

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington yesterday. Four recorded votes were taken by the House; if I were here, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 252: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.J. Res. 95, designating an official flag of the Medal of Honor and providing for presentation of that flag to each recipient of that Medal of Honor, as amended. I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall No. 251: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3971, a bill to provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or burnover. I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall No. 250: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3786, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2002. I would have voted "yea"; and

Rollcall No. 249: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3937, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. I would have voted "yea".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 249, H.R. 3937, To revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 250, H. R. 3786, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "yea".

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 251, H.R. 3971, calling for an Independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or burnover. Had I been present I would have voted "yea".

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 252, H.J. Res. 95, Designating an Official Flag of the Medal of Honor and Providing for Presentation of that Flag to each Recipient of that Medal of Honor. Had I been present I would have voted "yea".

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. J. PAT CUMMINGS

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 29, doctors of optometry from around the nation will gather in New Orleans to elect Dr. J. Patrick Cummings to be the 81st president of the American Optometric Association. Dr. Cummings is a resident of Sheridan, Wyoming, and it is a pleasure for me to take a moment today to congratulate him on this honor.

Dr. Cummings is a graduate of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, and the university's College of Optometry, where he has served as an adjunct professor since 1994. Dr. Cummings has been in private practice in Sheridan since 1977. He also served as a consulting optometrist at the VA medical center in Sheridan for 13 years and is currently on the staff at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital. He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry. As you might expect, Dr. Cummings has been an active member in his professional societies. He has been recognized twice as Wyoming's Optometrist of the Year. He was elected to the American Optometric Association's board of trustees in 1994 and has held a number of association leadership posts during the past nine years.

In addition to his professional involvement, Dr. Cummings has been active in a wide range of civic activities. These include: the Lion's Club, Jaycees, Sheridan County Memorial Hospital Foundation, Chamber of Commerce and Sheridan Area Community Foundation. He also has served as a house captain for Christmas in April, a CPR instructor and trainer, a Red Cross advanced first aid instructor and a National Ski Patrol first aid advisor. Dr. Cummings has been a member of the National Ski Patrol since 1978 and was a member of the Professional Ski Instructors Association. An avid pilot and aircraft builder, Dr. Cummings has constructed and flown two home-built aircraft and has helped in the construction of several others.

Dr. Cummings and his wife Becky have three children, Patrick, Abby and Josh. The American Optometric Association is the professional society for the nation's 33,000 optometrists. Dr. Cummings will lead the association as it continues to work to improve eye and vision care in the United States. Dr. J. Patrick Cummings has distinguished himself as a leader in his profession. I am confident that he will have a successful term as president, and I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall numbers 249, 250, 251, and 252. I was unavoidably detained and was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall numbers 249, 250, 251, 252.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, my vote on June 21, 2002 (Rollcall No. 248) which is recorded as absent was recorded in error. I intended to vote "yes" and would like the record to reflect my position on final passage of H.R. 4931, the Retirement Savings Security Act of 2002.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUNGER SURF SHOP

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Bunger Surf Shop and acknowledge the pioneering efforts Charlie and Janet Bunger have made on behalf of surfing on Long Island.

In 1962, Charlie Bunger built his first surfboard in his garage on Indiana Avenue. Three years later, Charlie and his business partner, Kevin Kelly, opened the retail end of Bunger Surf Shop in Copaigue, New York. At the time, the Bunger Surf Shop produced over 1,000 boards a year with only 15 employees. Throughout the next thirty years, the Bunger family expanded their business to Bay Shore, West Babylon, and Babylon. Today, you can still find Charlie, Janet and their four children, Theresa, Susan, Charlie Jr., and Tommy, covered in foam dust and dripping in resin as they construct and design world renowned surfboards.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to bring to the attention of Congress Charlie Bunger's induction into the East Coast Surfing Hall of Fame. Charles Bunger has distinguished himself as one of the premiere surfboard manufacturers on the East Coast and the Bunger Surf Shop has become an icon in Babylon Village. The Bungers are pioneers in the field of surfing and their contributions to the sport and to the Second Congressional District of New York will not be overlooked.

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HONORING MAYOR JOHN MASON
FOR EXEMPLARY CITIZENSHIP

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mayor John Mason of Fairfax, Virginia for his strong showing of public service, citizenship, and dedication to Virginia's 11th Congressional District.

John has been a valuable civil servant for over 15 years. First elected as a Fairfax City Councilman in 1986, John's dedication to public service and administration led him to his first successful mayoral election four years later. John served as mayor for the City of Fairfax for 12 years. During his administration transportation was persistently a top priority for John. He champions the adoption of a long-range transportation plan for the Washington metropolitan area. Among his recent accomplishments, John was successful in enhancing emergency transportation units after September 11, 2001.

John, a renowned city leader, is recognized for revitalizing the City of Fairfax's economy and rejuvenating its residential and public areas. The City of Fairfax currently receives more Federal per capita spending than any other city in the United States. This advantage has greatly improved the welfare of the area. Since 1992, John decreased the City of Fairfax's office vacancy rate by nineteen percent. He has also sustained the city's niche as a desirable middle class community. Since 1990, the city welcomed a twelve percent increase in new homes.

John's work with the City of Fairfax's historic sites is also something to be commended. He rehabilitated the Old Town Hall, as well as the Ratcliffe-Allison House. Furthermore, believing that the future of the City of Fairfax relies on the preservation of its history, John commissioned a historic resources position to oversee his rehabilitation efforts.

During the past decade in office, John successfully addressed issues of public safety and environmental concern. City of Fairfax residents have not witnessed a single homicide since 1996, and other major crimes have decreased more than four percent. Improvements in the areas of conservation and the environment involved increased recycling rates and employing pilot environment-friendly, bio-engineering techniques.

John contributes beyond the responsibilities of his leadership position. While mayor, he served as chairman of the National Capital Regional Transportation Planning Board and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. In his professional career, John has been a vice president of the Science Applications International Corporation, and director of its Transportation Policy and Analysis Center.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my warmest gratitude to Mayor John Mason for his admirable contributions to the City of Fairfax. He has distinguished himself through his lifelong devotion to public and community service, and I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in applauding his achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably absent and missed rollcall votes Nos. 249, 250, 251, and 252. If present I would have voted "yea."

HONORING DR. NANCY BECK
YOUNG—RECIPIENT OF THE D.B.
HARDEMAN PRIZE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Nancy Beck Young for receiving the D.B. Hardeman Prize from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation. The Hardeman Prize is awarded every year by the LBJ Foundation for outstanding works in the areas of biography, history, journalism and political science.

