

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RAYMOND GRUBBS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas Raymond Grubbs is a professional truck driver for Yellow Transportation; and

Whereas, Raymond Grubbs has successfully driven one million miles without a preventable accident; and

Whereas, Raymond Grubbs should be commended for reaching this safety milestone; and

Whereas, Raymond Grubbs has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the safety of our nation's highways;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Raymond Grubbs for his outstanding accomplishment.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINA TOOLEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Christina Tooley of Pueblo, Colorado for her hard work, courage and determination in the face of some of life's most challenging circumstances. Christina graduated from Pueblo Community College last spring and, as she celebrates this accomplishment, I would like to pay tribute to her incredible story before this body of Congress.

Throughout her life, Christina has had the courage to confront and overcome challenges that to many would seem impossible. Christina has been diagnosed with Bartlett-Bidell syndrome, a genetic disorder that can cause organs to improperly function and shut down. Due to the syndrome, Christina began having eyesight problems and, by her junior year of high school, she could barely see. Although the loss of her eyesight must have been devastating to Christina, she remained determined to maintain a full and productive lifestyle.

Soon after her diagnosis, Christina enrolled in the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind and began vigorous courses to learn Braille, later enrolling in Pueblo Community College. Throughout college, Christina and her mother would sit down and work diligently on her studies. Christina was able to do all of her computer assignments on her own, but needed her mother's assistance with reading notes and questions.

Initially, Christina confronted the challenge of getting around town by learning to use a cane to guide herself. Today, Christina has a guide dog named Natasha who has become a loyal friend and companion, helping to navi-

gate her way around the campus. Last May, Christina received her degree in Internet Business and Communications, and Natasha was right there by her side as she received her diploma.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I recognize Christina Tooley of Pueblo, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. Christina has shown an extraordinary determination to overcome unparalleled challenges and has made incredible strides through her efforts. Her courage and resilience are a testimony to her character and should serve as an inspiration to us all. I wish Christina all the best in her future, I am proud to represent such an extraordinary individual.

SITUATION IN BELARUS CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues the latest outrage perpetrated by the regime of Belarusian dictator Alexander Lukashenka.

Last week, immediately after leaving the U.S. Embassy in Minsk, the Chairman of the opposition United Civic Party, Anatoly Lebedka, was picked up by plainclothes police officers and driven to KGB headquarters for interrogation. Anatoly had been at the Embassy to pick up the invitation for a conference on Belarus to be held this week here in Washington. In a clear effort at intimidation, Lukashenka's KGB thugs accused him of maintaining ties with supposed "intelligence agents" and other foreigners, purportedly for the purpose of undermining Belarus.

Mr. Speaker, this accusation is patently absurd. I know Anatoly Lebedka, having met with him in Washington and at several meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, most recently this past July in Berlin. It is clear to me that Mr. Lebedka is an honorable man committed to his country's development as an independent, democratic nation in which respect for human rights and the rule of law is the norm. There is no doubt in my mind that the real reason for the harassment of Anatoly—and this is not the first time—is his opposition to Lukashenka, to whom democracy and human rights are anathema.

Sadly, this is only the latest in a long list of human rights assaults by Lukashenka. Just within the last few months, we have seen the passage of a repressive law on religion, the bulldozing of a newly built church, the jailings of three leading independent journalists, the continued and persistent harassment of the political opposition, independent media and non-governmental organizations, and the effective expulsion of the OSCE presence there. These tactics are in keeping with the climate of fear which Lukashenka has sought to cre-

Moreover, we have seen no progress on the investigation of the missing and presumed dead political opponents—perhaps not surprisingly, as credible evidence links the Lukashenka regime with these murders, and growing evidence also indicates Belarus has been supplying weapons and military training to Iraq. Both in Berlin and in Washington, I have had the honor of meeting with the wives of the disappeared.

Mr. Speaker, the state of human rights and democracy in Belarus is abysmal, and the manifest culprit is Lukashenka and his minions. The long-suffering Belarusian people deserve to live in a country in which human rights are not flouted. Those in Belarus, like Anatoly Lebedka, who struggle for human rights and democracy deserve better. The Belarusian people deserve better.

WORLD POPULATION GROWTH

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a recent speech delivered by the President of the Population Institute, Mr. Werner Fornos, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Virginia on October 1, 2002. Mr. Fornos spoke to the rapidly growing economic and environmental pressures created by our burgeoning world population, especially in third world countries. These concerns represent a pressing issue for congressional debate and I offer these remarks to that end.

REMARKS BY WERNER FORNOS, PRESIDENT OF THE POPULATION INSTITUTE, AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ARLINGTON, VA. OCTOBER 1, 2002

World population stands today at more than 6.2 billion and increases by more than 75 million each year. An incredible 97 percent of this growth occurs in the developing world, by definition the poorest countries of the world—those where for far too many daily living is a struggle for mere survival. These are the very countries least able to afford such massive influxes of people, countries where demographic pressures already place unbelievable burdens on schools, hospitals, transportation and virtually all facets of the economic and social infrastructure.

Yet our soaring human numbers are projected to exceed 9 billion by the year 2050. While the wealthiest countries on our planet are estimated to account for only 52 million of this increase, the developing world is expected to account for 2.7 billion.

But world population does not need to continue to grow at this dizzying pace.

First though, I must tell you that no matter what corrective course we may steer, the earth's population will reach 8 billion. The reason is our built-in demographic momentum: there are one billion people today between the ages of 15 and 24, the largest number of people entering their reproductive years at the same time than at any other time in the history of the world.

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How can we hold the number of people on earth down to approximately 8 billion? The answer to that question lies with providing access to voluntary family planning for the more than 300 million couples in the world who today want to make their own decisions about when and if they will have children—couples who in many cases did not want their last child and do not want another.

Accommodating these couples, however, is another matter that has been complicated by the anti-abortion movement. Let me say here that the Population Institute is passionately dedicated to providing access to family planning information, means and services; we do not consider abortion to be a method of family planning. As a matter of fact, abortion is a procedure to which many women resort who lack access to family planning.

However, a sizable contingent of those who have the audacity to label themselves “pro-life” because they oppose abortion have become perhaps the single greatest obstacle to those 300 million-plus women obtaining family planning.

If you want to prevent abortion, the first line of defense is preventing pregnancy. And that is what family planning is about: preventing pregnancies, not terminating them.

And if the Bush administration is serious about being “pro-life,” it should be promoting family planning—not signing executive orders that cut off the congressionally approved \$34 million United States contribution to the United Nations Population Fund, the largest multilateral provider of international population assistance, as the President has.

But the obstacles to universal access to family planning are not solely within the anti-abortion movement. Population policy today is a matter of failure, ignorance, and timidity.

Last month I was in Johannesburg, South Africa, attending the World Summit on Sustainable Development—the most important global meeting on environment and development since the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Oddly, population growth had no place on the official agenda. But there can be no doubt that population and sustainable development are inexorably linked.

After all, we live in a world where 70 percent of all families are dependent on firewood as their primary source of heating and cooking fuel. A world where 600,000 square miles of forest have been cut down worldwide, just over the past 10 years. A world where forestland equivalent to three times the size of Belgium is annually cut down in the Congo Basin alone.

Though there were some achievements at the Johannesburg summit, it was seriously flawed by the neglect to link human growth with environmental well being in the face of economic growth.

The Johannesburg summit succeeded in establishing clearly important time-tables for pressing matters, such as: halving the number of people living in poverty who lack access to clean water and adequate sanitation by 2015; restoring depleted fish stocks by 2015; and significantly reducing the extinction rate of the world’s plant and animal life by 2010.

I seriously question, however, how any one of these obviously significant and desirable targets can be reached until we, first and foremost, establish a crystal clear accelerated target for providing voluntary family planning and reproductive health care to those more than 300 million who need and want fewer children but lack the information, education and the affordable means to control their own fertility. The Johannesburg summit was not a failure; I believe that so long as nations of the world continue to

discuss relevant issues at very least it achieves the opportunity for mutual understanding and mutual respect. But I also believe that much more could have been accomplished had the meeting not been bogged down in coddling the comfortable and ignoring the afflicted.

