating civil and criminal prosecutions. He led several major, successful undercover sting operations, revealing the largest number of people ever charged with securities fraud.

The Commission also established the Internet Enforcement Program to combat internet securities fraud under Mr. Walker's direction. Because of Mr. Walker's efforts, an estimated 250 violators were held accountable. He rose to the challenge of advancing technology with characteristic determination.

Mr. Walker received many awards for his outstanding contributions during his ten years at the SEC, including: two-time receipt of the Chairman's Award for Excellence, the Commission's Distinguished Service Award, the Commission's Law and Policy Award for his key role in the government's successful appeal in U.S. vs. O'Hagan, a landmark case which upheld the misappropriation theory of insider trading. Today we award him with our deep gratitude and recognize him as an exemplary model of all that is good and right with our government.

I applaud him for his achievements while serving in three demanding positions at the SEC and thank him on behalf of all those whose lives he affected for the better. As he returns home, he leaves an important part of our government in better condition than when he arrived. He laid the valuable groundwork for our continued efforts to carry out the SEC's mission of investor protection. But most importantly, Mr. Walker reaffirms our confidence in caring, effective public service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I wish Mr. Walker the best of luck in his future endeavors and well-deserved success!

IMPACT OF FUEL COSTS ON
SALES REPRESENTATIVES

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer the attached comments of the National Alliance of Sales Representatives Associations on the impact of rising energy costs on small businesses. As Chairman of the Small Business Committee, I will continue to review the issues raised in the attached letter.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF SALES
REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATIONS,
Atlanta, GA, August 2, 2001.

Subject: Impact of Increasing and Volatile
Energy Costs on Sales Representatives

Chairman DONALD MANZULLO,
House Small Business Committee,
Washington, DC.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: As Chairman of the Bureau of Wholesale Sales Representatives and President of the National Alliance of Sales Representatives Associations I have the opportunity to discuss the impact that increasing and volatile energy costs with many other sales representatives. What follows are a summary of my experiences but they are typical of what is happening to sales representatives across the country. The National Alliance of Sales Representatives Associations (NASRA) is based in Atlanta and represents more than 10,000 sales representatives who work in industries like apparel, shoe, gift, furniture, and other related sectors.

THE IMPACT OF RISING FUEL COSTS

When energy costs wildly fluctuate as they have in the last four months, sales representatives who are independent business owners, find that they have to absorb the rising energy costs with no ability to pass any of the cost increases on to their customers. As a result a season that has already been hurt due to a slowing economy goes into the proverbial tank as we are all forced to absorb cost increases that cannot be reflected in our commissions.

Here are some personal illustrations of how these costs increases have affected my business. My territory consists of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and The District of Columbia.

I travel in excess of 50,000 road miles per year and I make a minimum of five trips annually to key areas of my territory. In addition, I attend twenty to twenty five trade shows.

My travel is done in a mini van racked for the purpose of housing my samples. Naturally the added weight decreases fuel efficiency but nevertheless the vehicle is critical to my business. Within 30 minutes of my home you can presently find gasoline prices ranging from \$1.65 to \$1.16 for regular unleaded and I am aware that prices across the country have been even higher.

Some sales reps have chosen to purchase diesel fuel motor homes for the purpose of efficiency. During the past few months, diesel prices in my area have ranged from \$1.70 to \$1.31. At recent prices it makes the investment in travel a real issue. Most diesel vehicles are commercial, busses and trucks and the trucking industry has requested they be allowed to pass on these increased costs. Commissioned sales representatives who drive diesel or gasoline powered vehicles do not have the ability to pass on rising costs nor petition congress for such rebates.

RISEING FUEL COSTS AFFECT IN OTHER AREAS

If it were only the rising cost of fuel perhaps the impact would not be so great. These same rising costs effect every phase of my business and my life.

1. The hotels I use have added energy surcharges without notice.

2. Food and restaurant prices have gone up due to transportation costs.

3. Airlines, busses and trains have also added energy surcharges.

4. The convention centers and hotels that host our trade shows have new energy clauses in their leases.

5. Retail prices on my products have increased because of rising production and shipping charges. When retail prices rise retail slows which directly impacts my wholesale business.

CALIFORNIA IMPACTS SALES REPRESENTATIVES
NATIONALLY

As a final insult many sales representatives including myself have been affected by the energy crisis in California. My business begins with samples. Recently, I have had delays in getting samples, especially from California. This is due largely to rolling black outs which has slowed production. If I do not have my samples shipped on time so that I can display them at the trade shows my time and money invested in trade shows is lost.

At this time I cannot plan my business because the costs keep changing. They never go down and yet my income does not increase proportionately. A business that is run without the ability to plan is doomed to failure.

All costs rise with rising energy prices. Where does it end? It seems to end with me.

On a more personal note our family had to make a very difficult decision. After more than 30 years in a business he loved my husband has left the industry. There can be no doubt he was literally forced out by these rising costs. Unfortunately, more and more of my colleagues are making similar decisions. It is well known small business is the engine for our country. What will happen when we are unable to run the engine?

SOLUTIONS

Congress needs to look for long-term solutions to maintain some level of stability in energy costs. The quick fixes have been meaningless to me. We need a long view energy policy. We MUST put stability ahead of volatility so that small business owners can plan.

Mr. Chairman I wish to thank you for looking into this issue and for your assistance to the National Alliance of Sales Representatives.

Sincerely,

SANDRA HANLON BLOOM.

A TRIBUTE TO SIR ARTHUR
GILBERT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, an extraordinary man, and a giant in the art world, Sir Arthur Gilbert, who passed away on September 2, of this year.

Born in 1913, Arthur's family emigrated from Poland to London where they operated a furrier business. After deciding not to enter the

family business, Arthur chose to work with his wife, Rosalinde Gilbert, a struggling dress designer. He adopted her surname for business reasons, and the two of them quickly made a small fortune producing and marketing her evening gowns. In 1949, they decided to leave the damp and cold of London for the warm California sun, and they moved to Los Angeles, intending to retire.