Dr. Young is a history professor at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois. In addition to her research, she teaches American political and women's history. She won the Hardeman Prize, a national competition, for her book Wright Patman: Populism, Liberalism, and the American Dream. This book chronicles the life of Wright Patman, who served for 47 years in the House of Representatives, representing northeast Texas. The book eloquently describes Patman's diligent work on behalf of World War I veterans and the business community.

Dr. Young received this honor for writing the best book published on a congressional topic in 2000. This shows her commitment to expanding the scope of knowledge about Congress, her literary craftsmanship, and her creative and thorough approach to research. She has also proven to be a valuable asset to McKendree College, and this award demonstrates the contribution small colleges and universities can make to the research and education community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the work of Dr. Nancy Beck Young and congratulate her upon the receipt of the D.B. Hardeman Prize and to wish her and her family the very best for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 244, On Approving the Journal. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 245, H. Res. 451. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 246, the Neal Substitute Amendment. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 247, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 4931. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 248, final passage of H.R. 4931, the Retirement Savings Security Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

CONGRATULATING NAVY LEAGUE
OF UNITED STATES ON ITS CEN-
TENNIAL

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2002

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise in support of H. Con. Res. 416, which congratulates the Navy League of the United States on the occasion of the centennial of the organization's founding. The Navy League was formed in 1902 as a way for citizens to educate the public about the sea services and to support the men and women that proudly wear the Navy, Marine, Merchant Marine and Coast Guard uniforms. The Navy League has done and continues to do a remarkable job.

Navy League Councils exist throughout this great nation where they honor outstanding officers and enlisted members, host awards ceremonies, sponsor the Naval Sea Cadets Corps and support ship commissioning events. On a national level, the Navy League is an invaluable resource to members of Congress and our staffs. They provide an excellent forum for the scientific, legislative and defense communities to discuss and understand the needs of our maritime services.

My home state of Rhode Island has almost 500 Navy League members. We are very proud of our Navy heritage in Rhode Island, where we create outstanding naval vessels in our shipyards and outstanding naval officers at the Naval War College in Newport. A strong navy can never be taken for granted. We have learned that we must be ever vigilant and in a high state of readiness. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this resolution and I'm grateful that we have the Navy League to constantly remind us how valuable our Navy, Marine Corps, Merchant Marine and Coast Guard are to us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and consequently I was not able to cast my vote on 4 rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 249, H.R. 3937—to revoke a public land order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in California, "yes".

Rollcall No. 250, H.R. 3786—To revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, "yes".

Rollcall No. 251, H.R. 3971—To provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment, or burnover, “yes”.

Rollcall No. 252, H.J. Res. 95—To designate an official flag of the Medal of Honor and providing for presentation of that flag to each recipient of that Medal of Honor “yes”.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 252, 251, 250, and 249, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

BRONZE STAR EVENT

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, in a year of honoring heroes, on July 2, 2002, I will have the privilege to honor nine men in my district for their heroism and bravery. These men all fought in World War II and were never awarded the Bronze Stars, which they rightfully earned more than 50 years ago.

These veterans, like countless other men and women of their generation, heard the call and bravely fought to defend the United States and our allies. They put the early years of their adult lives on hold to fight in the deserts of Africa, the islands of the Pacific and in the embattled towns and countrysides of Europe. Some of these soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice and never returned from the war. The fortunate ones who came home made sure to take their civic responsibility to heart. Having defended our freedoms on the battlefield, they realized the importance of preserving these same freedoms at home. Like veterans of all wars, those who fought in World War II continue to play a vital role in our communities by voting, participating in civic affairs and sharing their stories with younger generations so that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the nine men who will finally receive their Bronze Stars on July 2, 2002: Charles Anders of Redmond who served in Europe, Harold Enger of Bothell who served in Europe and Africa, The late Charles Iffland who served in Europe and Africa, The late William Nielsen who served in Europe, James Owens of Redmond who served in Europe, Ernest Schaefer of Kirkland who served in the Pacific, Trevor Wilkinson of Redmond who served in Europe, Robert Zappone of Kenmore who served in Europe, The late Elmer Peal, who gave his life for his country while serving in the Philippines.

I am proud to have these men and their families in my district. They are true American Heroes.

HONORING THE NORTHEAST ALLISON COMMEMORATION COMMUNITY PROJECT

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor the men and women who were a part of the Northeast Allison Commemoration Community Project. This project was composed of citizens, community leaders, civic clubs, churches, and local government and business who banded together for each other after the devastating flooding caused by Tropical Storm Allison.

Last June, when Allison began moving into the Houston area, few had any idea the disaster that lay ahead. Over the week beginning June 6, Allison sat over Houston, Texas, and dumped rainfall in excess of 10”–15”, with some areas in the 29th District receiving over 30”, with the majority of that falling in a 24 hour period.

Flooding from this storm was severe and widespread, with streets and freeways impassible, residents being rescued from their roofs just before their homes were completely submerged, and schools and other public places transformed into hastily-organized shelters.

The damage to both homes and businesses was estimated at over \$5 billion. However, that total is low, when you consider the inability to completely replace treasured mementos and other valuables that were left behind and washed away or ruined by floodwaters.

In the aftermath of this disaster, the Northeast Allison Commemoration Community Project was formed. This organization helped address the overwhelming sense of helplessness with crisis counseling; strengthened the unity of the community; served as a remembrance to those who lost their lives; and brought healing to the devastated neighborhoods.

This Saturday, the Project will hold a gathering to celebrate their recovery. This gathering will allow members of this community an opportunity to close the door on this difficult period. However, the bonds which were forged and strengthened by this flood will continue, as we all work together in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS L. PIROZZI

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. Pirozzi and offer heartfelt congratulations for a successful Battalion Command. Lieutenant Colonel Pirozzi is the commanding officer of the 626th Forward Support Battalion, stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and currently on duty near Kandahar, Afghanistan. On July 8, 2002, Lieutenant Colonel Pirozzi will be changing command in Afghanistan and will subsequently return to the United States for his next assignment, in Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant Colonel Pirozzi was born in Bayonne, New Jersey on November 6, 1961 to

Eli and Elaine Pirozzi. He graduated from Bayonne High School and was commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps through the Rutgers University ROTC program, where he earned a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and American Literature. Lieutenant Colonel Pirozzi also holds a Masters of Military Science Degree from the Marine Corps University at Quantico, Virginia.