Considering the political climate, especially in the United States, at the time of the WSSD, many feel that population stabilization advocates should count themselves fortunate that the summit reaffirmed the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Plan of Action, as well as the results of the 1999 ICPD+5 meeting and the Millennium Development Goals—all of which had important population policy and program recommendations. In hindsight, this appears to be true enough. Yet while reaffirmations are not insignificant, in my view summit meetings should be about more than acknowledgments of what already has been approved. They should focus on progress: developing new strategies to attain established goals and objectives, where they are needed, and accelerating efforts to reach these goals and objectives, where it is applicable. It is in these areas where, as far as world population issues are concerned, the WSSD was disappointing.

In addition to squandering an opportunity to accelerate progress on universal access to family planning, the Johannesburg summit failed to establish a target for vastly reducing the carbon emissions responsible for global warming and increasing reliance on renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power.

We know that the planet in many respects has an impressive capacity for resilience. Some years back British scientists reported that the ozone layer—the protective shield that prevents ultra-violet B rays from devastating the earth with skin cancer—was thinning in the southern hemisphere and had virtually disappeared over Antarctica, the world. For years, industries producing chlorofluorocarbons influenced industrialized countries responsible for most of the emissions to forego becoming involved in an effort to prevent such emissions. But with new and compelling scientific evidence before the world, nations hastened to approve the Montreal Protocol, phasing out CFCs and other ozone-depleting chemicals by 1996. Within recent weeks, it has been reported that the shield is thickening at a pace that might close the 10,000 square mile hole in the layer over Antarctica within 50 years.

I am convinced we can have similar success in overall sustainable development, if we have the foresight and the courage to establish rational and effective timetables. The timetable for reducing world population growth to a figure closer to 8 billion rather than 9 billion would specifying dates for:

Widening women’s educational opportunities—at all levels, primary, secondary and higher education. In country after country studies, show that the more education a woman has the more likely she is to have only the number of children she can nurture and educate;

Increasing employment opportunities for women. Studies also show that when women have income-generating employment, they are likely to have fewer children;

Reduction of infant and child mortality. A major factor contributing to larger family size in many developing countries is that infant and child survival is precarious at best. Couples frequently have six, seven or eight children in the hope that one, two, or three will survive. With adequate prenatal and postnatal care, infant and child mortality can be vastly reduced.

Universal access to family planning information, education, and the affordable means to practice it.

Some years back, World Bank President Robert McNamara said in a celebrated speech at Notre Dame University that time lost in the effort to reduce rampant population growth can never be recovered. I believe that rapid population growth is a problem the entire world must address. Failure to do so would be the ultimate global blunder, one from which there is no recovery.

IN HONOR OF GREATER ASTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S SELECTION OF DENIS BUTLER AS 2002 HONORARY MAYOR OF LONG ISLAND CITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mrs. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Greater Astoria Historical Society and Denis Butler, who has been named 2003 Honorary Mayor of Long Island City.

Long Island City, just across the East River from Manhattan, is the largest community in Queens with 250,000 residents. The history of Long Island City spans more than 360 years from its humble beginning as Dutch farmland in the 1640s to its present incarnation as a residential and commercial hub.

Chartered in 1870, Long Island City was the consolidation of several villages and areas, which included Astoria, Steinway, Ravens[chyph]wood and Hunters Point. Long Island City existed independently from New York City for 28 years. The new city government encouraged industry, which spread northward with gas plants and chemical and glass factories lining the East River waterfront. By the end of the 19th century, the city had the highest concentration of industry in the United States. Long Island City was incorporated by the City of New York in the consolidation of 1898.

Long Island City was transformed in 1909 by the opening of Queensborough Bridge, immediately changing the community from a remote suburb to the destination minutes from Manhattan. Today Long Island City is connected with the rest of New York City by six tunnels and five bridges.

The Greater Astoria Historical Society, chartered in 1985, is a non-profit cultural and community oriented organization dedicated to preserving the past and promoting Long Island City’s future. The Society hosts field trips, walking tours, slide presentations, and guest lectures to schools and the public.

The Society believes that history is the most powerful tool that a society processes. It tells us why the things we value are the things we should value, and it tells us the things that should be ignored. That is true power, a profound power—the power to define a whole society.

Denis Butler, who was an outstanding Assemblyman for Astoria and Long Island City for 24 years, is an outstanding choice for honorary Mayor. An active legislator and a caring civic leader, Assemblyman Butler exemplifies the strength and creativity of Long Island City.

Assemblyman Butler was a champion of the aging, disabled, and underprivileged, and has worked tirelessly for the working men and women of his district. With the support of the Assembly leadership, Assemblyman Butler

created SCRIE (Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption), which has helped low income seniors remain in their homes. Additionally, he was a prime sponsor of EPIC, New York's prescription drug buy plan, which has helped thousands of elderly new Yorkers pay for necessary medication.

Assemblyman Butler has been extremely active in civic affairs and has worked alongside local community activists on a wide range of issues, working to improve educational and youth programs, and increase local police presence. His caring guidance and enthusiasm have truly made this neighborhood a more pleasant place to live and work.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Greater Astoria Historical Society and saluting them for selecting Denis Butler as the 2003 Honorary Mayor of Long Island City.

TRIBUTE TO EPWORTH UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Epworth United Methodist Church, a treasured Bronx institution and a historic house of worship that celebrated its Centennial anniversary November 10, 2002. Appropriately, the theme of their celebration was "We've Come This Far By Faith."

Mr. Speaker, Epworth United Methodist Church was founded at the turn of the century in the heart of the South Bronx. People from all walks of life have filled its pews throughout the past century and as a result, it has become an invaluable part of the Bronx's history. Located on Concourse Village East, the church stands as a beacon of faith and rich history.

Throughout its 100 years of existence, Epworth United has been a model of excellence with its numerous and far-reaching community programs. Not only are Bronx residents able to come to Epworth United for spiritual enrichment and fellowship, they can come to the church for assistance with life's daily trials. The church is especially proud of its large and active youth congregation.

Mr. Speaker, Epworth United provides food and clothing to anyone who may need them. Its dedicated staff and clergy also run an after-school tutorial and a summer day camp for young people. The church also awards college scholarships to outstanding youth throughout the city.

For the past century, countless Bronx residents have found solace and aid within the walls of Epworth United Methodist Church. I hope that all of my esteemed colleagues will join me in honoring this sacred and historic institution on its centennial anniversary.

CONGRATULATING JACK STONE AS
2002 AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack Stone for receiving

the 2002 Agriculturist of the Year Award at the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon in Fresno, California on November 13, 2002. This lifetime achievement award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies leadership and integrity in the Central Valley's agricultural business community.

Jack Stone graduated from the University of California, Davis. In 1940, he began farming and later sold his farm in order to serve his country for four years as a Captain in the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1946, Jack began to farm again on undeveloped Central Valley land and then organized the J.G. Stone Land Company two years later. Jack has served as President of the Westlands Water District, the National Cotton Council, the Western Cotton Growers Association, and formerly served as chairman of the Producers Steering Committee of the National Cotton Council. He currently serves as a California Farm Water Coalition Board Member.

Jack is a second-generation farmer specializing in cotton, grains, and a half dozen other field crops on 6,000 acres in the Stratford and Lemore areas in Central California. He has always worked for the interests of young farmers by supporting the development of the agriculture program at Coalinga's West Hills College, and by being a steadfast supporter of the cotton program and judging contests at the California State University, Fresno campus. Jack has also consistently fought for development of an adequate, reliable, and affordable water supply for California. Today, much of J.G. Stone Land Company's daily activities are run by Jack's son, Bill, and his grandchildren, though Jack remains the patriarch of the four-generation farming operation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack Stone for earning the 2002 Agriculturist of the Year Award. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Jack Stone many years of continued success.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
TAMMY SANDERSON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Tammy Sanderson has devoted herself to serving others through her work at the Carroll County Department of Human Services; and

Whereas, Tammy Sanderson has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Tammy Sanderson has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Tammy Sanderson must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in her 30 year career of service with the county;

Therefore, I join with the Department of job and Family Services and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Tammy Sanderson on her retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERENA
JANE SWENK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is deep sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Serena Jane Swenk of Dolores, Colorado. Mrs. Swenk passed away in October, and as her family mourns her loss, I would like to pay tribute to her life and the wonderful memories she has left behind.

Serena was born in Dolores, Colorado on October 3, 1916. The granddaughter of one of Colorado's original pioneering families, her great-grandparents were among the first that came to settle in the area known today as Montezuma County. Serena loved the land and took full advantage of her rural upbringing, spending her childhood afternoons riding and herding sheep.