Instead of retiring, Arthur made a second fortune in real estate. Arthur "never made money just for the sake of making money," as he liked to say, but he will be remembered not for how he made money, but rather how he spent it. His passion for collecting art came about almost accidentally, while looking for decorations for his new home in Los Angeles. A friend suggested to him that he needed some silver to dress up the living room, so he purchased, in his words, a "schmaltzy cabinet by the 18th century silversmith Paul de Lamerie." It was also this time that he bought his first micromosaics, which are images created by tiny threads of glass. Arthur became quite enamored with micromosaics, and eventually purchased over 200 pieces.

Mr. Speaker, the New York Times (September 4, 2001) noted in its obituary of Mr. Gilbert that "in time his collection grew to comprise several collections. The silver and silver-gilt items include scores of ornate tankards, dishes, candelabra and cups that once decorated the royal and aristocratic dinner tables of Europe. His gold collection was made up of some 20 gold snuff boxes, which like the 260 micromosaics, and his 80 portrait miniatures, are best appreciated through a magnifying glass."

Arthur Gilbert was justifiably proud of his collection, and frequently he personally led tours through the museums which housed his collection. As his collection continued to expand, it eventually became too large for the space constraints at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where it had been housed for some time. In 1996, Arthur accepted an offer to house his collection in the newly renovated Somerset House, an 18th century palace in London, where it is now displayed. He called it "Britain's heritage regained," since many of the pieces originally belonged to British aristocrats. The collection—valued at over \$200 million—has been open to the public since May of last year. In appreciation of this lavish bequest, Arthur Gilbert, who never renounced his British citizenship, was knighted in 1999.

In addition to his donated art collection, both Arthur and Rosalinde Gilbert were benefactors of numerous charities and organizations. These include the Arthur and Rosalinde Gilbert Center for the Advancement of Scientific Research. They have contributed generously to the February 1941 Foundation—an extraordinary foundation created to thank the Dutch people for assisting Jews fleeing Nazi persecution and downed Allied pilots during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the Los Angeles Times (September 4, 2001) captured the essence of this outstanding philanthropist, when it quoted him: "Whether you collect snuff boxes or matchboxes, don't buy because it's going up in value but because you like it or it will enhance your life—then give it away." I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Sir Arthur Gilbert, an outstanding Californian and a generous philanthropist.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
WILLIAM DAVID PEOPLES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Officer William David Peoples, of the Cambridge, Ohio Police Department has been recognized as its Officer of the Month for May 2001; and

Whereas, Officer Peoples has continually demonstrated a superlative degree of professionalism, care and commitment in his role as a police officer, and

Whereas, he was awarded the Exceptional Service Medal in 1995 for his heroic actions and effective problem solving as he helped deliver water to the 12,000 residents of Cambridge when a main line broke; and,

Whereas, he was again recognized with the Life Saving Medal with Silver Torch, in 1997 for his patience and bravery in the prevention of a suicide attempt;

Therefore, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the dedication and the exemplary service of Officer William D. Peoples, a man whom I am proud to call a constituent and one who serves as an example to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH OF SANTA
ROSA, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleague from California, Ms. LYNN WOOLSEY, I wish today to recognize Community Baptist Church of Santa Rosa as this congregation celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding.

A few African American families formed the hub of the church 50 years ago, which has since grown into a fully integrated congregation of 650 people, with three choirs, two youth groups, an on-site day care center, and a charter high school.

The congregation's first pastor was The Reverend Washington E. Boyce, who was serving as the assistant pastor at the First Missionary Baptist Church in the neighboring County of Marin when he traveled north to Sonoma County to enlist the support of local residents in building a spiritual community.

Community Baptist became an official congregation in 1951, and the first deacon, Curtis Wyatt, Jr., was ordained in 1952.

The first church services were held in members' homes and in community buildings in Santa Rosa. The first church building officially opened in 1956.

The Reverend James E. Coffee became the minister at Community Baptist Church in 1965 and has served the congregation for the past 36 years.

Over the course of the past 50 years, the church has played a vital spiritual and cultural role in Sonoma County and has enriched the lives of thousands of people.

The church is an active participant in the Hate-Free cities movement; has provided a home for self-help programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; has initiated and maintains a four day annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration; has established and supports a community garden; has established and maintains a ministry of outreach to Lytton Ministries, a transition program for people trying to free themselves from addictions; and has established and supports the Second Sunday Morning Breakfasts, a forum for discussing, strategizing, and taking action on issues of civic, social and political importance.

The church also has an active youth program. It founded and runs the Village Project, which helps forge positive adult child relationships and the Rites of Passage program to help adolescents transition into adulthood. The church has also established a Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship program and actively supports the 100 Black Men Mentoring program.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of its vibrant history and traditions and its many contributions to Sonoma County, it is appropriate that we acknowledge today this pioneering congregation.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE
THAT WORLD CONFERENCE
AGAINST RACISM PRESENTS
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO AD-
DRESS GLOBAL DISCRIMINATION

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my severe disappointment regarding the lack of engagement by the United States in the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, August 31–September 7, 2001, in Durban South Africa.

The United States has an extraordinary perspective on racism. It has made great strides towards addressing some of its problems. When the original Constitution was enacted, it declared African-Americans to be three-fifths of a human being. During Reconstruction, this very body initially refused to seat the first African-American Members of Congress. Today, there are thirty-nine African-American Members of Congress and numerous Cabinet officials. Though we have a long way to go with regards to race relations, we have come a long way.

This Nation presided over a slave trade that will go down in world history as one of the most grotesque examples of man's inhumanity to man. Once slavery was abolished, due in large part to pressure from other nations, parts of the United States then enacted codes designed to deny African-Americans their full citizenship rights. As abhorrent as this pattern was, Americans of good conscience rose to the challenge and implemented laws to ensure equal treatment under the law. We have a long way to go, but we have come a long way.

This Administration owed it to all Americans to deliver the message of possibility to the world. Yet, unfortunately, this administration

approached this conference with little interest and a miniscule commitment to engagement. Representatives of this Administration stymied the preparation that began during the previous Administration. Therefore, its withdrawal from the conference was not a surprise.

And while the actions in Durban were not surprising, hope that the refusal to discuss differences does not become the trademark of this Administration and mar its ability to engage in constructive dialogue about civil and human rights in this country. The withdrawal from Durban, combined with the lack of a domestic civil rights policy, an unwillingness to proceed with much-needed election reform and the glaring refusal to end racial profiling, leads me to doubt this Administration's ability to candidly and fairly address issues of race and diversity within this country.