Prior to taking command of the 626th Forward Support Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Pirozzi served in a number of positions around the world, including Chief of Logistics Information Systems for the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany; Executive Officer, 82nd Forward Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division and XVIII Airborne Corps Airdrop Officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Forward Area Support Coordination Officer (FASCO), 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and Commander, 53rd Quartermaster (Airdrop Support), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Lieutenant Colonel Pirozzi's awards and decorations are as impressive as his service around the world. They include, the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Campaign Medal (with two Bronze Star Devices), Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Liberation Medals, the Air Assault Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Parachute Rigger badge.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear through his numerous assignments and awards that Lieutenant Colonel Pirozzi has served his country with honor and pride. Therefore, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his service to our country and to the cause of Freedom, not only here at home, but abroad. I would also ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Lieutenant Colonel Pirozzi home from Afghanistan and wishing him good fortune in his new assignment in Washington, D.C.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHERYL BAKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to pay tribute to Cheryl Baker who was recently appointed as Mayor of Cortez. This is a special occasion for both Cortez and Cheryl, the first woman to be elected Mayor of Cortez. This position is a reflection of Cheryl's hard work and dedication to improving life for the citizens of Cortez.

The Cortez City Council unanimously nominated Cheryl for the position of mayor by merit of her hard work and leadership skills, which she has so often demonstrated. I am confident that they will serve her well throughout the course of her term and although Cheryl will undoubtedly face many difficult challenges and decisions in the following months, she has clearly exhibited a dedication and willingness to tackle any obstacles that may lie ahead.

Cheryl has expressed considerable concern about the financial state of Cortez and has already begun development on a five-year plan

that will improve city funding. She has also announced a proposal that would consider reducing the city's water use by at least 20 percent by improving communication with city residents regarding the need for conservation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring the accomplishments of Cheryl Baker to the attention of this body today. Her leadership, hard work, and dedication to improving the lives of her fellow Coloradans is an example for all aspiring community leaders and it is for this reason that I wish to bring her accomplishments before this body of Congress, and nation. I wish the best of luck to Cheryl, in your coming term and congratulations to Cortez on its first woman mayor!

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly commend David Sims, a teacher of Latin at St. Paul Academy and Summit School in St. Paul, Minnesota for receiving the 2002 Presidential Scholar Teacher Recognition Award. Mr. Sims was nominated for this distinction by Presidential Scholar Hannah Wright of St. Paul. He and other influential teachers fully deserve the recognition provided by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. We have people like Mr. Sims to thank for being dedicated educators for our nation's children. It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Mr. Sims on receiving this prestigious honor.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 21, 2002, due to business related to honoring four students in my District, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call numbers 246, 247, and 248. The votes I missed include roll call vote 246 on Agreeing to the Amendment; roll call vote 247 on The Motion to Re-commit with Instructions; and roll call vote 248 on Passage of H.R. 4931, The Retirement Savings Security Act.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on roll call votes 246 and 247, and "no" on roll call vote 248.

RECOGNITION OF ENTERPRISE HIGH SCHOOL'S AWARD WINNING CHEERLEADING SQUAD

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an extraordinary team of individuals who have personified the meaning of a champion on the national stage.

The cheerleading squad of Enterprise High School in my hometown of Enterprise, Ala-

bama was recently successful in attaining their third cheerleading national championship in as many years.

Earlier this year in Orlando, Florida, the squad earned the CheerSport National Championship in senior dance, the grand championship at the National Cheerleaders Association/National Dance Association Sunshine Classic, and the NCA/NDA American Classic Championship. In addition, the squad has claimed three individual national championships and the coach of the year national championship.

The Wildcat cheerleading squad has exemplified the type of determination and hard work that is required to fulfill the heart of a champion. Their unprecedented history of national achievement is a testament to the community's commitment to excellence and fortitude for success.

I take great pride in acknowledging the talents of the young people from my district, and it is this type of spirit, resolve, and ability embodied by this team of champions that allows me to confidently rest the future of our country in the hands of Alabama's youth.

HONORING IRENE HOLLINGER

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Irene Hollinger on her retirement. Mrs. Hollinger is retiring on June 30th after 29 years in the occupational health field.

Mrs. Hollinger is retiring from Edwards Medical Supply Inc. where she did important work in Customer Relations and Customer Service.

Mrs. Hollinger has been married to her husband, Edward Hollinger, for the past 41 years and the two of them have four children and five grandchildren. Mrs. Hollinger served as a PTA mother for eight years at St. Agnes Church and she also spent three years as a baseball mother for the Marquette Baseball club.

Mrs. Hollinger is a beloved employee. Her co-workers and customers will greatly miss Mrs. Hollinger upon her retirement.

The commitment, dedication and energy given by Mrs. Hollinger to her family and career are seen by all who know her. It is my pleasure to honor Mrs. Hollinger for her 29 years of service in the occupational health field and extend my heartiest wishes as she begins her well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, on the 30th anniversary of Title IX, I am proud to celebrate the progress we have made since Members like PATSY MINK, Edith Green and others fought hard to pass this legislation. It is hard to believe today that there was a time when our Nation's colleges and universities simply denied women admission under the assump-

tion that females were more interested in homemaking than higher education. A time when the idea of thousands of girls participating in field hockey or soccer was laughable. A time when only boys took shop class and only girls took home economics.

We have come a long way in the last 30 years. Girls and women are taking advantage of opportunities in sports and school subjects that used to be dominated by males. In 1972, less than 300,000 girls participated in high school varsity sports; last year more than 2.7 million girls played on a varsity sports team. Now, high school girls are taking upper-level math and science courses at the same rate as boys.

We have a lot to celebrate today, but we also have more work to do. Studies show that in the classroom, girls still typically receive less attention, including praise, criticism and encouragement, than boys. In many colleges and universities, disproportionate gaps remain between the percentage of female athletes and the percentage of scholarship money they receive. We can do better!

I am optimistic about the future of our Nation's educational systems under Title IX. We must uphold the progress we have made and, at the same time, continue to expand opportunities for our daughters, granddaughters and generations beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on roll call Numbers 249, 250, 251, and 252, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on all of those votes.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE FRANCES MEADOWS

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to convey my deep sympathy and condolences to the family of Frances Jenkins Meadows, a distinguished public servant who passed from this life on April 21.