Serena attended school in the lower valley of Montezuma County and in Dolores, where she graduated from high school in 1934. She was an avid reader, scholar and artist, never missing an opportunity to open a book, research historical events, or paint a majestic Colorado landscape. Serena was also a very capable homemaker and loved to arrange holiday get togethers where she would cook for the entire family.

Despite a busy life on the ranch, Serena still found the time to remain active in her community. She spent countless hours serving in many community clubs and organizations, including the Order of Eastern Star, Southwestern Colorado Cowbelles, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the 4-H. It was for these efforts that Serena received many awards throughout her life including, 4-H Leader of the Year, Southwestern Colorado Cowbelle of the Year, and Mancos Days Pioneer Queen.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I recognize the life and passing of Serena Jane Swenk before this body of Congress and this nation. I extend my sincere condolences to her two sons David and Larry, and her many grandchildren. Serena was one of our state's true pioneers; she lived her life with great enthusiasm, courage and compassion, and was an inspiration to all who knew her.

TRIBUTE TO JOE WARNER

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a dear, close friend of mine Joe Warner, who tragically passed away in a plane crash shortly after takeoff on July 22, 2002.

Many of our nation's greatest servants silently and humbly transform communities out of the goodness of their hearts, selfless generosity, and a dedication to improving the welfare of loved ones and those whom they have never met. Joe Warner was one of these servants, and he serves as an inspiration to us all.

Joe was born on July 3, 1942 in DeKalb, Illinois to Paul and Doris Walkey Warner. He attended Northern Illinois University and received his NMA from the University of Illinois.

Joe then went on to become President and CEO of Heritage Enterprises, a longterm care corporation, located in Bloomington, Illinois.

The elderly of Illinois have greatly benefited from the leadership and dedication that Joe continuously displayed throughout his life. Whether it was in his capacity as President and CEO of Heritage Enterprises or the President of the Illinois Health Care Association, Joe tirelessly advocated on behalf of Illinois' seniors to ensure they were afforded the highest quality of care.

Not only have Illinois' elderly lost a friend and advocate, but our youth have as well. Prior to his passing, Joe had taken on the role of planner and fundraiser for the \$3 Million Challenger Learning Center, which will be an educational site for children to focus on studying math and science.

Joe Warner was involved in scores of organizations and knew the importance of investment in his community. He also knew the importance of investing in his family, and was a great husband and father to his wife, Rose Stadel, and their two children Jeff and Jennifer. The memory of Joe Warner will continue through his numerous contributions to his community. On July 22nd, Illinois lost a respected and admired friend. He will be missed. I ask you, my colleagues, to rise today in salute of the rich legacy Joe Warner has left behind.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK MATTAROCCHI

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise today to pay tribute to Frank Mattarocci of Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. Mattarocci is the proud owner of LaTronica's, an Italian restaurant that remains very popular among locals throughout the Pueblo community for its delicious food and distinctive atmosphere. Today, I would like to recognize the success which Frank and his family have achieved in making LaTronica's an invaluable part of the life and culture of southern Colorado.

LaTronica's has remained in Frank's family for four generations. The restaurant was first opened by Frank's great grandfather, Liberto "Chief" LaTronica, in 1943. Despite a few modifications, the restaurant still looks almost exactly the same as when it first opened sixty years ago. Over the years, the restaurant changed hands from one generation to the next, preserving within its walls a rich family legacy that still remains constant today. Since the restaurant opened in 1943, it has largely been a family endeavor. Frank began working in the restaurant at age ten, cleaning glasses for his father behind the bar. Today, Frank has the help of his brother Mark, sister Tari, and cousin Maggie to ensure that the business runs smoothly.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Frank Mattarocci before this body of Congress and this nation for his enduring commitment to such a wonderful family restaurant. Small businesses like LaTronica's are

the backbone of our economy, and the heart of our neighborhoods. Over the years, LaTronica's has become a living example of history and culture, providing the community of Pueblo with great food, seasoned atmosphere, and many wonderful memories. I wish Frank and the rest of the family at LaTronica's all the best and good luck in all of their future endeavors.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PAUL D. WELLSTONE, SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution honoring my colleague and friend, Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota.

Senator Wellstone was not only a friend of mine, but also he was a special friend of my district, the 9th Congressional District of California. In fact, he had visited my district not long before the tragic accident. People in my community embraced Paul for the same reasons so many across country did.

Paul Wellstone was a progressive champion who truly personified the personal, populist approach to politics. He was an organizer who never lost touch with his grass-roots. In fact, he proved that the support of everyday Americans, not huge sums of corporate cash, could still win elections. He proved that you don't have to compromise your beliefs to be successful. He proved that passion for beliefs earns the respect of even one's biggest opponent.

Paul Wellstone showed no fear and incredible energy in his approach to fighting for our shared progressive agenda. He stood alone as the sole member of the Progressive Caucus in the Senate. He worked tirelessly for the least among us; often against incredible odds. Paul was never afraid to speak up and to fight for his beliefs.

Despite the often-long odds he faced, Senator Wellstone was an extremely effective and accomplished Senator. His work on mental health parity legislation is widely recognized, and I sincerely hope to have the opportunity to vote yes on the Wellstone mental health parity legislation in the very near future. He, along with the help of his wife Sheila, passed several pieces of legislation to prevent domestic violence and to help its victims.

He worked tirelessly to end the scourge of homelessness among our nations' veterans and to ensure those who served this country received the health care they were promised and deserve. As a former educator, he fought for increases in Head Start, higher education funding, and better schools for all children in America, regardless of income. He fought for seniors and to alleviate the absurd cost of prescription medication. In short: he fought for us all.

The people of Minnesota, the United States Congress, the progressive movement, and all

Americans were fortunate to have such a strong, effective, tireless, and accomplished leader serving us in the United State Senate. We will miss him dearly.

And though he is no longer with us, we will always remember and thank him for his incredible service. Now we must honor his memory by continuing our collective fight to make his vision of America a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I have attached for the RECORD a copy of remarks I made in introducing Paul Wellstone at an event last year.

REPRESENTATIVE LEE'S INTRODUCTION OF SENATOR WELLSTONE (D-MN) AT 21ST CENTURY DEMOCRATS DINNER WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2001

As we come together tonight to honor some amazing populists with Democrats 2000, now known as 21st Century Democrats, I am extremely proud to introduce one of the greatest progressives in Congress—the phenomenal Paul Wellstone.

As many of you know, after more than 20 years of teaching, Paul Wellstone jumped into the 1990 Minnesota Senate race. He rallied a huge grassroots network of supporters, got a Green Bus to tour the state, and won his election. When you are trying to rally the troops in your state for an election, it's easy when you have an amazing, inspirational, progressive leader like Paul Wellstone. He personifies the personal, populist approach to winning elections. He proves you need the support of everyday Americans, not huge sums of corporate cash, to get elected.

During his tenure in Congress, Senator Wellstone has been a real leader in progressive causes and has held true to his beliefs. He is our one and only Congressional Progressive Caucus member in the Senate. He proves that you don't have to compromise your beliefs to be successful. He proves that your passion for your issues make even your opponents respect you. Senator Wellstone is one of the most effective members of the United States Congress, which is no easy feat these days and he champions issues few members will dare to discuss.

Senator Wellstone has been so active and successful in dealing with so many issues, but let me take a moment just to commend him on a few.

He is a tireless supporter of legislation to ensure mental health parity. He has passed several pieces of legislation with the help of his wife Sheila to prevent domestic violence and to help its victims. His work helping homeless veterans and on veterans' health care has earned him recognition of numerous veterans' organizations. As a former educator, his devotion to education and children's issues has led him to fight for increases in Head Start, higher education funding, and better schools for all children in America, regardless of income. He has partnered with Minnesota seniors to talk about the international disparities in prescription drug pricing and to pass legislation to correct this problem.

And these are just a tiny fraction of his successes. In short, the people of Minnesota, the United States Congress, the progressive movement, and all Americans are so fortunate to have a strong, effective, tireless, accomplished leader serving them in Paul Wellstone.

Senator Wellstone, welcome, and congratulations on this award you are receiving tonight.