Mr. Speaker, racism in real. Discrimination is real. The argument for reparations should be openly discussed and seriously debated in this country. America must face its current racial reality and reconcile with its inglorious racial past. I suggest that Members of this House begin our national healing by passing a resolution which offers an acknowledgement of the sufferings caused by slavery and an official apology for governmental actions which perpetrated their condition. If we, as Representatives of the United States Government, cannot apologize for this sorry and unfortunate history, our future will be forever marred and our enemies will be able to say that the United States left Durban because it did not want to address its own history.

I call upon the Congress and the President to show the leadership necessary to begin healing within our country.

A COMMANDING ROLE FOR JAMES
N. GOLDSMITH

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate an ally of veterans everywhere and my close friend, James N. Goldsmith, upon his election as Commander-in-Chief for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. It is with particular pride that I note that Commander Goldsmith is a resident of Lapeer, Michigan.

Jim Goldsmith's election to head the VFW is a tribute to his many years of dutiful attention to the needs of veterans and the faith that his fellow veterans have placed in him for continued service and fidelity to their health and welfare. A decorated U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam, Jim has a deep and personal understanding of the obligation all citizens owe to the men and women who served this country during times of conflict on foreign soil and to those on active duty today.

Upon returning from Vietnam in 1967, Jim joined VFW Post 5666 in Flushing, Michigan, and he's been fighting on behalf of veterans ever since. A Life Member of VFW Post 4139 in Lapeer, Jim has held many posts in the local, state and national organization and he has received numerous awards. In 1978, Jim was selected as Michigan's "Young Veteran of the Year," and, in 1980, he became the first Vietnam veteran to win election as Department Junior Vice Commander.

Jim has traveled the world to learn the concerns of active duty service members and reservists. Adhering to a soldier's code never to leave a buddy behind, Jim has remained committed to accounting for missing American service members. He has made two trips to Southeast Asia in efforts to recover the remains of those still missing. He also has been a strong advocate for addressing veterans' medical needs and has made diabetes research a top priority.

Never willing to accept full credit for his good deeds, Jim points to each of the 2.7 million members of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary as key to his efforts. He also singles out his sons, Jim and Jeff, for enabling him to serve their needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to Commander-in-Chief Goldsmith for his valiant, enthusiastic and ongoing work for veterans. I am confident that Jim will continue to find new and better avenues to assist the men and women who have put their lives on the line in defense of our great Nation.

RECOGNITION OF 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SYRACUSE'S ST. BRIGID AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of St. Brigid and St. Joseph Church in Syracuse, New York. Its congregation is gathering to recognize this important milestone during a memorial mass and celebration on Sunday, September 16, 2001.

Established on May 26, 1926, and incorporated on August 9, 1926, St. Brigid's was formed from a portion of the rapidly growing St. Patrick's Parish on Tipperary Hill. While masses were first celebrated within St. Patrick's School by St. Brigid's founding pastor—Rev. William H. McCormick, the parish's first sanctuary was constructed the following year at the corner of Willis Avenue and Herkimer Street at a cost of \$165,000. The church's cornerstone was laid on June 15, 1927 with its first mass on August 21st. St. Brigid's School opened on September 6th of that year under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Since that time, the parish has grown considerably. Under the leadership of its second pastor—Rev. William J. Brennan, the parish's debt was retired. Construction of a larger sanctuary began in 1955 with a Dedication Day Mass celebrated in the new church on November 6, 1956. Rev. J. James Bannon was pastor at that time. In 1964, St. Brigid's merged with St. Joseph's French Church to become St. Brigid and St. Joseph's Parish. Rev. David J. Norcott became the combined church's first pastor followed by Rev. James A. McCloskey.

The parish is served today by Rev. Lawrence W. Kennedy, Pastor, Mr. Leonard S. Monnat, Deacon, and Sister Theresa Brown, CSJ, Director of Human Development and Parish Minister. Approximately 510 families are served by St. Brigid and St. Joseph's

Church. The parish continues to be a strong steward of Christian values and community outreach, ministering to the people of Syracuse's Westside.

On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, it is my honor to recognize the people of St. Brigid and St. Joseph's Church and to extend best wishes for many more successful years of faith-based ministry to follow.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF OUR NATION'S UNIFORMED SERVICEMEMBERS

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. BOUCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues Mr. SHAYS and Mr. WAXMAN, in introducing legislation to protect the privacy rights of our nation's uniformed servicemembers.

If enacted into law, the legislation we have put forward will clarify that the same right of privacy guaranteed to all other individuals under the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act shall apply to members of the uniformed services.

The Privacy Act was established in 1974 to ensure that the information the Federal Government collected as part of the operations and practices of agencies is protected, and the agencies observe and safeguard the right to personal privacy.

The need for this legislation arises from a September 2000 federal district court ruling which stated that military servicemembers cannot sue for damages when records containing information about them, which under the terms of the Privacy Act may not be released, are released by the government in violation of the Privacy Act. The Court based its ruling on the Feres doctrine, a 51 year old judge-made doctrine which states that servicemembers cannot bring civil actions against the government for acts incident to service because they have benefits available through their military health and other programs. As a result of this ruling, there is no effective way to prevent the unauthorized release of sensitive military personnel records and no way to compensate servicemembers for damages arising from acts by government agencies that are in violation of the Privacy Act.

Congress enacted the Privacy Act with an unambiguous intent to make government responsible for the damages it causes when the law is violated. Our bill clarifies the intent of Congress to ensure that the right of privacy granted under the Act shall apply to members of the uniformed services and that military personnel may use the remedies of the Privacy Act, the Feres doctrine notwithstanding. A right without a remedy is no right at all.

The merit of this legislation is clear. The government collects vast amounts of sensitive information from and about military servicemembers. Fairness requires that the information, once collected, be made secure. Moreover, such an assurance will be in aid of the recruitment efforts of all our volunteer armed forces.

