

Protection for On-line Games Act. I am one who has never been an advocate of the gaming industry. The City of Detroit has legalized gaming, and now it is a fixture in our economy.

The gaming industry has broadened its exposure over on-line and wireless communications networks. People do not have to go to casinos in Las Vegas, Reno, Detroit, Atlantic City or other gaming sites to gamble. They can play games of chance over the Internet from the privacy of their own homes.

According to one financial analysis, Internet gambling is a \$1 billion industry and is forecasted to grow to \$5 billion by 2005. There are nearly 1 million paying users of the largest network games and free sweepstakes sites which are among the most popular Internet destinations.

Many of the network gaming sites originate from offshore websites, and are beyond the reach of States and local authorities, even those authorities that prohibit Internet gaming in their jurisdictions. Local and state governments devote few resources to regulate or enforce laws, against network gaming. No protections exist to ensure the integrity of the game, protection from minors seeking to patronize games, or protection from excessive financial loss. Therefore, network gaming continues with very little regulation and with very few guarantees that the games of chance or sweepstakes one finds on internet sites are above board.

My bill will allow U.S. consumers to know if the games they are playing are fraudulent. It will permit U.S. consumers to participate in on-line games with the security of knowing they are playing from a straight deck of cards. Specifically, H.R. 4652 proposes the following:

1. Establishes the Federal Trade Commission as the agency responsible for monitoring games of chances offered on the Internet or wireless network.

2. Prohibits network game operators subject to U.S. law from making false or misleading claims regarding the fairness of such games.

3. Requires self-regulatory organizations to comply with specific minimum requirements.

4. Specifies that States must notify the FTC when it brings action against a network game provider and allows the FTC to intervene in any action brought on by the state and file petitions for appeal.

I know feelings run strong on both sides of the gaming question. It is a policy area with which I have some issues. The fact exists, however, that gaming websites are available for everyone's entertainment. It is my hope that this legislation will prevent present and future abuses and reduce the incidence of fraud. America has a chance to become a leader in this emerging global industry, but we presently lag behind other countries which are dealing honestly and openly with the issue of online gaming.

This bill is not perfect, but it offers a proposal for a regulatory structure that does not impose its will over the States, especially those States who want to effectively regulate network gaming operations within their borders. I hope that Congress will seriously study this proposal and raise the level of debate on this issue. I look forward to working with my colleagues to improve this measure as it travels through the legislative process.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS
CRAIG FRAZIER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Douglas Craig Frazier who recently passed away in Cortez, Colorado on March 27, 2002. Douglas, known to most as Doug, will always be remembered as a true inspiration and contributor to his community. For some time, Doug battled a long and difficult disease that threatened to tax his body to the limit, but never was allowed to affect his spirit. After a long and demanding struggle, he eventually succumbed to the effects of bone cancer. His passing is a great loss for a town that relied on Doug for his kind heart, strong spirit, and unwavering friendship.

Mr. Speaker, not long ago I stood before this body of Congress to honor the Montezuma-Cortez Boys Basketball team and their well-deserved state championship. Today, I pay tribute to a source of inspiration for that title, a source of motivation to a young man, and a source of pride to a school's hometown community. As the Panthers moved forward in their quest for a state title, Doug Frazier was present every step of the way by providing support to the young players and of course, his son Layne. As the Panthers progressed through the season, Doug tried to attend every game, despite his pain, to see the team capture its ultimate prize. The young men succeeded in their goal and brought home the first state title for the school in nearly forty years, and Doug Frazier, confined to a wheelchair and medication as a result of the pain, was present with his support until the end. He passed away soon thereafter, but he achieved one of his final goals, to see his son and teammates claim the championship.

Mr. Speaker, Doug will be missed by the many lives he touched in the Cortez community. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and dedication to his family. He is survived by wife Paula, daughter Amanda, son Layne, and a grateful community. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to an inspiration of a Colorado community. Doug Craig Frazier dedicated the final days of his life to his family and the Cortez community, and his spirit continues to provide inspiration to those he affected with his drive and determination. Doug was a kind and generous soul, and he will be greatly missed.

HONORING SHIRLEY WRIGHT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay special tribute to a woman who has been an inspiration to so many schoolchildren throughout the last 40 years. Today, on her retirement from the Santa Barbara School District, I would like to honor Mrs. Shirley Wright.

Mrs. Wright began her career in 1958, at Lincoln School, when she was the first African

American teacher to be hired in the district. Since then, she has taught at two other local schools, Franklin School, where she was in the classroom for 25 years, and Washington School, where she teaches today. Throughout her career, countless students and faculty alike have benefited from Mrs. Wright's exemplary teaching styles.

A native of Santa Barbara, it was Shirley Wright's dream to teach in the Santa Barbara schools. Yet in the 1950s, it was difficult for African Americans to get hired in many occupations. The Santa Barbara Police Department did not have any black officers and the school district did not have any black teachers. However, Mrs. Wright's determination broke down the barrier, as, after interviewing with three principals, she was offered a position at the Lincoln School.

Today, over 40 years later, Mrs. Wright has often found herself teaching the children of her former students. Parents who have either experienced Mrs. Wright's compassionate yet challenging teaching styles themselves, or have heard about her from friends or neighbors, often line up in the principal's office months in advance as they attempt to secure a spot for their child in Mrs. Wright's first grade class.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful educator in our midst, and I am certain that she will be sorely missed upon her retirement. Yet the legacy of Shirley Wright will continue on, as she will be fondly remembered by the thousands of children who have passed through her classrooms. I urge you to join me today in thanking Mrs. Wright for her invaluable contributions to the Santa Barbara School District, and wishing her the best in all of her future endeavors.

SALUTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of National Law Enforcement Week, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our nation's law enforcement personnel.

In the course of our lives, certain events serve as reminders of the daily comforts we grow accustomed to and will mark for all time a change in our daily attitudes towards those comforts we enjoy as Americans. For Georgians—as for all Americans—September 11 changed us. We became more aware of our neighbors both down the street and around the globe. The world stopped briefly and we all stopped with it to look at each other and grieve with each other, then finally to help each other. Leading the charge to help were America's police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel.

We are all reminded of the sacrifice and devotion of our law enforcement. Each day, they leave their families and put their very lives in danger to make our neighborhoods, our schools and our communities a safer place for our children. Each day, they risk potential harm in order to protect and preserve the institutions and freedoms we all enjoy.

Whether it is a city policeman, sheriff's deputy, or state patrolman, law enforcement officers are owed a tremendous debt of gratitude by our nation.