Ms. Meadows was a remarkable pioneer and role model to many. As a single mother of three, she was working at a local production plant when she developed the notion to return to school at night. She enrolled at Lanier Tech to study data processing. While there, she began working part-time at neighboring Gainesville College in records administration, using her freshly learned skills in the pre-computer era. Impressing the college officials, she accepted full-time employment in the Registrar's Office at the college, thus beginning a thirty-year career there. She retired in 1999 as Assistant Director of the Office of Financial Aid.

Ms. Meadows' pioneering was not limited to her chosen profession. In 1992, she became the first African-American to ever be elected to the Hall County Board of Commissioners. She

was re-elected, without opposition, in 1996 and 2000. She was concurrently elected vice-president of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and appointed to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority.

Long a mainstay in her beloved St. John Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school, she was a member of the senior choir and singles ministry. Community honors included Drum Major of the Year, Rotary's Jean Harris award and the Distinguished Alumni Award of Gainesville College.

Mr. Speaker, Frances Meadows will long be remembered for her warm smile, her friendly hug, her unabashed devotion to her family and her church and, in her public life, her high integrity and love of public service. One song from a memorial service, "Go Rest High Upon That Mountain," speaks volumes for many of us who knew her well; we know she is resting high on that mountain as we toil to carry forward her ideals and all the goodness in her life that we admired.

It is well remembered that, as her cortege proceeded through the bustling streets of Gainesville, Georgia, on the day of her burial, the community stilled. Legions of admirers, and many who did not know her personally, stopped their lives to pay their final respects to this fine woman. Frances Jenkins Meadows, a pioneer and proud servant of the Lord and His people.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the 30th anniversary of title IX of the Education Act Amendments of 1972. This legislation prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions that receive Federal funds. It has been instrumental, in my opinion, in helping women get into educational programs where they had previously been underrepresented, such as the math and sciences. It has helped to encourage women to break job barriers and obtain careers, such as engineers, doctors and mathematicians, which in turn has diversified our workforce and infused our society with an energy and potential that had not been tapped for centuries.

It is really incredible, when we think of this country and we think of how we excluded on the basis of gender so many talented people. I am the father of three daughters. And the concept that these incredibly talented, energetic people would have been excluded based upon their gender is despicable. We have come a long way in this country not only on gender but on race, ethnicity, and national origin. Title IX was a tremendous contributor to that progress.

Perhaps the biggest achievement of title IX is the fact that it has leveled the playing field for men and women in sports. It mandates equal treatment for playing opportunities, access to athletic scholarships, equipment, facilities, and coaching. The numbers paint a powerful portrait. In the 30 years since title IX, the number of girls participating in high school sports has skyrocketed from 200,000 to al-

most 3 million, an 800 percent-plus increase. At the intercollegiate level, the number of participants is five times greater than before title IX was enacted.

But what an appropriate thing it was to say we are going to treat people based upon, as Martin Luther King said, the content of their character or the abilities that they have. We said that in the Disabilities Act. We said it in title IX, how important it is for us to continually emphasize it is what people can do that we need to focus on, not their gender or race or disability, not some arbitrary and mostly capricious distinction that we draw.

Clearly, the dated stereotype that women are not interested in athletics has been shattered as the door of opportunity continues to open.

Title IX has allowed the desires and passions of millions of women to be realized. They participate in sports. They enjoy sports. They succeed in competitive sports.

Competitive athletics have increased the academic success of young women and make it less likely that they will become involved with alcohol and drug abuse. The emotional and physical benefits women and girls gain from participation are invaluable. We know that physical participation is important, not only for your physical but also your mental capacities.

At a time when many young women become critical of their appearance and grapple with eating disorders and low self-esteem, sports helps young women develop confidence and a positive body image. In the long term, athletic activities decrease a woman's chance of developing heart disease and breast cancer. So it is truly extraordinarily helpful.

Mia Hamm, and what an extraordinary athlete. she is, the captain of the U.S. soccer team, which won the 1999 Women's World Cup, once stated, "What I love about soccer is the way it makes me feel about myself. It makes me feel that I can contribute." She is part of the daughters of title IX who have paved a path for millions of female athletes to follow. Her statement hits the nail right on the head, as it highlights the selfconfidence and teamwork skills sports helped to develop and define.

Title IX is, of course, not without its critics, but I think for the most part they are misguided. They blame title IX for eliminating some men's minor sports, but the reality is title IX provides institutions with the flexibility to determine how to provide equity for their students.

A March 2001 GAO study found that 72 percent of colleges and universities that added women's teams did so without cutting any men's teams. In fact, men's overall intercollegiate athletic participation has risen since the passage of title IX. This truly was a win/win situation for men as well as and particularly for women.

The complaint to be brought against title IX is that it does not go far enough, that the advancement for women in education and athletics, no matter how positive, must go further.

As part of today's celebration of title IX, I would like to recognize Dr. Deborah A. Yow, the athletic director for the University of Maryland. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) is a crusty, conservative Member of the House of Representatives; a wonderful human being, a good-hearted human being,

but not one that I perceive in the forefront of feminism in America, and I say that affectionately.

He knows full well that I am closely associated with the University of Maryland. He came up and said, you know what, you have got a woman you ought to hire at the University of Maryland. She is a friend of mine, Deborah Yow, and is under consideration to be the athletic director at the University of Maryland.

Now, at that point in time there were no women athletic directors at the level I-A schools. But the fact that the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) came up to me and said Deborah Yow could do that job, I went back to my office and picked up the phone and called the then-president of the University of Maryland, who is now our new chancellor of our system, and told him, Britt, I have just talked to a person, this Deborah Yow must be extraordinary. Shortly thereafter, Deborah Yow was hired. She is now the athletic director, and of course we finished 10-1 in football and won the national basketball championship, under a woman athletic director. Those were men's teams; and we have won numerous championships in lacrosse and field hockey for our women's teams.

Her sister is a major athletic leader in our country as well. Her outstanding career achievements serve to exemplify the important contributions made by women in the athletic arena, as well as to our entire society.

