

that their welfare and their life savings are in good hands.

Corporate Responsibility Standards need to be mapped out so that a universal code of conduct is in place to penalize those who have committed these crimes, and prevent others from following in their footsteps.

The quick and accurate disclosure of financial information is needed to close the loopholes that have allowed these manipulations to occur.

The re-authorization of the monies needed to reinforce the job already being done by the SEC is critical to insure that its enforcement and investigation capabilities are top of the line.

This bill sets the tone for all of these initiatives to be accomplished and to put an end to the manipulation of finances, and the greed driven practices of those who can only be described as common criminals.

TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN  
PATRIOT

**HON. CURT WELDON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay special tribute to one of the finest public servants in the history of Pennsylvania politics.

I was deeply saddened to learn that the Dean of the Pennsylvania Senate and my State's longest serving member, Senator Clarence Bell, passed away today at the age of 88.

Senator Bell, a tireless advocate for his constituency and working families across Pennsylvania will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Senator Bell served a total of 48 years in the Pennsylvania legislature. First serving in the Pennsylvania House Representatives in 1954, Clarence Bell was elected to serve as a Senator in 1961. Serving under 11 Governors, Senator Bell served as a member of the Appropriations, Rules, Transportation, State Government Committee, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and most recently Chairman of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and the chairman of the Joint Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Senator Bell led the effort to construct the Commodore Barry Bridge spanning the Delaware river and connecting Pennsylvania and New Jersey. However, the Senator took the most pride in his unyielding desire to remain in touch with each of his constituents—he always referred to them as his “neighbors”. The Senator personally signed each piece of mail answering his “neighbors” questions or addressing their concerns, congratulating them on their graduations or additions to their families. Throughout his career he also personally wrote a weekly newsletter. A man of incredible energy and determination, Senator Bell chaired a committee hearing as recent as this past Tuesday.

Before his career as a politician in Harrisburg, Clarence Bell served for five-and-a-half years in active duty in World War II and was also a Major General in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Senator Bell served a total of 38 years in the military.

Born in Upland, Pennsylvania in 1914, Senator Bell attended and graduated from Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School, Senator Bell's constituency in the 9th Senatorial District encompassed portions of Delaware and Chester Counties. Throughout his career Clarence Bell was a visible and accessible legislator that was responsive and approachable to those he served.

A member of numerous professional and service organizations, Senator Bell was regularly recognized by these organizations and countless others that valued his input and leadership during his life as a public citizen.

A dedicated husband, father of two children, grandfather and great-grandparent three times over, I call upon my colleagues to recognize the unselfish commitment to public service that Clarence Bell possessed. I would also like to extend my deepest sympathies to the Bell family, especially his wife Mary James, his friends, staff and the residents of the 9th Senatorial District. We have lost a true champion in Harrisburg, however, Pennsylvania is a better place thanks to the extraordinary life and wisdom of Clarence Bell.

COMMENDING JOHN REYNOLDS ON  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep appreciation for the work of Mr. John Reynolds, regional director for the western region of the National Park Service, Region IX.

With John's retirement on August 3, the national parks will lose a dedicated, innovative leader.

John Reynolds has devoted his entire career to our national parks, joining the park service while still a student in 1961 and rising through the ranks to become director of the Pacific West Region in 1997. In this position, he held responsibility for 56 national parks in Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and the islands of the outer Pacific. These parks include many of our country's greatest natural and cultural treasures—majestic redwood groves, active volcanoes, historic ships and forts, sweeping seashores, and mountains and valleys of stunning beauty.

John's contributions to the national parks, and especially the western region, have been myriad. He has actively promoted new and innovative ideas, and has fostered unique and creative problem-solving in the parks under his jurisdiction. He has done so much to bring the national parks to the people, especially in urban areas.

He has served as a calming and effective presence in dealing with controversies over park stewardship. He has always worked to achieve balance among the many purposes and uses of national parks, while first and foremost remaining dedicated to preserving the parks for future generations.

I wish to give John heartfelt thanks, on behalf of my constituents in San Francisco, for his oversight of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, his support for the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park and the

historic ships, and his crucial role in establishing the Presidio as a new national park.

In its spectacular location at the Golden Gate, the Presidio is one of America's great natural and historic sites. As general manager of the Presidio from November 1996 to May 1997, John stepped up to the plate at the beginning of its transition from Army base to national park. Subsequently, as regional director, he provided steady support and guidance for the Presidio as it continued to develop in its unique role as the only national park required to become fully self-supporting.

John was born in Yosemite National Park, so perhaps it was inevitable that he should dedicate his life to protecting and promoting national parks. We will miss him greatly, and we wish him and his family all the best for the future.

LORI BERENSON'S UNJUST  
IMPRISONMENT

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I am outraged and appalled by the continuing incarceration of Lori Berenson on charges of collaborating with terrorists in Peru. Lori Berenson is not a terrorist, nor has she ever collaborated with terrorists. She is an intelligent and caring young woman who is committed to justice.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights recently vindicated Lori Berenson. The Inter-American Commission came to the following conclusion:

“The Peruvian State is responsible for the violation of the right to judicial guarantees, of personal integrity, and of the right concerning the principle of legality to the detriment of Berenson, having judged her in the military court, submitting her to inhumane and degrading conditions of detention, starting a new trial conforming to Legal Decree 25475 (antiterrorist law), and permitting the evidence collected during the first [military] process with a value of proof in said [second] trial.”

Lori Berenson has been unjustly imprisoned in Peru for nearly seven years under the harshest possible conditions. She has never had a trial that respected her rights or met international standards of fairness and due process. Not only has Lori never wavered in her insistence that she is innocent of the charges against her, she was charged under the antiterrorist laws that the Inter-American Commission has deemed unacceptable.

The Peruvian government is challenging the decision of the Inter-American Commission by filing a lawsuit against the Inter-American Commission at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Peru's lawsuit is mean-spirited and frivolous and will only result in the unnecessary further incarceration of Lori Berenson. In similar cases, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has confirmed the rulings of the Inter-American Commission that Peru's antiterrorist laws violate the American Convention on Human Rights. These court decisions have resulted in the release of the defendants whose rights were violated.

Lori Berenson's health has been damaged by her wrongful imprisonment. The Inter American Commission on Human Rights concluded