I urge the speedy adoption of this legislation.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT CHIEF ROBERT B. MCKENNA

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Robert B. McKenna successfully completed the Federal Emergency Management Agencies Executive Fire Officer Program; and,

Whereas, the Emergency Fire Officer Program is designed to provide senior officers with a broad perspective on various facets of fire administration; and,

Whereas, Robert McKenna throughout his career has dedicated himself to demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism;

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the impressive accomplishments of Robert B. McKenna, a leader in his community whom I am proud to call a constituent.

RECOGNIZING BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS KANE FOR HIS SERVICE AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Brigadier General Thomas P. Kane, Commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California, upon his reassignment to NATO's Allied Command Europe as Deputy Director of the Reaction Force Air Staff in Kalcar, Germany.

As Commander of the 60 AMW, General Kane was responsible for the combined efforts of all operations and support activities associated with the worldwide air mobility mission and responsible for ensuring the readiness and well being of the installation's active duty, reserve and civilian personnel and their families. Aircraft and personnel under General Kane's command have responded to combat efforts and humanitarian relief efforts worldwide.

Travis Air Force Base and its personnel have flourished under General Kane's command. He has been a tireless advocate for decent, affordable housing, successfully obtaining an increase in the Basic Allowance for Housing allotment for Travis personnel.

He has also been one of the driving forces in the countywide Affordable Housing Task Force to pursue alternative sources of funding for off-base housing.

Through his leadership, the base, working in partnership with Pride Industries, has launched a website to assist the base population in their efforts to locate affordable housing.

General Kane organized a group of key individuals to help implement his vision of privatizing the museum at Travis Air Force Base as the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum. The fundraising phase of this project was inaugurated this summer.

In 2000, the 60th Air Mobility Wing won the coveted Solano Trophy, which is awarded annually to the best active duty wing in the 15th Air Force.

General Kane is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and holds advanced degrees from the Naval War College and the University of Southern California.

His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with device, National Defense Service Medal with device and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Mr. Speaker, Brig. General Thomas P. Kane is a true patriot and distinguished American who has devoted himself to the service of our country. It is appropriate that we honor him today by expressing our gratitude for his dedication and wishing him well on his new NATO posting.

THE PASSING OF HARRY
WEISBROD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mr. Harry Weisbrod, a champion of labor and an active participant in the public policy process. While an investigator for the Department of Labor, Mr. Weisbrod changed the collective bargaining process in this country forever by organizing the first union of federal employees. Later, as a founder of a wage and labor consulting firm, he fought to develop ways for companies to be prosperous without forsaking their responsibility to support a standard of living which every American worker deserves. During his extraordinary life, he worked both within government and with government to promote a quality of life for its workers.

Mr. Weisbrod was a veteran and party activist. He cheated on his eye exam in order to enter the United States Army during war-time. Later, as a resident of Dallas, he contributed to the improvement of the educational system by helping to organize the League for Educational Advancement in Dallas (LEAD), a grassroots organization devoted to school board reform. A true public servant, he was appointed to numerous Dallas boards and commissions, including the Dallas Civil Service Commission. Mr. Weisbrod believed in our system of government. He was an active participant in the Democratic Party and helped to develop many of its more progressive activities and programs.

Mr. Speaker, Harry Weisbrod transcended Earthly boundaries on September 1, 2001. Through this statement, it is my hope that the record of his service will be forever enshrined in American history.

C. KEVIN DYKEMA: CHARTING A
COURSE FOR BAY CITY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate my close friend, Bay City Times Publisher C. Kevin Dykema, for the instrumental role he played in bringing the extraordinarily successful Tall Ships Celebration 2001 to my hometown of Bay City, Michigan, and for his leadership in organizing the Maritime Festival that welcomed the vessels to our community.

As chairman of the Board of Directors of Bay City's Tall Ships Celebration, Kevin spent incalculable hours at the helm to steer a course for an event that has left residents of Bay City swelling with pride. Kevin deserves our highest praise and gratitude for his vision, hard work and dedication. The impact of his efforts will be felt for many years as permanent residents and visitors from all points on the map sing the praises of Bay City, Michigan, and list the celebration as yet another example of the city's welcoming attitude.

A long-time sailing enthusiast, Kevin turned his love for the water and his interest in maritime history into an economic windfall for the area when he initiated and fulfilled a plan to bring the Appledore schooner to Bay City as a permanent attraction and educational tool for students and adults to learn more about the unique environment of the Saginaw Bay. A co-founder of BaySail, Inc., the non-profit organization that oversees the Appledore, Kevin has been an enthusiastic and energetic booster of historical sailing ships. While the opportunity to lure the Tall Ships challenge to Bay City was certainly a labor of love for Kevin, he could not have anticipated the massive team effort or the extraordinary time commitment required. Yet, he pulled it all off with flying colors.

Such endeavors are nothing new for Kevin. He has been a vital and visible force in the community since first coming to town in 1991. His involvement in a wide-ranging number of service organizations and his willingness to step up to the plate to lead various volunteer efforts have served our community well. Of course, such involvement cannot occur without the support of family and Kevin has been fortunate to have the encouragement of his wife, Betsy, and children, Pete and Jane.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Kevin Dykema for his quiet yet firm hand in navigating Bay County, Michigan, on an unalterable course that will lead to further economic prosperity and perpetuation of the city's reputation as a welcome port-of-call for friends and visitors alike.

TRIBUTE TO DONNA SPEZIALE
RICHARDS

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a longtime Syracuse journalist who passed away as a result of a sudden brain aneurysm while visiting family in Florida.

For over 20 years, Donna Speziale Richards covered breaking news in Syracuse and Onondaga County as both a radio and television news reporter. Born in Syracuse, she was a graduate of Solvay High School and Onondaga Community College. She worked as a radio reporter for both WFBL-AM and WHEN-AM, where she also served as news director. She then went on to cover local stories for WTVH-TV5 as a television news reporter for eleven years.

1988 she won an Emmy award as a member of a team of reporters covering the bombing of Pam Am Flight 103. During her tenure as a journalist, Donna's work was recognized by the Associated Press Broadcasters Association, the state Broadcasters Association, and the Syracuse Press Club.

Most recently, Donna had left broadcasting to serve our community as a public relations specialist for the U.S. Small Business Administration office in Syracuse. Through her work in that position, she was known as an informative and helpful source for local media and business people and a committed federal employee.