In a male-dominated profession, 91.6 percent of athletic directors in Division I universities being men, Debbie has not only met the challenges of her profession, but she has raised the bar for all. Under Debbie's leadership, the Terrapins ranked nationally as one of the top 20 athletic programs in the country, according to U.S. News and World Report. The University of Maryland under her leadership has established an incredibly strong athletic program with exemplary student athletes, coaches and administrators.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, in 1972, when the Congress and the country said we are going to make sure that everybody, irrespective of gender, can participate equally and achieve to the extent of their character and their ability, we made a statement and adopted a policy that has made America a better country. Title IX has truly made our country stronger.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 24, 2002, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 249, 250, 251, and 252. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 249, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, H.R. 3937; rollcall vote 250, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, H.R. 3786; rollcall vote 251, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3971; and rollcall vote 252, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, H. J. Res. 95.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 249, 250, 251, and 252.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, due to my attending to pressing business in my district on Friday and Monday and today's flight delays, I was unable to vote during the following roll-call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 244 (On Approving the Journal)—yes.

Rollcall No. 245 (On agreeing to H. Res. 451, providing for consideration of H.R. 4931—the Retirement Savings Security Act)—yes.

Rollcall No. 246 (On agreeing to the Neal of Massachusetts Substitute Amendment to H.R. 4931)—no.

Rollcall No. 247 (On motion to recommit H.R. 4931 with instructions)—no.

Rollcall No. 248 (On passage of H.R. 4931)—yes.

Rollcall No. 249 (On motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended H.R. 3937, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California)—yes.

Rollcall No. 250 (On motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended H.R. 3786, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Revision Act of 2002)—yes.

Rollcall No. 251 (On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3971, independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or turnover)—yes.

Rollcall No. 252 (On motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended H.J. Res. 95, designating an official flag of the Medal of Honor and presentation of that flag to each recipient of that Medal of Honor)—yes.

Rollcall No. 253 (On Approving the Journal)—yes.

Rollcall No. 254 (On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 4858, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas)—yes.

Rollcall No. 255 (On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill as amended H.R. 4679, the Lifetime Consequences for Sex Offenders Act of 2002).

UTILIZING FOREST MANAGEMENT
TO PREVENT FIRES**HON. DOUG BEREUTER**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following editorial from the June 21, 2002, edition of the Wall Street Journal entitled "The Fire This Time." The editorial argues that the Clinton Administration's misguided environmental policy and forest management left our Nation's forests filled with fuel conducive to catastrophic forest fires such as we are seeing with the Hayman fire in Colorado.

The editorial stresses that proper forest management can prevent catastrophic fires, which are neither good for the environment or

our economy. The editorial also mentions that forests owned by private timber companies rarely burn, let alone at catastrophic levels. These companies employ sound forest management practices to prevent forest fires because they see their trees as an investment. This editorial makes the case that Americans should protect their investment in our public forests and protect them by allowing the Forest Service to utilize forest management principles and practice selective logging to remove the dead wood and underbrush that fuel these cataclysmic fires.

[From the Wall Street Journal, June 21, 2002]

THE FIRE THIS TIME

In December 1995, a storm hit the Six Rivers National Forest in northern California, tossing dead trees across 35,000 acres and creating dangerous fire conditions. For three years local U.S. Forest Service officials labored to clean it up, but they were blocked by environmental groups and federal policy. In 1999 the time bomb blew: A fire roared over the untreated land and 90,000 more acres.

Bear this anecdote in mind as you watch the 135,000-acre Hayman fire now roasting close to Denver. And bear it in mind the rest of this summer, in what could be the biggest marshmallow-toasting season in half a century. Because despite the Sierra Club spin, catastrophic fires like the Hayman are not inevitable, or good. They stem from bad forest management—which found a happy home in the Clinton Administration.

In a briefing to Congress last week, U.S. Forest chief Dale Bosworth finally sorted the forest from the tree-huggers. He said that if proper forest-management had been implemented 10 years ago, and if the agency weren't in the grip of "analysis paralysis" from environmental regulation and lawsuits, the Hayman fire wouldn't be raging like an inferno.

Mr. Bosworth also presented Congress with a sobering report on our national forest. Of the 192 million acres the Forest Service administers, 73 million are at risk from severe fire. Tens of millions of acres are dying from insects and diseases. Thousands of miles of roads, critical to fighting fires, are unusable. Those facts back up a General Accounting Office report, which estimates that one in three forest acres is dead or dying. So much for the green mantra of "healthy ecosystems."

How did one of America's great resources come to such a pass? Look no further than the greens who tramped into power with the last Administration. Senior officials adopted an untested philosophy known as "ecosystem management," a bourgeois bohemian plan to return forests to their "natural" state. The Clintonites cut back timber harvesting by 80% and used laws and lawsuits to put swathes of land off-limits to commercial use.

We now see the results. Millions of acres are choked with dead wood, infected trees and underbrush. Many areas have more than 400 tons of dry fuel per acre—10 times the manageable level. This is tinder that turns small fires into infernos, outrunning fire control and killing every fuzzy endangered animal in sight. In 2000 alone fires destroyed 8.4 million acres, the worst fire year since the 1950s. Some 800 structures were destroyed—many as a fire swept across Los Alamos, New Mexico—and control and recovery costs neared \$3 billion. The Forest Service's entire budget is \$4.9 billion.

That number, too, is important. Before the Clinton Administration limited timber sales, U.S. forests helped pay for their own upkeep. Selective logging cleaned up grounds and

paid for staff, forestry stations, cleanup and roads. Today, with green groups blocking timber sales at every turn, the GAO says taxpayers will have to spend \$12 billion to cart off dead wood.

It's no accident that two of the main Clinton culprits—former director of Fish & Wildlife Jamie Rappaport Clark and former Forest Service boss Michael Dombeck—have both landed at the National Wildlife Federation, which broadcasts across its Internet homepage, "Fires Are Good."

Fixing all of this won't be easy. After 30 years of environmental regulation, the Forest Service now spends 40% of its time in "planning and assessment." Even the smallest project takes years. Mr. Bosworth has identified the problems, but fixing them will require White House leadership and Congressional cooperation.

One solution would be to follow the lead of private timber companies, whose forests don't tend to suffer such catastrophic fires. Their trees are an investment; they can't afford to let them burn. Americans should feel the same way about theirs.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER T. BYRON
COLLINS, S.J.**HON. HENRY J. HYDE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a long-time friend of many of us in this House, Father T. Byron Collins, S.J. This past Friday, June 21, 2002, was the 50th anniversary of Father Collins' ordination into the priesthood. He originally entered the Jesuit Order in September 1940.

Father Collins has touched many lives during his half century of ordained priesthood. He faithfully serves parishioners at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centerville—on Maryland's Eastern Shore—every weekend. This man has enriched the lives of many Georgetown University students, giving them a greater understanding of the Catholic faith, while at the same time, appreciating these students for being the true heart and soul of Georgetown University. And as his fellows Jesuits know well, this legendary figure is also a warm and caring individual.