A TIME TO RE-THINK CYPRUS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on 15 November 2002, Turkish Cypriots are celebrating the 19th Anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The historic decision by the Turkish Cypriots to declare independence was not a separatist endeavor, but an act of self-defense undertaken 20 years after being forced out of the binational partnership State of 1960 by the Greek Cypriot partner; and having been physically driven from their homes and properties in 103 villages across the island in a campaign of violence and ethnic cleansing that had started in 1963. Terrorized, displaced and disenfranchised, the Turkish Cypriots had no choice but to reorganize themselves in the areas or "enclaves" under their control, in a collective act of survival, and to start running their own affairs.

As to what happened afterwards, let us hear it from Mr. Glafcos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, as candidly recounted in his memoirs entitled "Cyprus: My Deposition." (Vol. 111, pp. 236–237):

In the years that followed a steady, stage-by-stage development is noted in the Turkish administration, with the separation in its legislative, executive and judicial powers. An administrative organization is created, as well as police force and army. The increase of the financial resources of the Turkish Cypriots through economic aid from Turkey permitted the functioning of their administration on a more permanent basis, a fact which they made clear, by renaming their "Temporary Turkish Cypriot Administration" to "Turkish Cypriot Administration." Thus there exist today in Cyprus two poles of power on a separate geographical basis; i.e., the Government of the Cyprus Republic, controlling the largest section of the territory of the state and internationally recognized, and the Turkish Cypriot Administration, which controls a very limited area and is not internationally recognized, but has already taken almost all the characteristics of a small state.

This State is now the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which is a product of the exercise, by the Turkish Cypriot people, of their inalienable right to self-determination on 15 November 1983.

The Turkish Cypriot Independence Declaration contains all the principles and ideals that are universal to mankind, and are very familiar to the American people, such as "that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" and that "Governments derive their just Powers from the Consent of the governed." In this Declaration, the Turkish Cypriots also extended a hand of friendship to the Greek Cypriots and called for the peaceful resolution of all their differences. That hand of peace and friendship remains extended today.

It should be clear from the above brief history that the Turkish Cypriot people never owed any allegiance to the Greek Cypriot administration of Southern Cyprus, which has no legal or moral right to claim to represent anyone other than the Greek Cypriot people. The

said administration, under the pretentious title of the "Government of Cyprus," has no jurisdiction to represent or act on behalf of the Turkish Cypriot people, whose sole legitimate representatives are those elected under the Constitution of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The fact that the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot sides are political equals and that neither of the parties can represent the other has been underlined by the UN Secretary-General on 12 September, 2000 as follows:

I have ascertained that the parties share a common desire to bring about, through negotiations in which each represents its side—and no-one else—as the political equal of the other, a comprehensive settlement enshrining a new partnership . . .

This fact has also been expressed by other foreign dignitaries, such as Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, former U.S. Presidential Special Emissary for Cyprus, who, at a press conference held on 4 May 1998 in Cyprus, stated the following:

I think it is very clear and no one has disputed that Glafcos Clerides does not represent or have control over the people of Northern Cyprus.

The former Italian Foreign Minister, Mr. Lamberto Dini, expressed the reality of the existence of two independent and sovereign States representing the two peoples of the island in his statement of 26 August 1997, even in clearer terms:

It has to be recognized that there are two republics in Cyprus, two entities, two governments . . . and therefore, if the European Union does not recognize this basic fact, in conducting negotiations for membership, then you bump into the problem . . . that one of the parties would not accept negotiations, going on with only what, in effect, is the Greek Republic of Cyprus.

The way to the future in Cyprus must be based on this reality, rather than the myth that there is only one government in the island and that this is the Greek Cypriot administration. The Turkish Cypriot side has again demonstrated its good will in regard to a settlement by initiating the face-to-face talks between the two parties which started in December 2001 and are still continuing. However, these talks, already facing great difficulty because of the unilateral and unlawful EU aspirations of the Greek Cypriot side, face even a greater threat by the prospect of a positive decision on this matter by the European Union at its approaching summit in Copenhagen in early December 2002.

It is sincerely hoped that the EU will act in full awareness of the fact that such a decision before a settlement can only perpetuate the division in Cyprus and will refrain from doing so. The decades-long negotiating process in Cyprus should have demonstrated to all concerned that worn-out clichés and tried-and-failed formulas have not worked in Cyprus, and a bold new approach is needed. With its democratic system of government, respect for rule of law and human rights, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus deserves to be treated on a par with the Greek Cypriot State in the South. The two States can then come together to forge a common future on the basis of equality and a new partnership, also serving as a bridge of cooperation between Turkey and Greece, two allies the United States, which have direct interests and responsibilities vis-à-vis Cyprus. This is

the way to lasting, peace and reconciliation in the island as well as the eastern Mediterranean region.

Is it not time for all concerned to rethink their approach to the Cyprus issue and bring it in line with the realities on the island?

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES EMERSON BATES

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Charles Emerson Bates of Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. Bates passed away this October and, as his family mourns his loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the wonderful memories that he has left behind.

Charles was born on December 1, 1946 in Granada Hills, California. He graduated from Valparaiso University in 1968, got his Master of Urban Education from Loyola University and received his Master of Arts in Information Science from Dominican University, Chicago in 1973. After finishing his education, Charles held a variety of library and teaching positions in Illinois and Wisconsin, including administrator of the Fond du Lac Public Library, a position that he held until 1976. In 1981, Chuck and his family relocated to Pueblo, where he became the director of the Pueblo City-County Library District, a position he held for 21 years. —

During his tenure as library director, Charles proved to be an outstanding leader and dedicated his time and energy to the improvement of Pueblo's libraries. Under his leadership, the library board passed two mill levy referendums and a \$14 million bond issue toward the construction of the new Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library. In 1997, Charles received the Colorado Library Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his tireless efforts toward advancing library facilities throughout the county.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the life of Charles Emerson Bates before this body of Congress and this nation. I extend my sincere condolences to his wife Mary, brother Robert, and his sons Chris, Noah, Colin. Charles lived his life with great passion and enthusiasm, contributing greatly to the betterment of the Pueblo community by promoting literacy and education through the expansion of public libraries throughout Southern Colorado. His loss will be deeply felt and the contributions he made will never be forgotten.

HONORING BILL SWENSON

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bill Swenson for his eight years of dedicated service to the Colorado General Assembly.

Before being elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, Bill Swenson had already established a long and distinguished career in

public service. He was elected to the Longmont City Council in 1977 and served as the City's Mayor from 1981–1985. He also served as the Boulder County Republican Chairman from 1993–1994.

I had the good fortune to serve with Bill in the Colorado State House. I found him to be an affable, effective policy maker willing to reach across policy lines to act in the best interest of Colorado. Most important of all, Bill had a reputation for basing his votes on principle, and not on party or politics. At a time when voters seem to feel increasingly disenfranchised by what they view as partisan dogmatism, Bill Swenson represents public service that transcends partisanship.

He is a recognized leader on transportation and served as the Chairman of the Transportation and Energy Committee. His values of practicality and fiscal responsibility helped shape the tone for the entire transportation debate. In addition, he has worked to find common sense ways to encourage investment in renewable energy resources and enhance the diversification of energy resources in Colorado. These efforts may not result in colorful political sound-bites, but they will inevitably lead to a stronger economy and future generations of Coloradans will look back on Bill's service with gratitude.

I am proud to have served with Bill Swenson and proud to call him my friend. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring him for his exceptional service, I thank him for his good work, and I wish him continued good health and success in the future.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE BY REVEREND D. MICHAEL TOBY

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, October 27th, the congregation and community of Woodway, Texas honored Reverend D. Michael Toby for twenty-five years of dedicated service as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodway.

Reverend Toby graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1974, where he won the H.C. Brown Jr. Award as the seminary's outstanding preaching student. On October 30, 1977, Reverend Toby joined the First Baptist Church of Woodway. Under his ministry, the church membership has grown to nearly four thousand people, requiring a new campus and larger facilities in 1990.

Under Reverend Toby's leadership, education programs in the church have been greatly expanded, winning First Baptist Woodway the "Fastest Growing Sunday School Award" three times between 1996 and 2000. Ministries within the church have been enriched with the addition of youth and adult discipleship groups, outreach efforts, prayer warrior and prayer room ministries, ministries for seniors, singles and college students, a church school, Bible Drill, Awana, Mother's Day Out, Young Women's Fellowship, Angel Tree, all age choirs and a Vacation Bible school that serves over 850 children each summer.