Donna leaves her husband, Donald; two stepsons, David and Paul Richards; her mother, Mary Speziale; and a brother, Skip Speziale. She was 43 years old.

Throughout her career, Donna was not one to seek special recognition or the spotlight. With this honor, it is my hope that her local involvement and balanced work receives the attention that it deserves. Donna leaves a reputation for fair and accurate reporting that should serve as a lasting example for all young, local journalists who follow in her footsteps. She will be missed.

A TRIBUTE TO ROSE ANN VUICH

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former California state senator Rose Ann Vuich, a mentor and friend of mine who passed away in Dinuba, California on August 30, 2001.

Rose Ann's parents immigrated from Yugoslavia to California's Central Valley, where the family ranched near the community of Cutler. After Rose Ann's father Obren passed away in 1940, her mother Stana and the family worked hard to keep the ranch prosperous. Their prosperity led them to eventually acquire three other ranches and allowed Rose Ann to open her own accounting firm in Dinuba.

Rose Ann was close to her family and deeply committed to her community. She served on the boards of the Tulare County Fair and Alta District Hospital and was active in political organizations.

Rose Ann was truly a barrier breaker. She paved the way for other women in public service by being elected as California's first female state senator in 1976. Before that, she was the first female president of the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce. She forced changes in the Senate, most notably when she rang a bell on her desk whenever male colleagues referred to the "gentlemen of the Senate."

During her sixteen years in the state senate, Rose Ann was a model public servant. She

listened carefully to her constituents, represented them tirelessly, and set an example of integrity and character. She encouraged people to expect more of their elected officials, and her shadow over the Central Valley will be long.

She set a strong standard of ethical behavior that led her to raise tough questions about legislation before the Senate. She rose to become chairman of the Senate Banking and Commerce Committee, a position that allowed her to advocate on behalf of Valley agriculture. She also tirelessly shepherded construction of Highway 41 in Fresno, which she considered her proudest accomplishment.

On a personal level, I had the pleasure of serving as Rose Ann's Administrative Assistant immediately prior to my coming to Congress in 1990. I learned from Rose Ann the virtue and dedication of public service, and the importance of standing up for what is right.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Rose Ann Vuich and celebrating her long and distinguished legacy of service to California's Central Valley.

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING
THE 50TH BIRTHDAY OF ELLEN
RATNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Ellen Ratner was born August 28, 1951 and will be celebrating her 50th year surrounded by admiring friends and family; and,

Whereas, Ellen has much to be proud of as she reflects on her past accomplishments and anticipates her future endeavors; and,

Whereas, Ellen has achieved respect and notoriety among Presidents, Members of Congress, and foreign leaders as she has successfully navigated and illuminated the ever changing tide of American politics; and,

Whereas, Ellen is also an accomplished writer, authoring "The Other Side of the Family: A Book for Recovery from Abuse, Incest, and Neglect" as well as "101 Ways to Get Your Progressive Ideas on Talk Radio"; and,

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring Ellen Ratner as she celebrates 50 years of achievement. I am honored to be a close friend with a woman whom I hold in the highest esteem.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD
ROWE'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER
IN GOVERNMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleagues from California, Mr. George Miller and Mr. Ose, I wish today to

recognize Donald R. Rowe, who is retiring this month following a long and distinguished career in county government.

Mr. Rowe retires as the Director of the Solano County Health Services Department, a position he has held for the past twelve years. As Director, he had the overall administrative, budget and leadership responsibilities for 1,200 employees and an annual operating budget of \$187 million.

He was previously employed with the county from 1987 to 1989 as the Chief Executive Officer of Business and Personal Insurance Services.

Mr. Rowe came to Solano County from Fresno County where he worked as the Solid Waste Coordinator, as both a Senior and Principal Administrative Analyst in the County Administrator's Office, as the Associate Director of Health and as the Director of Health.

Mr. Rowe currently serves as Chair of the Solano Partnership Health Plan Board of Directors, which is one of five California health insurance organizations providing full service health maintenance coverage for the Medicaid population.

He is a member of the Executive and Legislative Committees of the County Health Executives Association of California, the State of California Health Information for Policy Project Committee and a founding member of the Solano Coalition for Better Health, a community wide collaborative health planning and community action committee.

Mr. Rowe holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Welfare from California State University, Fresno and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of San Francisco.

Mr. Speaker, because of Donald Rowe's many contributions to county government, and specifically to Solano County, it is proper for us to honor him today.

THE PASSING OF DR. FOSTER
KIDD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Foster Kidd. Dr. Kidd was a true Texas community leader. He was tirelessly dedicated to improving the health of all Americans. He was the first African-American dentist appointed to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners and made great strides toward helping the community understand the importance of oral health care. During his life, he chronicled the achievements of African-American dentists through numerous publications, including "Profile of the Negro in American Dentistry." He was a dentistry expert, activist, historian, mentor, father, husband and friend to many.

Dr. Kidd was a leading authority on African-American orthodontic history, collecting scores of documents that tell the story of black dentists. He was also an extraordinarily effective mentor, using his love of golf to mentor local youths. Dr. Foster Kidd was a true Dallas hero.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Foster Kidd moved on to do his work in a better place on August 21,

2001. Those who knew him, however know that his work will continue to live on through his research, his books and the lasting impact he had on all who met him.

SHIRLEY ROBERTS: BRINGING
FAIR WINDS TO BAY CITY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, Bay Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Shirley Roberts, and to express the gratitude of an entire community for her outstanding work in promoting my hometown of Bay City, Michigan. 1, along with the citizens of Bay City, an especially appreciative of Shirley's herculean efforts in bringing the Tall Ships Celebration 2001 and Maritime Festival to town this summer.

As one of the founders of BaySail, Inc., Shirley deftly navigated any and all obstacles to provide safe harbor for more than a dozen historical schooners to drop anchor in Bay City for an unprecedented nautical exhibit that truly put the community on the map as a destination point for tourists from near and far. Her efforts helped hundreds of thousands of visitors discover or rediscover Bay City, significantly enhancing the prosperity of the summer season for many small businesses, restaurants and tourist attractions. In addition, the event provided a wonderful opportunity for residents and others to get a glimpse into Bay City's legendary maritime history and its many contributions to the shipping industry.