Over the years, Father Collins has dedicated his life to strengthening Georgetown University, the nation's oldest Catholic institution of higher learning. He came to the campus in 1954. Soon after his assignment to Georgetown, Father Collins assumed responsibilities for facilities development on the campus, undertaking important budgetary functions. As one who works tirelessly to fulfill the challenges before him, Father Collins has left his humble, yet permanent, mark on the Georgetown campus of today, tomorrow and forever.

Members of the Society of Jesus live by the creed, "To the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls." Indeed, throughout these 50 years, my friend, Father T. Byron Collins, S.J., has lived a life that has exemplified that philosophy. Those of us in this Chamber who are privileged to know him well understand how true that is. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in extending hearty congratulations to this special man as he begins the sixth decade of his priesthood.

STATEMENT AGAINST PRESERVA-
TION FOR ANTIBIOTICS FOR
HUMAN TREATMENT ACT OF 2002

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, often in Congress, we ignore science in favor of emotional appeals and sound bites. The "Preservation for Antibiotics for Human Treatment Act of 2002" is a case in point. The bill focuses on a type of antibiotic known as fluoroquinolones. It grants FDA the authority to ban any product containing the antibiotic while providing no recourse to fight against this new mandate. The bill suggests that there is a direct correlation between the increased use of antibiotics in food production and human health problems. Yet, no scientific study exists to corroborate the link.

The bill also singles out a beneficial class of products, used in the production of poultry, without ample scientific evidence. The family farmers that I represent do not choose to use antibiotics unless there is a great need in their flocks or herds. The class of antibiotics mentioned in the proposed bill is used rarely and only under the direction of a veterinarian on a prescriptive basis. In addition, farmers must wait until the drug is out of the birds' systems before they can send them to the processing plant. This proposal could cost poultry growers and processors millions of dollars with no scientific proof of harm to human health. While public health must come before economic considerations, Congress should not impose severe economic damage upon one segment of agriculture without sufficient evidence that the action would be beneficial to human health.

The proposal will also ignore the benefits to human health from the scientific and prescriptive use of antibiotics in animal production. It is unknown what all of the consequences would be to humans if antibiotics were removed from poultry production. One consequence that could occur is an increased level of pathogens in the food chain as a result of the arrival of ill animals to processing plants. Food processors are directed to keep pathogen numbers as low as possible, and withdrawal of the use of antibiotics in food production will make that job harder.

Another troublesome aspect of the bill is the intrusion of Congress into the FDA regulatory process where these debates and decisions can and should be made. I know the regulatory process can be cumbersome and lengthy; however, that forum, when implemented properly, allows for debate in the scientific arena.

The consequences to the poultry farmers in my district if the bill is passed could be economically disastrous. The bill is unnecessary, weak in science and a new government mandate. Congress should think before it reacts to irrational, unfounded fears.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly commend Hannah Wright of St. Paul,

Minnesota for being selected as a 2002 Presidential Scholar. I am happy to welcome Ms. Wright and her parents to Washington, D.C. for a week of recognition, including a medalion awards ceremony. Since 1964, distinguished high school seniors from around the United States have been recognized as Presidential Scholars for their academic achievement, community involvement, artistic expression, and leadership skills. Ms. Wright is an outstanding example of the talented young people we will rely on to guide our nation in the future. It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Ms. Wright and St. Paul Academy and Summit School on receiving the 2002 Presidential Scholar Award.

TRIBUTE TO INVERNESS, FLOR-
IDA'S KEY TRAINING CENTER
FOR THE MENTALLY CHAL-
LENGED

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to pay tribute to a wonderful not-for-profit organization in Inverness, Florida that provides social, educational and residential services to the developmentally disabled. The Key Training Center offers its clients a place to learn through structured classroom instruction. A place to be productive by helping clients work in vocational settings for competitive wages and a place to live in campus group homes, apartments and Key Pine Village, a special need's facility for clients with severe and profound mental retardation.

The Centers slogan "A Place Where Miracles Happen" is truly evident when one thinks of the one thousand plus developmentally disabled citizens that have been a part of the Key Training Center in the last 30 years. One reason for the success of this organization is because they believe emphasis should be put on ability not disability when dealing with anyone including the mentally impaired.

As a not-for-profit, this organization relies on the generosity of others to maintain many of its programs. That is why July 19 the Key Training Center is proud to kick off their annual Run for the Money Week fund-raiser. The week begins with a celebrity dinner auction and is followed by a grueling 180 mile, week long run from the steps of Florida's Capitol to Citrus County. The run is representative of the challenges and obstacles that clients at the center must overcome every day. Last year the Key Training Center raised more than \$133,000 and has set its goal of \$135,000 for this year.

I am so proud of this organization, its associates and clients for all of their hard work and dedication to such a wonderful cause. I would also like to submit for the RECORD an essay from the Key Training Center that truly depicts the heart of the organization:

THE MAGIC OF MIRACLES

Imagine for a moment what life would be like if you were mentally challenged and developmentally disabled. Think about living each day with a life-long condition you did not create and cannot cure.

Consider the daily challenge of existing in a world that recognizes beauty, status, and

wealth. How does it feel to be seen as different by people who do not understand? What can you do to show others you have potential?

Where can you go to laugh, learn about life and live joyfully as God intends for His children? What is the promise for today? And what is the promise for tomorrow and beyond? How do you turn your dreams into reality?

Miracles often occur when desire and determination find challenge and opportunity. Look closely and learn how miracles are the magic that give promise and hope to our mentally challenged friends.

Experience a simple, yet unforgettable, blessing when a mentally handicapped person extends a hand of friendship to you, warms your day with a broad smile or touches and tugs at your heart with the most genuine of loving hugs.

Discover how a dedicated staff with steadfast community support continues not only a life-changing mission but a compassionate ministry of kindness, love, dignity and respect.

At the core of the Key Training Center is a profound faith in God and a devout belief that His love for these people and this place is exceedingly boundless.

It is difficult to explain but impossible to deny—the Key Training Center is a place where miracles happen every day!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, on June 24, 2002, due to flight delays caused by severe weather, I missed roll call votes Nos. 249, 250, 251, and 252. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all four votes.