Reverend Toby has led his church in mission efforts both at home and abroad. In 1988,

the First Baptist Midway became a Key Church in the Mission Texas campaign, supporting the creation of churches like Brazos Meadows and West Robinson Baptist Church in Waco. Reverend Toby additionally encouraged members to lead mission trips to Russia, China, Africa, Mexico, the Philippines, Morocco, Turkey and other countries. Because of the financial commitment to these and other ministries, the church has been honored as one of the top 100 churches in the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Cooperative Program giving.

During his ministry, Reverend Toby continued his education and his role in public service. Presently, he is a candidate for the Doctorate of Ministry degree from the Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. He has served on the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and its human welfare board and public relations advisory committee. Within the community, Reverend Toby has served on the boards of Central Texas Good Will Industries and Special Wish, as president of the Rotary Service Club of Waco and as moderator and executive board member of the Waco Baptist Association.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the leadership and commitment of Reverend D. Michael Toby, and congratulating Reverend Toby and his wife Jackie on 25 years of dedication to the spiritual life and health of the community of Woodway and to Central Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 23RD STREET ASSOCIATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to The 23rd Street Association on the occasion of their Annual Award Luncheon. This year, the 23rd Street Association is honoring North Fork Bank and Carolyn Drexel for their outstanding community involvement. In addition, the owners and management of the Flatiron building are being recognized on this, the building's centennial anniversary, for their dedication to the building's restoration and modernization.

Ranked number one by the leading industry publication U.S. Banker in their annual survey, North Fork Bancorp is considered one of the nation's top bank and thrift companies. North Fork was also ranked fourth among the top 100 banking companies that include all types of financial services companies. Organized in 1980, today, the total assets of the Bank are approximately \$19 billion with over 165 branch locations that provide a wide range of personal and commercial banking services throughout New York.

Carolyn Drexel joined North Fork Bank as part of a new Management Training Program in 1979. After landing a position in the Speonk office as the Assistant Branch Manager, she continued to advance her career, and in 1993 became a Senior Vice President in charge of the Branch Network. In April 1997, Ms. Drexel's professionalism and skill led her to take on the responsibilities of managing the entire Retail Division which includes the Branch Network, Marketing, Sales, Retail Op-

erations and the Cash Management Department. Ms. Drexel was promoted to Executive Vice President in January of 1998. As Vice President, she leads more than 2,300 employees of the Bank with 168 branches located from Eastern Long Island to Upstate New York. Ms. Drexel has also been a tenacious community activist, and has volunteered her time at various organizations including the Epilepsy Foundation, Salvation Army, Suffolk County Special Olympics, Yeshiva of South Shore. Most recently, Ms. Drexel was appointed to the Board of Directors of Safe Horizon.

The legendary three-sided structure at the intersection of Broadway, Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street, The Flatiron Building, is one of New York's oldest surviving skyscrapers. Opened in 1902, the building's unique architecture in the form of a geometrically perfect, straight-edged right triangle, separates it from the New York City streetscape. Now, thanks to a recent refurbishment under new owners and last year's \$5 million reconstruction of the six-acre oasis of Madison Square Park, the building continues to be the flagship of the reborn Flatiron district.

I would also like to commend the 23rd Street Association in their mission of enhancing the quality of life for families and businesses in the area bounded by the Hudson and East Rivers from 17th to 28th Street. Incorporated in 1929 by 22 local business people, today's 23rd Street Association has approximately 300 members. Their efforts have included conducting business-training programs in local junior high schools, mobilizing the community to bring about a \$2.5 million renovation of Madison Square Park, working with the local police to combat drug dealing and other crime, and developing annual summertime concert programming and children's entertainment in the community.

The Association is fortunate to represent individuals and organizations that are so committed to the advancement of their community. In recognition of the invaluable contributions and the selfless efforts of tonight's honorees, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the 23rd Street Association on their annual award luncheon.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, a treasured Bronx institution and a historic house of worship that celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on November 1, 2002 at a dinner-dance and will commemorate the event at an anniversary Mass on November 24th.

Mr. Speaker, the Church of the Blessed Sacrament was established in July of 1927 per a request by Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Third Cardinal of New York. Cardinal Hayes asked Father Edward A. Loehr to establish a new Parish of Blessed Sacrament to serve South Bronx residents. More than seventy years later, Blessed Sacrament Parish is still thriving and serving a devoted congregation.

Throughout its 75 years of existence, Blessed Sacrament Parish has been a model of excellence as a house of God, with open doors to everyone. Not only are Bronx residents able to come to Blessed Sacrament Parish for spiritual enrichment and fellowship, they can come to the church for assistance with life's daily trials.

Mr. Speaker, many of the structures that make up Blessed Sacrament Parish are historical landmarks, rich with history. The Parish is in the progress of restoring these valuable structures so as to preserve the spirit from which the church was founded.

For nearly a century, hundreds of thousands of Bronx residents have found solace and aid within the walls of Blessed Sacrament Parish. I hope that all of my esteemed colleagues will join me in honoring this sacred and historic institution on this notable anniversary.

CONGRATULATING P-R FARMS AS
AGRICULTURE BUSINESS OF THE
YEAR

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate P-R Farms of Clovis, California, for receiving the 2002 Baker, Peterson, and Franklin Agriculture Business of the Year Award at the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon in Fresno, California on November 13, 2002. This annual award is given to an agricultural organization whose achievements and impact have significantly contributed to the industry and the local community.

Vincenzo Bicchiuti, father of the founder of P-R Farms, arrived in America as an immigrant in 1914 and planted the seeds of a small family business in grapes and figs. Benefiting from his father's wisdom, Pat Ricchiuti learned that diversification would be the key to long-term success. Pat and his wife, Frances, began to plant plums and cotton which was the beginning of their farm's expansion. The goal for the newly-founded P-R Farms was growth while maintaining quality at every juncture.

Today, the philosophy and dedication of father and son is continued by grandson, Patrick Ricchiuti. Known worldwide for premium quality and excellence, P-R Farms' products are locally grown, packed, and shipped from their production facility in Clovis, California. P-R Farms has been an innovator in agriculture, developing many new techniques in Ag production, shipping, storage, and marketing.

The Ricchiuti family has been active in leading California State University, Fresno's Ag One Foundation, College of Agricultural Sciences, and Technology, Alumni Association, and Bulldog Foundation. They developed fundraising programs for Clovis schools, and have served on the governing board of the Clovis School District. In addition to agriculture and education, the Ricchiutis have been very involved in local healthcare serving on boards and councils for both Central California Children's Hospital and Clovis Community Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate P-R Farms for earning the 2002 Baker, Peter-

son, and Franklin Agriculture Business of the Year Award. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing P-R Farms many years of continued success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. ANNMARIE AND
KEVIN O'GRADY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Annmarie and Kevin are celebrating their marriage today, October 19, 2002; and

Whereas, Annmarie and Kevin have a deep and abiding love for one another; and

Whereas, Annmarie and Kevin have demonstrated a firm, loving commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Annmarie and Kevin will share a life together of generosity, joy, accomplishment and fulfillment;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady as they begin their marriage.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD AND
FLORINE MEINHART

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise to pay tribute to Donald and Florine Meinhardt of Glade Park, Colorado. Today, I would like to highlight the Meinharts for the wonderful contribution they have made toward protecting Colorado's most treasured natural resource: our environment.

The Meinhart Ranch is located in an area that is highly regarded for its ecological importance. By recently agreeing to an easement, Donald and Florine have promised to restrict development on their ranch, which will help protect the natural habitat of an area that is home to many of Colorado's wildlife species, including the Gunnison Sage Grouse, elk, and mule deer. The Gunnison Sage Grouse has become so rare in recent years that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has considered placing the animal on the endangered species list. By agreeing to an easement on their ranch, Donald and Florine are helping to guard the sage grouse's natural habitat and ensure the protection of the species.

The Meinhart Ranch also provides a popular migration corridor for elk and mule deer. The ranch is surrounded by national forests and provides an avenue for the animals to move between their summer and winter grazing areas. The easement will benefit these species as well because it provides them with an open place to move, protected from encroaching homes and motor vehicles.