Bay City has come to expect a lot from Shirley because she always delivers. Employing all the vim and vigor that she consistently has applied to other community endeavors, Shirley dove right into the Tall Ships project to ensure smooth sailing for seafarers and landlubbers alike. Moreover, Shirley's keen understanding that the success of any voyage depends equally upon the leadership of the skipper at the helm and the quality of the crew went a long way to making the event a smash hit.

Shirley has always been the first to acknowledge the role others have played in her accomplishments and her modesty is perhaps one reason for her remarkable ability to recruit and retain enthusiastic and hard-working paid staff and a legion of volunteers. In fact, it is a testament to her team-effort approach that so many volunteers answer the call whenever she asks. Shirley also enjoys the wholehearted and energetic support of her husband, David, and daughters, Michelle and Erika, and typically credits them for their role in her success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in praising Shirley Roberts for her gung-ho spirit and unwavering devotion to Bay City and surrounding communities. I am confident she will continue to bring fair winds and Godspeed to any and all undertakings on behalf of the citizens of Bay County, Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO NEW YORK STATE
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE ASSOCIATION

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on October 12, 13, and 14, 2001, the New York State School Food Service Association will mark its 50th anniversary at its annual statewide conference in Syracuse, New York. The New York State School Food Service Association is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1951 whose goal it has been to provide wholesome meals to children in New York State schools.

Today, the association has 3,700 members and serves 1.6 million lunches and 450,000 breakfasts per day. In addition to providing nutritious meals, the association has fought for increases in the number of free and reduced-price meals served to children deemed to be in severe need as well as breaking down impediments to participation in the School Breakfast Program.

On behalf of the people of the 25th Congressional District in the State of New York, I extend my appreciation to the New York State School Food Service Association for their decades of tireless work on behalf of New York State's children. Additionally, it is my honor to congratulate the association on their semi-centennial anniversary conference and wish it continued success in "Feeding America's Future."

CHRISTO'S "RUNNING FENCE"

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those who worked on Christo's "Running Fence" on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. A project of the internationally renowned artist Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude, the "Running Fence" was completed in Sonoma and Marin Counties on September 10, 1976, after 42 months of collaborative efforts.

These efforts included participation of the affected ranchers, 18 public hearings, three sessions at the Superior Courts of California, the drafting of a 450 page Environmental Impact Report, and the temporary use of the hills, sky, and ocean. The "Running Fence" was 18 feet high and its 24.5 miles in length crossed 14 roads, 59 ranches, and the town of Valley Ford. It extended from near Freeway 101 in Sonoma County to the Pacific Ocean at Bodega Bay. As promised, the project was removed 14 days after its completion and all the materials given to the ranchers.

The beauty of the "Running Fence", constructed of 240,000 square yards of white nylon, and the beauty of the California countryside complemented each other perfectly to create a breathtaking artistic vision.

Mr. Speaker, although the "Running Fence" was designed to be temporary, Christo's project will live forever in the imaginations of those who saw it and in its identification with the landscape of Sonoma and Marin Counties.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
BILL MAZEROSKI

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Bill Mazerowski will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday, August 5, 2001 at 1:30 in the afternoon at the legendary Cooperstown, New York; and,

Whereas, Bill Mazerowski grew up in Turkeyfoot and Rush Run, Ohio where his dedication to the game lead him to perform arduous tasks for his Uncle so that he could earn enough money to purchase his first baseball glove; and,

Whereas, his professional career began as a second baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1956 and ended 17 great years later in 1972; and,

Whereas, Bill Mazerowski is an eight time Gold Glove winner and holds the major league record for the most double plays for a second baseman; and

Whereas, Bill Mazerowski became the first player ever to end the World Series with a home run; and,

Whereas, Bill Mazerowski is a National League all-time All-Star; and,

Whereas, his career total included 2,016 hits and a .983 field percentage at second base; and,

Whereas, he went on to cultivate new baseball talent as a coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates and later for the Seattle Mariners;

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Bill Mazerowski, an exceptional athlete, one of Baseball's all time greats, and an Ohio Valley legend.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT HAUTMAN

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce a resolution honoring artists participating in the Federal Duck Stamp Program, especially Minnesota's very own, Robert Hautman.

Robert has successfully won his second Federal Duck Stamp competition with a winning pintail design after winning his first award in 1997-1998.

Robert and two of his brothers, James and Joseph, have seen their art featured on thirty-five state and federal stamps.

From the Oval Office to the Smithsonian Institute, their creations have been displayed in prominent places throughout Washington, D.C.

Congratulations Robert on this well-deserved award.

INDIAN RACISM EXPOSED AT RACISM
CONFERENCE—PRESENTATION
MOVES CONFERENCE TO
TEARS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, at the World Conference on Racism in Durban, Dalit and Kashmiri activists showed up to exert pressure against India's racist caste system. The caste system, which discriminates against people merely because of the group into which they are born, is one of the most racist systems in the world.

The demonstrators handed out literature, buttons, and headbands demanding equal rights for all peoples. They have been chanting and drumming to force the caste system onto the agenda for the conference.

India argued for keeping casteism off the agenda in Durban, saying that there are laws against caste discrimination on the books. This is true, but unlike our civil rights laws, the anti-caste laws are never enforced and are routinely violated. Dalits are forced to use separate facilities, such as tea shops. Dalits are forced to endure separate living areas, separate burial grounds and restrictions on their movements. They cannot enter the temple. A few years ago, a Dalit constable entered a Hindu temple on a rainy day to seek refuge from the rain and he was stoned to death by the Brahmins in the temple. In another incident, a Dalit girl was blinded by her teacher after she drank water from the community water pitcher. This kind of racism is unforgivable, especially in a country that calls itself a democracy.