I WILL SOAR AGAIN—HONORING
THE HEROES WHO MADE INDE-
PENDENCE DAY POSSIBLE

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to go home to celebrate the July 4th holiday and the anniversary of America's Independence, we must remember the contributions of our fighting men and women who made our independence possible and who keep us free today.

In this regard, I want to share with my colleagues the work of Cindy Taylor-Dawson, of Brandon, Mississippi. She has created a web site called "I Will Soar Again," inspired by the events of September 11th and dedicated to the heroes who put their lives on the line to defend our freedom. "I Will Soar Again" has been viewed by countless people around the world, and has enabled them to express their thanks to America's heroes.

"I Will Soar Again" represents the best of America and the power of what just one person with a vision can accomplish.

Last year "I Will Soar Again" featured "Trees for the Troops 2001," where people could post messages on a "virtual Christmas

Tree" that could be viewed by our troops, no matter where they were stationed. In fact, Cindy used every message to decorate real Christmas Trees, too! She is anxious to get going on "Trees for the Troops 2002."

I commend this web site to you, Mr. Speaker, and our colleagues. It can be found at <http://www.iwillsoaragain.com/>. There are many things to see and read, including samplings of Cindy's poetry. By scrolling down to the bottom, one can find "Trees for the Troops 2001" and read the heartfelt greetings submitted by thousands of grateful people.

"I Will Soar Again" is one person's way of saying God Bless America. I commend this site to our colleagues, staffs, families and constituents, so they can contribute to the next Christmas Tree.

HIP HOUSING MARKS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SAN MATEO COUNTY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Human Investment Project for Housing (HIP Housing) of San Mateo, California, on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary. For the past 30 years, this outstanding organization has been addressing the need for affordable housing.

Founded in 1972, HIP Housing was established to create programs to assist the disadvantaged and disabled living within San Mateo County. In 1979, recognizing a lack of affordable housing in the community, HIP Housing developed its "Homesharing Help and Information Program" and began to focus on expanding the pool of affordable housing in the community. Since then, HIP Housing has made over 12,000 homesharing placements and today serves over 2,500 people each year, 500 of which are children.

Mr. Speaker, the high cost of living in my congressional district is well documented. High housing prices have forced some out of their homes, leaving many with only expensive temporary housing options. HIP Housing has come to the rescue of thousands of people, finding permanent housing for seniors, single-parents and their children, persons with disabilities, the homeless and working persons.

Fortunately, HIP Housing has long been recognized for its great work. In 1985, the organization received the "Best Practices Award" from the American Society on Aging; in 1990 HIP Housing was appointed the Northern California liaison to National Home Equity Conversion Counseling Task Force; the California American Institute of Architects awarded the organization the "Community Assistance" award in 1991; and in 1998, HIP Housing received HUD's Blue Ribbon Best Practices Award.

Mr. Speaker, I would again like to emphasize just how vital HIP Housing has been to San Mateo County. Through its wide variety of housing programs and incredible generosity, HIP Housing has made a world of a difference for tens of thousands of people and it continues to do so every day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, from June 17 through 19, 2002 I had the honor of traveling to the United Kingdom on a Congressional Delegation as the Vice Chairman of the Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations. While in London, visiting the British Parliament's House of Lords, I had the opportunity to discuss policy-related issues and the ongoing war on terrorism with some of my distinguished British counterparts. Specifically, we held the first U.S. Congressional hearing ever in British Parliament on the subject of Gulf War Syndrome. I was excused by the Speaker to participate in this extraordinary experience, which prevented me from voting on legislation that came before the floor of the House of Representatives during that time. Had I been available to cast my vote I would have done the following:

Rollcall Votes: (1) #230—Journal—Yea; (2) #231—H. Con. Res. 415—Recognizing National Homeownership Month and the Importance of Homeownership in the United States—Yea; (3) #232—H. Con. Res. 340—Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Meningitis Awareness Month—Yea; (4) #233—H.R. 327—Small Business Paperwork Relief Act—Yea; (5) #234—H.R. 4794—Designating the Ronald C. Packard Post Office Building—Yea; (6) #235—H.R. 4717—Designating the Jim Fonteno Post Office Building—Yea; (7) #236—Journal—Yea; (8) #237—H.R. 3389—National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002—Yea; (9) #238—Hastings of Florida Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3295—Help America Vote Act—No.

CONGRATULATING NAVY LEAGUE OF UNITED STATES ON ITS CENTENNIAL

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2002

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support House Concurrent Resolution 416 and congratulate the Navy League of the United States for 100 years of outstanding service.

The Navy League is a civilian organization that provides a valuable service to military communities across the United States. Their programs, such as the Naval Sea Cadet and the Navy Junior ROTC programs, are dedicated to increasing the educational and life experiences of this country's youth. Each year, many deserving high school students are the beneficiaries of generous Navy League scholarships and awards.

I am fortunate enough to have 2 separate Navy Leagues in my district, the Jacksonville Navy League and the Mayport Navy League. The members of both of these organizations dedicate their time, skills, expertise and other resources to help improve the lives of the men and women of the Navy, Coast Guard and

Marines and their families. The Mayport League has sponsored commissioning of local new ships, most recently the USS *Roosevelt*; and both leagues have honored local Navy, Coast Guard and Marine personnel through the Sailor of the Year luncheon and the annual Midway Memorial Dinner. This resolution allows Congress to honor the commitment to this nation by the Navy League and its dedicated members.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride today that I say happy 100th birthday to the Navy League, especially the local Jacksonville and Mayport councils.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary Year as the region's premier provider of community health services, serving more than 100,000 clients each year. The organization that is now VNA of Central Jersey began with a meeting of volunteers on June 24, 1912 at Brookdale Farm, Geraldine Thompson's estate in Lincroft, NJ.

First known as the Monmouth County Branch of the State Charities Aid and Prison Reform Association, the young organization set out to improve prison conditions and achieve a more humane approach to public assistance. It successfully campaigned for a tuberculosis hospital (Allenwood Sanitarium), and was appointed agent for the NJ Tuberculosis League.

From the beginning, the health care needs of women and children were a paramount concern. In its first decade, the agency completed a study of mentally handicapped children in the public schools; it launched child welfare programs and established mobile dental clinics and mobile mental hygiene clinics. Public health nurses were added to the social work staff, and the agency established a county district health office.

The name was changed to the Monmouth County Organization for Social Service in 1918. However, the agency has always been a voluntary, nonprofit organization and is not a branch of county government.