Mr. Speaker, it with great respect that I recognize Donald and Florine Meinhardt before this body of Congress and this nation for the generous and responsible management of their property. Donald and Florine have agreed to protect their property from future de-

velopment and ensure that their land remains free and open. I commend them both on their decision and wish the Meinhart ranch a rich and happy future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DONALD A. HOLT

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Donald A. Holt, a highly respected citizen of Champaign, Illinois, who is retiring from his position as Senior Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Holt's positive influence in biotechnology, systems modeling, computers in agriculture, organization of agricultural research, and development of funding strategies, continues to be strongly felt on the University of Illinois campus, as well as throughout the state of Illinois and the nation.

As a student in the University of Illinois Department of Agronomy in the 1950's, as a manager of his family farm near Minooka, Illinois, from 1956 to 1964, and as a cutting-edge researcher and teacher at Purdue University from 1964 to 1982, Don Holt honed his skills to serve science and society as an enlightened, visionary leader of agricultural research in Illinois.

In his pioneering research and teaching activities at Purdue, Dr. Holt built his programs with a "systems perspective" that he began developing while operating his family farm in northern Illinois. There he developed a comprehensive research program in forage physiology and management that contributed to increasing crop production. Dr. Holt also pioneered the use of anhydrous ammonia and organic acids as hay preservatives. He was an early implementer of computer modeling and used it to develop and commercialize software for crop yield forecasting.

When Dr. Holt returned to the University of Illinois in 1982, he quickly began to leave his imprint on the college's research and teaching systems by improving the college's resource base and infrastructure and building a partnership between the college and its stakeholders in the food and agricultural sectors throughout the state.

Since his return to the University of Illinois, Dr. Holt has made great contributions to enhancing Illinois' food and agriculture sectors. His leadership in the college as a department head, associate dean, director of the Illinois Agriculture Experiment Station, and senior associate dean is unparalleled.

Dr. Holt led the effort to mold the college into a leader in biotechnology research by securing funding for the Center of Excellence in Crop Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering and for the Edward R. Madigan Laboratory. He also led the effort to improve the state and national investment in value-added research for Illinois producers. This led the remodeling of the Agricultural Bioprocess Laboratory and the establishment of the National Soybean Research Center.

Dr. Holt laid much of the groundwork to redesign public agricultural research in Illinois through landmark legislation called the Illinois

Food and Agricultural Research Act of 1995 leading to the creation and funding of the Illinois Council for Food and Agricultural Research (C-FAR). He subsequently promoted public involvement in research priority setting through C-FAR representation, a move that attracted national attention as a model for reenergizing land-grant universities and empowering their constituents.

Dr. Holt's past contributions to Illinois and U.S. Agriculture have brought about a firestorm of progressive change. With his unique but clear vision of the future, he is able to see the changing nature of agriculture beyond the horizon and can anticipate how educational and research institutions can best prepare to meet the needs of individuals who will conduct business in the changing environment.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Donald A. Holt has had a long and distinguished career that will have an impact on agriculture far into the future. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this distinguished gentleman for all he has done for agriculture and for the country.

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
GENERAL RUSSELL C. DAVIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis, who is retiring from the National Guard after forty-four years of exemplary service, as a member of the US Air Force and National Guard of the United States.

General Davis has had a distinguished career of service to our nation's defense. He began his military career in the US Air Force in 1958 as an aviation cadet. While on active duty, he served as a B-47 strategic bombardment pilot at Lincoln Air Force Base, Nebraska. He then joined the Iowa Air National Guard, where he transitioned to fighter pilot, and served in numerous command and staff positions, from squadron pilot to Director of Operations. He commanded the 113th Tactical Fighter Wing prior to being appointed the Commanding General of the District of Columbia National Guard.

General Davis is retiring from his current position as Chief, National Guard Bureau (NGB). The President appointed him Chief, NGB, in 1998. As Chief, NGB, he served as the senior uniformed National Guard officer responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting more than half million Army and Air National Guard personnel. As Chief, NGB, General Davis has served as the Army and Air Forces' official channel of communication with the governors and the Adjutants General of the states, commonwealths, territories and the District of Columbia.

General Davis epitomizes the citizen-soldier. His career has reflected his unswerving integrity and high moral principles. He retires with over four thousand seven hundred flying hours in bomber and fighter aircraft. His numerous awards and decorations serve as a testament to his dedication, commitment, contributions, and sacrifice.

It is our hope that you will join us as we salute Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis on

the occasion of his retirement from the National Guard and wish him continued high flight.

ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR
AWARDS CEREMONY—NECO
CHAIRMAN WILLIAM DENIS
FUGAZY LEADS DRAMATIC
CEREMONY

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, On behalf of Ellis Island Medals of Honor Ceremonies, I am submitting the following statement for the RECORD.

Standing on the hallowed grounds of Ellis Island—the portal through which 17 million immigrants entered the United States—a cast of ethnic Americans who have made significant contributions to the life of this nation were presented with the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor at an emotionally uplifting ceremony. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of those individuals whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001.

NECO's annual medal ceremony and reception on Ellis Island in New York Harbor is the Nation's largest celebration of ethnic pride. Representing a rainbow of ethnic origins, this year's recipients received their awards in the shadow of the historic Great Hall, where the first footsteps were taken by the millions of immigrants who entered the U.S. in the latter part of the nineteenth century. "Today we honor great ethnic Americans who, through their achievements and contributions, and in the spirit of their ethnic origins, have enriched this country and have become role models for future generations," said NECO Chairman William Denis Fugazy. "In addition, we honor the immigrant experience—those who passed through this Great Hall decades ago, and the new immigrants who arrive on American soil seeking opportunity."

Mr. Fugazy added, "it doesn't matter how you got here or if you already were here. Ellis Island is a symbol of the freedom, diversity and opportunity ingredients inherent in the fabric of this nation. Although many recipients have no familial ties to Ellis Island, their ancestors share similar histories of struggle and hope for a better life here."

Established in 1986 by NECO, the Ellis Island Medals of Honor pay tribute to the ancestry groups that comprise America's unique cultural mosaic. To date, approximately 1500 American citizens have received medals.

NECO is the largest organization of its kind in the U.S. serving as an umbrella group for over 250 ethnic organizations and whose mandate is to preserve ethnic diversity, promote ethnic and religious equality, tolerance and harmony, and to combat injustice, hatred and bigotry. NECO has a new goal in its humanitarian mission: saving the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions. NECO has founded The Forum's Children Foundation, which brings children from developing nations needing life-saving surgery to the United States for treatment.

Ellis Island Medals of Honor recipients are selected each year through a national nomination process. Screening committees from NECO's member organizations select the final nominees, who are then considered by the Board Directors.

Past Ellis Island Medals of Honor recipients have included several U.S. Presidents,

entertainers, athletes, entrepreneurs, religious leaders and business executives, such as William Clinton, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, George Bush, Richard Nixon, George Pataki, Mario Cuomo, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Michael Douglas, Gloria Estefan, Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Elie Wiesel, Muhammad Ali, Mickey Mantle, General Norman Schwarzkopf, Barbara Walters, Terry Anderson, Dr. Michael DeBakey, Senator John McCain, Rudy Giuliani and Attorney General Janet Reno.

Congratulations to the 2002 Ellis Island Medals of Honor Recipients:

Abel Abrahamson, Chairman Emeritus/Co-Founder, Norwegian Immigration Assoc., Norwegian; William Achenbaum, President, S/A Associates, Russian; Elias S. Adamopoulos, M.D., President, Piraeus Realty Corp., Hellenic; Hector Alcalde, Chairman & CEO, Alcalde & Fay, Spanish; Kurt Aschermann, Sr. Vice President, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, German/Austrian/Italian; Lawrence Auriana, Chairman, Federated Kaufman Fund, Italian; Kenneth E. Behring, CEO & Founder, Wheelchair Foundation, German; Hon. Cornelius Blackshear, Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, African; Barbara Blair, CEO, Cyberstaff, Russian; Michael J. Brescia, M.D., Sr. V.P. & Exec. Med. Dir., Calvary Hospital, Italian; Lt. Gen. Bryan D. Brown, Commanding General, US Army Special Operations Command, Irish; Jeanette Grasselli Brown, Chair, Ohio Board of Regents, Hungarian; Maurice A. Buckley, President & CEO, Irish Chamber of Commerce in the USA, English/Irish; Preston C. Caruthers, General Partner, Carfam II Associates, L.P., Scottish/English; Steven W. Casteel, Assist. Admin. For Intelligence, US Dept of Justice, Dutch; Peter Castellana, Jr., President & CEO, Western Beef, Inc., Irish/Italian; Joseph R. Cerrell, Chairman & CEO, Cerrell Associates, Inc., Italian/French; Stephen Cherpelis, CEO, Stephen Cherpelis Enterprises, Inc., Hellenic; Hon. Michael Chertoff, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Russian/Polish; Stanley M. Chesley, Attorney, Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley Co., Ukrainian; Michael V. Ciresi, Partner & Chairman, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P., Italian; Anthony S. Colavita, Esq., Attorney and Councilman, Italian/Irish; William J. Collis, M.D., Founder & Ophthalmic Surgeon, Kentucky Eye Institute, Hellenic; Martin E. Cooperman, Managing Partner, Grant Thornton, Russian/Polish; Salvatore J. Cumella, M.D., Executive Producer/President "Women to Women" Radio Show, Cumella Professional Services Inc., Italian; John C. Cushman III, Chairman, Cushman & Wakefield, Inc., English/Dutch.