According to a report in Canada's National Post, a Dalit woman named Murugesan Manimegalai spoke at the Durban conference. She told the story of how her husband, with a tenth-grade education, was elected Sarpanch of their village—the president of the village council, similar to the mayor. Almost immediately, they received death threats from the upper-castes. "We will see how the president functions without a head," said one note. After he had been in office six months he was followed home on the bus. A group of men surrounded the road and told everyone "except Dalits" to leave. Then they grabbed Mr. Manimegalai and stabbed him in the stomach. Despite his pleas not to kill the other Dalits, they chopped up the six other Dalits in front of him. Then they murdered Mr. Manimegalai, chopped off his head, and threw it in a well. Unfortunately, incidents like this are all too common in India.

I would like to take this opportunity to salute the protestors for their success in bringing India's racism to the world's attention. That is the first step towards ending it.

Mr. Speaker, India must learn that a democracy respects the basic human rights of all people, not just those in a position of power and privilege. It must transcend its Brahminocracy and bring real democracy to all the people. How can people continue to live in the facade of Indian democracy when they cannot enjoy even the most basic rights?

America can help this process along. We should maintain the existing sanctions on India. We should stop all aid to India until the

full range of human rights can be enjoyed by all the people there, not just the Brahmins. We should declare our overt support for the 17 freedom movements currently operating within India's borders. We can do so by supporting a free and fair plebiscite, under international supervision, on the question of independence for Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and the other minority nations living under the boot of Indian oppression. Former President Carter might be a good person to head an international monitoring team.

The Council of Khalistan has issued a press release praising the demonstrators who are bringing the issue of Indian racism to the forefront. The Information Times has also run an excellent article on the demonstrations. I would like to place them both into the RECORD at this time for the information of my colleagues. In addition, I would like to insert the National Post article into the RECORD.

[From the National Post, Sept. 6, 2001]
UN RACISM CONFERENCE MOVED TO TEARS,
NOT ACTION—RACE VICTIMS TELL STORIES
(By Corinna Schuler)

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.—In an oft-ignored chamber of the cavernous convention centre, the real victims of racism struggle to have their stories of suffering heard.

This is not one of the dozens of rooms where international negotiators spend days behind closed doors, locked in debate about where to place a comma or whether to spell "Holocaust" with a capital "H."

Here, persecuted people from every corner of the globe take their turn on stage between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. every day to tell simple stories about real suffering—the only forum at this massive United Nations gathering where the personal pain of discrimination is laid bare.

One day, the speaker was an escaped slave from Niger. The next, an aboriginal woman from Australia. Then, a migrant worker from Brazil.

Yesterday it was Murugesan Manimegalai's turn. The 29-year-old mother of four is a member of India's lowest caste, so impoverished she had never left the confines of her squalid settlement before boarding a plane this week for Durban. "I was very worried that it might fall," she confides with a shy smile. But she pushed her fear aside yesterday, took a deep breath and told the story of her husband's horrifying murder to a crowd of 200 human rights activists and a few journalists. By the time she was done, even the moderator was blinking back tears. "We are Dalits"—untouchables—began Ms. Manimegalai.

As one of India's 1.4 million lowest-caste people, she grew up in a segregated village— forbidden to draw water from the communal well or to attend the same temple as upper-caste people.

Her husband had only a Grade 10 education, but became an eloquent activist and was elected president of a village council. Members of the upper caste warned he would not last six months. "We will see how the president functions without a head," said one written death threat.

After six months in office, when Mr. Manimegalai took a trip into town, upper-caste people followed him home in a bus. A crowd of men blocked off the road, screaming wildly for everyone to run away—"except Dalits."

"They grabbed my husband by the shirt and stabbed him in the stomach. Even then, my husband pleaded with the dominant caste people not to kill the rest of the Dalits. They ignored him, and chopped the [six] others in front of his eyes." Ms. Manimegalai did not

stop for a breath as the next words tumbled out. "Even after my husband's death, the anger, the bitterness, the caste-fanatic feeling did not subside."

"They cut off his head and threw it in a well nearby." Witnesses were too terrified to come forward and it was only after three years of protest that some of the attackers were finally jailed. "We strongly demand," Ms. Manimegalai concluded, "that the caste system in our country be abolished. We demand education for our children, job opportunities—and dignity." The roar of applause continued for a solid minute. When the diminutive Ms. Manimegalai stepped off the stage, a burly African woman grabbed her in a bear hug, sobbing. Ms. Manimegalai was overwhelmed as others waited in line to give a hug or shake her hand. Tears streamed down her face as she stood in the glare of the TV lights.

It was not the first time the Voices Forum has borne witness to such raw emotion. But many of the 1,100 journalists in Durban to cover the UN's World Conference Against Racism have been too preoccupied by arguments over Israel and demands for reparations for the colonial-era slave trade to take much note.

The armies of suited government officials working to write up a "historic" blueprint for fighting racism and intolerance were not present to hear Ms. Manimegalai's demands.

Many were in a room down the hall, arguing about whether words such as "descent" and "ethnic origin" should be included in the list of grounds for discrimination.

At the end of her speech, a moderator thanked Ms. Manimegalai and other presenters for having the courage to speak out. "You should never doubt raising your voice in this chamber," she said assuringly. "Never doubt the importance of doing that."

The sorry truth is that the powerful testimonies heard in the Voices Forum have little chance of being incorporated into the UN's final declaration on racism, or its program of action.

"Cast out Caste" posters have been plastered all across Durban and activists have handed out thousands of information brochures in an effort to highlight the injustice of the caste system in Hindu society. But India has fought all attempts to include any mention of caste, and neither the UN nor any government is pushing the point. The strongest language in the draft declaration comes in a single paragraph that refers to discrimination based on work or descent—and even those watered-down words seem set to be withdrawn. Likewise, Eastern European countries refuse to acknowledge the discrimination endured by the Roma, or gypsies, no matter how many emotional stories they have told in Durban this week.

The African slave girl who told her story moved an audience to tears, too.

Inside conference rooms, however, African government delegates are so engrossed in debate about the slave trade of centuries past there has been almost no talk of how people like 17-year-old Mariama Oumarou and 20,000 others in Niger could be spared the horror of slavery today.

Will this conference change Ms. Manimegalai's life? The document under such hot debate is not an international treaty or a UN resolution. In fact, it's not a legal document of any kind and—if agreement is reached here by tomorrow—countries are free to ignore it.

But, Ms. Manimegalai lives with the hope her presence here will help the suffering Dalits of India break free from their oppression. "I am destitute," she said. "My house is just a matchbox and I do not have enough money to care for my children. They are living with relatives.