Accomplishments of the second decade included the addition of three satellite health centers and a continuing focus on services for children: well-child conferences, nutrition and parenting programs, and establishment of a children's shelter.

The 1930s brought a training program for student nurses, nursery and play schools at the Hartshorne Health Center in Belford to assist working mothers, and an expansion of services for handicapped children. The agency also assisted Fitkin Hospital (now Jersey Shore Medical Center) in establishing a social service department.

During the war years, MCOSS spearheaded a medical-dental plan for veterans. In the late 1940s the agency participated in organizing the Cancer Society, Heart Association and Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center in the county. The agency's program to provide health

care for migrant workers received national recognition.

In the following decade, the agency participated in the Salk vaccine testing program and gave field training to graduate nursing students from Rutgers University and Columbia. The Thrift Shop opened its doors in Manasquan in 1960. Also in the 1960s, the agency and the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders worked out a plan for countywide bedside nursing care.

The high quality of nursing, the aging of the population, the growing costs of hospital care and advances in home care technology led to explosive growth in home care services in the 1970s and 1980s. In 1979, the agency formally changed its name to MCOSS Nursing Services. In 1988, service was expanded to Middlesex County through acquisition of the Visiting Nurse Association in Middlesex. In an effort to make the organization's identity clear in both Middlesex County and Monmouth County, the agency's trustees voted in December 1993 to adopt the name Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey. (A visiting nurse association is a freestanding, community-based, nonprofit organization governed by a volunteer board of trustees, providing intermittent care in the home and helping to support itself through fund-raising.)

Significant developments of the 1980s and 1990s included creation of VNACJ Community Services, the administrative umbrella for grant-funded services and fund-raising programs; the foundation of the hospice program; growth of the rehabilitative services department; and establishment of primary care centers staffed by nurse practitioners. In 1988, the hospice program was certified by Medicare, and now serves more than 700 terminally ill patients and their families annually.

From mobile health clinics in the 1920s, services to migrants in the 1940s, hospice care in the 1980s, primary care in the 1990s, expansion of school-based clinics in 2000 to the introduction of advanced home care technology in 2001, the venturesome spirit of that early group of volunteers continues to infuse an organization which has consistently been in the vanguard of community health in this nation.

As VNA of Central Jersey celebrates its 90th year, it also pays tribute to Judith Stanley Coleman on her 25th anniversary as Chairman. First as trustee and then as the agency's sixth chairman, Mrs. Coleman has been an outstanding leader, advocate and supporter of the organization. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the voluntary nonprofit agency continue to honor its commitment to provide care to all in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

COMMENDING MR. LOWELL R.
OVERTON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Mr. Lowell R.

Overton, broker and co-owner of Coldwell Banker Realty in Diamond Bar, California.

Mr. Overton graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in 1976 with a bachelor of arts degree in social science followed in 1977 with a bachelor of science degree in behavioral science, accompanied with a criminal justice and corrections certificate.

After graduation from Cal Poly Pomona, Mr. Overton started his career in real estate at Goldenwest Realtors and Associates in Diamond Bar, where he quickly became office "Top Producer." He later joined Prudential California Realty in 1989. During his tenure there, he was honored with a total of eight Pinnacle Awards, representing placement among the top ten individuals nationally. In 1993, he was named National Champion of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates topping more than 38,000 agents nationwide. In doing so, he personally closed \$35 million in residential income and a total of 187 homes, becoming the first person in company history to generate more than 1 million dollars in gross commission income. In 1995, he was the recipient of the prestigious Legend Award, which is given to agents within the company exhibiting extraordinary "perseverance, expertise and consistency" in the course of their careers.

As an alumnus, Overton has been a strong supporter for many years of the Behavioral Sciences Department and the College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences at Cal Poly Pomona. He has provided an endowment to fund a scholarship for an outstanding psychology, sociology or behavioral science major, which has enabled the department to make nine awards to date. He is also the founder of the CLASS Alumni Chapter Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Behavioral Sciences Department Endowed Scholarship Fund. He has also endowed the Lowell Overton Award for the Presidents Council Scholarship for the College of Letters Arts and Social alumni chapter, currently serving as the chapter's president. He is a director on the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, a member of the Kellogg Voorhis Heritage Society and the President's Council. Overton has also participated numerous times in the Professor for a Day Program and the Behavioral Sciences Department Honors Luncheon. He has also brought Cal Poly Pomona together with local statewide political leaders, most recently co-sponsoring a reception for California State Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

Thank you, Lowell for all of your hard work and dedication to California State Polytechnic University Pomona and to the community.

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives to join me in paying tribute to the members of the International Connection Committee of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for their outstanding years of service as leaders in the community.

For 60 years, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a registered 501(c)(7) nonprofit, nonpartisan fraternal organization, has been an active participant in fostering political activities. The Sorority's involvement has ranged from organizing the Nonpartisan Lobby for Economic and Democratic Rights to press for political, social and economic justice for African Americans to the establishment of the Office of Governmental Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Recognizing the importance of engaging its members in public policy initiatives and political campaign activities, the International Connection Committee became a reality in 1980 at the International Convention. The Committee's first major initiative was a nationwide "voter blitz" to mobilize the African American community to vote in the 1980 General Election. In 1998, members joined with the NAACP for the Mass Demonstration at the U.S. Supreme Court to protest the lack of minority law clerks employed by the Justices. To build on the success of the inaugural committee, the 1998–2000 International Connection Committee continued to move the public policy program by implementing a wide range of events including voter education and registration activities, training sessions for members who sought elective and appointive office, and AKA Lobby Days.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize the members of the 2000–2002 International Connection Committee of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for their efforts to continue the work of an organization rich in both history and service. The members are Juanita Orr, Chairman; and representatives Lenora Gerald, North Atlantic Region; Leyser Morris-Hayes, South Eastern Region; Vivian Burke, Mid-Atlantic Region; Jenelle Elder-Green, Central Region; Vertelle Middleton, South Atlantic Region; Tari Bradford, South Central Region; Nancy Quarles, Great Lakes Region; Kimberly Scott, Mid-Western Region; Dawn Bobbitt, Far Western Region; Frances Molloy, International Region; Dorothy R. Jackson, Resource & Washington, D.C. Chairman of Millennium Public Policy Conferences, and Dr. Norma Solomon White, International President. I also acknowledge with pride and respect the many Connection Committee activists who preceded the current Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join me in honoring the members for their exceptional service to our community. We are fortunate to have noble citizens like them to provide essential services and support to our society.