Lucia Grieco Danzi, 100 years old, Italian; Oscar Davis, Chairman, Hayward Industries, Inc., Hungarian; Gen. Raymond G. Davis, USMC, United States Marine Corps, Scottish/German; Joseph J. DePaolo, President & CEO, Signature Bank, Italian; Thomas B. Doolan, President & CEO, TBD & Associates Inc., Irish; Harry A. Dorian Esq., Armenian; Thomas C. Eakin, President, Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame, Scottish/Irish/English; Marvin E. Eisenstadt, President, Cumberland Packing Corp., Russian; Terrence A. Elkes, Principal, Apollo Partners LLC, Russian/Polish; Eugene C. Enlow, Chairman & CEO, Atlantic Detroit Diesel-Allison, German; Joseph Anthony Esposito, President & CEO, eResearch Technology, Italian; John H. Eyler, Jr., Chairman & CEO, Toys 'R' Us, Inc., English/German/Irish; John Joseph Fareri, President, Fareri Associates, L.P., Italian; George N. Faris, Chairman & CEO, American International, Petroleum Corporation, Lebanese; John P. Ferguson, President & CEO, Hackensack University Medical Center, Irish/Italian, Scottish; John Fitzpatrick, CEO,

Fitzpatrick Hotel Group N.A., Irish; Dewey Pong, Deputy Chief, New York City Police Department, Chinese; Hon. Vito J. Fossella, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives, Italian/Irish; Daniel Frasca, Executive Director of Finance & Administration, New York State United Teachers, Italian; Louis J. Freeh, Sr. Vice Chairman, MBNA, America, Italian/Irish/German; Clifford H. Friedman, Senior Managing Director, Constellation Ventures, Russian.

Andre P. Gambucci, Consultant to the President, The Acordia Cos Wells Fargo, Italian; Joe Garagiola, Former Baseball Player, TV Announcer, Joe G. Enterprises, Italian; Michael Gewitz, M.D., Professor & Director, Dept. of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital At Westchester Med. Center, Russian/Austrian/Slovakian; George Gialamas, President & CEO, Gialamas Company, Hellenic; Matthew Goldstein, Chancellor, CUNY, Romanian/Polish/Austrian; John B. Goodman, Chairman, The Goodman Group, Russian/Romanian/Lithuanian; C. Flemming Heilmann, Principal, Banyan Projects, Danish; Werner F. Hiller, Founder & President, The Hiller Family Foundation, German; John H. Hong, President, Hanmi Realty, Korean; Myung Mike Hong, Chairman & CEO, Dura Coat Products, Inc., South Korean; Professor James Jacobson, Associate Professor of Education, Saint Peter's College, Finnish; Eugenia Janke, Chairman, Tolstoy Foundation, Russian; Kaija R. Kalervo, President, American Finnish Community Club, Inc., Finnish; Professor Andrew G. Kampiziones, Professor of Philosophy, Francis Marion State University, Hellenic; Hon. Marcy Kaptur, Member of Congress-9th District U.S. House of Representatives, Polish; James G. Kennedy, President, James G. Kennedy & Co., Inc., Irish/French; Joseph Kisup Kim, President, Kim's Jewelers, Korean; William C. Korner, President & CEO, Prinexus, Scottish/English; Gust C. Kraras, President & CEO, KCK & GCM, Inc., Hellenic; Kent Kresa, Chairman & CEO, Northrop Grumman Corp., German; Robert I. Kuperman, Chairman & CEO, DDB/New York, Russian.

Joseph R. Lagana, President & CEO, United States Information Systems, Inc., Italian; Joseph J. Lagano, President & Founder, J. Lagano Family Foundation, Italian; Louis E. Lataif, Dean—School of Management, Boston University, Lebanese; Br. Robert E. Lavelle, C.S.C. Headmaster, Gilmore Academy, Irish; Josephine LeBeau, Executive Director Vice President, AFSCME International, French/Creole; Professor Heo-Peh Lee, President & CEO, Shie-Jie Enterprises Group, Chinese; Joe (McCoy) Lenti, Vice President/Program Director, WCBS-FM Radio, Italian; Mark M. Lii, President, Ten Ren Tea & Ginseng Co., Inc., Chinese; Dr. Johnny M.J. Lu, President, Lucoral Co., Inc., Chinese; William Lucy, International Secretary-Treasurer, AFSCME, African; Martin J. Maddaloni, General President, United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters, Italian; Farah B. Majidzadeh, CEO & Chairperson, Resource International, Inc., Iranian; Lt. Gen. Dan K. McNeill, Commanding General United States Army, XVIII Airborne Corps & Ft. Bragg, Scottish; Frank Meehan, International Vice President & President, UFCW—Local 1500, Irish; John R. Miller, Vice Chairman, KPMG, Welsh/English; Matthew Mirones, Assemblyman, Hellenic; Alfred T. Mockett, Chairman & CEO, AMS, English; Ralph Salvatore Mosca, M.D., Director of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, Children's Hospital of New York, Italian/Irish/German; John P. Moses, Esq., Moses and Gelso, Lebanese; Murlan J. Murphy, Jr., Principal, JTM Company, Irish; Mike Mehmet Mustafoglu, Chairman & CEO, Transglobal Financial Corporation, Turkish; A. Maurice Myers, Chairman, President & CEO, Waste Management, Danish/Austrian.

Nicholas Andrew Natsios, Retired-Senior C.I.A. Official, Central Intelligence Agency, Hellenic; ADM. Robert J. Natter, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Austrian/Scottish/Irish; Albert G. Nickel, President, Chairman & CEO, Lyons Lavey Nickel Swift, German; Louis Nicozisis, President, NICO Properties Group, Hellenic; Hon. Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., Senior Advisor, Citigroup, Swedish; Harry C. Orbelian, Conductor & Musical Director, Moscow Chamber Orchestra, Armenian/Ukrainian; Vasilias (Bess) Pappas, Director Hellenic Cardiac Fund for Children, Children's Hospital Boston, Hellenic; Michael F. Parlamis, President & CEO, Frank Parlamis Inc., Hellenic; Santo Petrocelli, CEO, Petrocelli Electric Company, Inc., Italian; John George Poles, Senior Partner, Poles, Tublin, Patestides & Stratakis LLP, Hellenic; Albert T. Primo, President & CEO, Eyewitness News Service, Inc., Italian; Hon. A. Gail Prudenti, Presiding Justice, State of New York, Italian/German; Anthony R. Pustorino, Professor Emeritus, Pace University, Italian; Robert C. Radice, Chairman & CEO (retired), Radice Corporation, Italian; John C. Rakkou, President & CEO, Interbank of New York, Hellenic; George Randazzo, Founder and Chairman of the Board, National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, Italian; Hon. Edward D. Re, Chief Judge Emeritus, US Court of International Trade, Italian; Dr. Arthur Lachlan Reed, Lachlan International, Scottish; Mona Romain, Assistant Treasurer, United Federation of Teachers, West Indian; Michael L. Royce, Acting President, Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment Corp., Polish/Russian;