"But when I saw the big crowd in the room today, I was not afraid. I was happy. At least I can tell the world our story. There are many people back home who are relying on me here."

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE FOR VALLEY HOSPITAL IN RIDGWOOD, NEW JERSEY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Ms. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, New Jersey, on the momentous occasion of their 50th anniversary of service to northern New Jersey. From a small and difficult beginning, the Valley Hospital has become a premier example of quality and commitment to medical excellence. This weekend, in celebration of their golden anniversary, the Valley Hospital "Old Fashioned Fair" will be held in the town of Ridgewood.

This remarkable hospital was once only a dream for the northwest New Jersey community. However, due to the perseverance of a small group of concerned community members, this vision of a hospital was transformed into a reality. Plans began nearly forty years before ground was even broken. In 1910, community groups gathered to raise money for a hospital, however the stock market crash and the Great Depression stalled their attempts. With the leadership of the Women's Auxiliary in 1944, local residents rallied again to donate almost \$1,000,000 to break ground in 1949. Today we are able to congratulate the Valley Hospital on fifty years of outstanding service to northwest New Jersey. A passage from The Sunday News, dated June 19, 1951, illuminates the struggle and success of the hospital:

There has been discouragement and heartache, delay and disappointment. There have been set-backs of every conceivable variety during these years of construction but now at long last, comes the fulfillment of the dream—a community hospital completely equipped with every facility that modern medicine and modern science have developed, ready to take its place along with the best in the country in caring for those who are ill.

In August of 1951, the first patient walked through the doors of the Valley Hospital. That first year, over 4,000 patients entered those doors. In the following fifty years, the Valley Hospital expanded to meet the constantly changing needs of the growing community and implemented cutting-edge technology. Last year, the hospital administered to 42,540 patients and welcomed 3,221 babies. Thirty-five physicians of the Valley Hospital were named in the "Best Doctors in New York" list of the New York Magazine this year; a list compiled by their peers throughout regions of New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut. This month the Valley Health System, the hospital's umbrella organization, will be the nation's first health provider to feature Mayo Clinic health information on their website. As one can tell, this is a phenomenal group of people involved with the hospital.

The Valley Hospital has risen to pre-eminence on the national level in health care

and medical technology for its patients. Under Mike Azzara's guidance as Chairman of Valley Health Systems, and Audrey Meyer's leadership as President and CEO of the Valley Hospital, the hospital has entered the 21st century as a premier provider of health care in not only New Jersey but the entire Northeast United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in commending the Valley Hospital for its service to the community in the past fifty years, and recognizing those committed to continuing its tradition of excellence in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CENTER OF MONTEREY COUNTY, INC.

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Blind and Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County, whose thirtieth anniversary was celebrated on August 12, 2001. The center has been assisting visually impaired individuals to transcend the loss of sight as independent, contributing community members of Monterey County, in my district. I am pleased to be able to honor their work here in the U.S. Congress.

The Blind and Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County offers a wide variety of services to its clients, and works to cater these services to each individual's needs. With such programs as Daily Living Skills and Braille Instruction, information and referral services, accessible technology, support groups, and an Orientation and Mobility Instruction course, this center offers much to the communities of Monterey County. Last year, the Blind, and Visually Impaired Center provided direct services to three hundred forty-eight clients from twenty-two towns, cities, and villages. The clients live throughout Monterey County, from the coastline at Pebble Beach to the farm communities of Greenfield and King City.

I am proud to honor the work of the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Blind and Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County.

The thirtieth anniversary of the center offers an opportunity to pay tribute to the hope of its founders and the diligence of those who work there. I look forward to their continued success.

NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the tireless efforts of payroll employees of this nation. September 3–7 is National Payroll Week. In honor of this week, we should all thank the more than 130 million payroll professionals who work tirelessly to ensure that workers receive their wages and federal employment taxes and worker earnings are reported.

Company payroll departments prepare over 4 billion paychecks each year. In addition to paying workers accurately and on time, payroll professionals play a key role in crucial government programs including the enforcement of fair labor standards, child support deductions and payments, unemployment insurance, Social Security taxes and benefits, and Medicare.

Payroll professionals deserve our thanks for helping maintain this nation's system of preserving funds for the American community. Regular efforts are made to educate ordinary workers about the payroll tax withholding system. Nationwide, 20,000 members of the American Payroll Association organize outreach programs for their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby ask you and our colleagues to join with me in thanking the payroll employees who are indeed, "Working for America" and proclaim September 3–7, 2001, National Payroll Week.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the community of Brownsville,

Texas, for reminding our children about the values we cherish by commencing "Violence Prevention Week" as the new school year begins.

Each year, parents, students and educational professionals begin the school with more trepidation than we ever did, for today the worst-case scenario is not that our children will get in a fight, but that they will be a victim of gun violence.

Here in Texas, we know that if the central component of these tragedies were merely the existence of guns, the level of school violence we see today would have always been so. It is much more: the responsibility that family teaches (including gun safety and proper storage); the faith and tolerance taught by family, churches, synagogues and mosques; the entertainment our children see; and the everyday examples of behavior to which young people are exposed.

In short, it is many things. Our society at large is far less to blame for the incidents of violence we have seen in communities across the country than are the individual families and communities whose job it is to be a good example every day. We should teach responsibility, emphasize faith, and offer age-appropriate entertainment and examples of behavior to children.

Brownsville is taking an important step in speaking to the issue of school violence by planning Violence Prevention Week, sponsored by the Brownsville Independent School District, the local law enforcement agencies, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and the local church community.

Events throughout the week include: a formal proclamation and efforts to bring up the subject around the dinner table, essay contests to make the subject pertinent to students, a "Violence Prevention Fair" at a local mall, school addresses by Dana Scott, sister of Rachel Scott, was killed at Columbine, and the incorporation of topics relating to violence prevention into the school curriculum.

Events will culminate in a LIFE (Laborers in Fields of Education) breakfast for educators and community leaders on Saturday, Sept. 8. The guest speaker will be Darrell Scott, father of Rachel Scott, whose story of refusing to deny her faith at her killer's request inspired millions around the world.