Charles J. Santelli, Director of Policy & Program Development, New York State United Teachers, Italian; Chief Michael Scagnelli, Chief of Transportation, N.Y.P.D., Italian; Hon. Chris Victor Semos, Former Governmental Consultant, Hellenic; Phillip J. Shapiro, President & CEO, Liberty Maritime Corp., Russian/Polish; Rhona Hope Silver, CEO, Rhona Silver's Huntington Townhouse, Russian/Polish; James L. Singleton, President, The Cypress Group LLC, Irish/Portuguese; Hon. Dean G. Skelos, Senator, New York State Senate Deputy Majority Leader, Hellenic; Edward D. Soma, M.D., Lebanese; Hon. Michael Sotirhos, US Ambassador (Retired), Hellenic; George W. Souvall, President, Leisure Management Corporation, Hellenic; Dean A. Spanos, President, San Diego Chargers, Hellenic; Daniel J. "Rusty" Staub, Chairman, NYP & Firefighters' Widow & Childrens Benefit Fund, German/Irish; Hon. Joseph A. Suozzi, Senior Partner, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., Italian; Laurence M. Traub, President, Intermetal Corporation, Russian/Lithuanian/Belarusian; Savey Tufenkian, Executive Vice President (Retired), Western Waste Industries, Armenian; Rajendra B. Vattikuti, Founder & Co-Chairman, Covansys, Asian Indian; Antonio "Nino" Vendome, CEO, Vendome Group, Italian; Hon. James T. Walsh, Member of Congress N.Y. 25, Irish; David Walters, Former Governor of Oklahoma/President, Walters Power International, German/French/Swiss; Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Professor/Author/Therapist, German; Major General George N. Williams, Commander, 21st U.S. Air Force, Hellenic; George C. Zoley, Vice Chairman & CEO, Wackenhut Corrections Corporation, Hellenic.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ERIC AUTOBEE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Corrections Officer Eric Autobee of Pueblo, Colorado. Eric lost his life in October and, as his family mourns his loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the wonderful memories he has left behind.

Eric attended Pueblo County High School and went on to graduate from Pueblo Community College in 2000. It was his life's ambition to pursue a career in law enforcement, a goal that became a reality when he was hired as a corrections officer the by Colorado Department of Corrections in 2001. Tragically, Eric lost his life while on duty at the Limon Correctional facility in October.

Throughout his 23 years, Eric lived his life with a genuine happiness and compassion for those who had the privilege to know him. Eric displayed a distinct fondness for the outdoors and was an avid sportsman who loved the land and enjoyed the vast Colorado mountains. He lived his life with honor and integrity, and always displayed genuine respect and courtesy to his fellow citizens and the inmates that he protected.

As a former law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our police officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee the safety of their fellow citizens. They work tirelessly with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserves our recognition and thanks, and that is why I pay tribute to the life and service of officer Eric Autobee here today.

Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt respect that I stand today to recognize Eric Autobee before this body of Congress and this nation. I extend my sincere condolences to his parents, Bob and Lola, grandparents, Benito and Grace, brother Scott, sister Bernadette and girlfriend Michelle. Eric lived his life with honor and served the community of Pueblo with distinction. His loss will be deeply felt, and a grateful nation will be forever in his debt.

HONORING DAPHNE JEFFERSON

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daphne Jefferson for her dedication and diligence in my office over the past year.

An employee of the Federal Aviation Administration, Daphne was selected for a legislative fellowship under the auspices of the Brookings Institution, and I have had the benefit of her assignment to my office.

In 1996 Daphne started at the FAA as a Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist in Miami, Florida. Her career with the FAA has lasted more than fifteen years. During that

time she has worked as Associate Program Manager for Requirements in Washington, DC, an Air Traffic Manager in Dayton, OH and most recently served as a Branch Manager for FAA in Washington, DC. Before joining the FAA Daphne was the assistant to the Vice President at a small minority owned bank and also was responsible for managing the student loan profile.

Daphne was born in Chicago, IL, but grew up in Jacksonville, FL and thinks of Florida as her home. She recently received her Masters in Public Administration in the Key Executive Program from the American University, and was awarded her Bachelor of Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Miami, FL.

While working in my office Daphne has been primarily responsible for covering transportation, federal employment, and banking and housing issues. Her analysis of issues is always thorough and professional. Daphne's years of experience at the FAA have provided invaluable insight regarding the real-world effect of transportation legislation. Her understanding of transportation has been especially important and helpful this year, as the Congress and Administration have been working to make air transportation more secure in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

From her first day, Daphne exhibited a friendly demeanor and professional attitude. In her short time in my office she has made an inestimable contribution to the Udall team. She is appreciated and respected by the entire office as a highly professional and dependable colleague and friend. Daphne has been a great asset to my office and I am sorry to see her move on. However, I am confident that she will continue to contribute immensely to our nation as she continues her career.

TRIBUTE TO AIDA ROSA

HON. JOS[Eacute] E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great educational activist and humanitarian. Ms. Aida Rosa, an innovative educator and leader is retiring as principal of Public School 30 in the South Bronx after many years of leadership and service.

Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Ms. Rosa came to New York in 1949 as a young child. She attended New York City public schools and went on to earn advanced degrees from New York City universities. She is a dissertation away from earning a PhD from the esteemed Fordham University. Ms. Rosa began her career as an advocate for education and young people early in life and has never taken a break. Her tenacity and passion have not ebbed in all these years and many would argue that they have only grown more intense.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Rosa strongly believes in community coalitions, in which various actors in the community pool their resources so that endeavors are multilateral and more effective. She has always emphasized the importance of parents, educators, the community, and the students themselves working together to ensure that young people receive quality education and attain their goals.

As the principal of P.S. 30, Ms. Rosa secured numerous services to assist her stu-

dents, their families, and the nearby community. She accessed national and local organizations to address the needs of her students and staff. As an innovator, Ms. Rosa understands the need for smaller learning communities and restructured P.S. 30 into a number of small academies within one school. These smaller communities allow for individual attention to students as well as time for teachers to develop and implement more effective teaching methods. Teachers from P.S. 30 describe Ms. Rosa as a nurturing and strong leader. Her faith in her teachers allows them to perform at their highest capacity and to grow as educators.

Mr. Speaker, beyond running a huge public elementary school at a high-performing level and serving on a number of community planning boards, Ms. Rosa was a loving wife for many years and a mother and grandmother. She has also been a devoted friend to many.

It is rare to encounter people with as much genuine compassion and leadership acumen as Ms. Aida Rosa, and I am grateful to have had her as a school leader in my district and as a comrade for so many years. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her rest and relaxation upon her retirement from an exceptional career.

RECOGNIZING DAVE L. McDONALD

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dave McDonald upon his receipt of Central Valley Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Humanitarian of the Year" award in Fresno, California on November 7, 2002. Mr. McDonald is being recognized for his leadership, humanitarian efforts, and dedication to the community.

Mr. McDonald is the President and CEO of PELCO, the world's largest producer of video security systems, as well as Central California's largest manufacturing employer. PELCO produces 3,500 different products which are sold through 5,000 authorized dealers in the United States and abroad. Since its beginning, the company has grown thirty-fold under Mr. McDonald's supervision.

Following the disastrous events of September 11, 2001, Mr. McDonald and PELCO assisted the NYPD in its recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site by donating specialized camera equipment and personnel. Additionally, the company's warehouse in Orangeburg, New York was converted into a distribution center for relief supplies. In November of 2001, PELCO created the California Memorial in Clovis as a permanent tribute to the victims and fallen heroes from September 11. The memorial contains hundreds of items donated by the city of New York in remembrance of the events of September 11.

In March of 2002, Mr. McDonald was honored by the New York City Fire Department as the Grand Marshall for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. In May of 2002, Mr. McDonald also received the Excellence in Business Award for the Fresno Hall of Fame in recognition of his dedication to local businesses and his community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dave McDonald for his contributions to the many

people in need, not only locally but nationally as well. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dave McDonald many more years of continued success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. FELLABAUM ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Eddie and Betty Fellabaum were united in marriage November 16, 1952, and are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Eddie and Betty Fellabaum as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NINTH GRADE CLASS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere enthusiasm that I recognize the ninth grade class of Centennial Junior High School in Montrose, Colorado. The ninth grade class is currently producing a documentary video to help educate homeowners on ways to protect their homes from forest fires. Today, I would like to recognize the ninth grade class for the outstanding service they are providing to the State of Colorado and all those in danger of forest fires.

In June of last year, Colorado was devastated by some of the worst forest fires in our state's history. The Missionary Ridge and Hayman fires not only destroyed several of Colorado's wilderness areas but also valuable private property. Today, the ninth grade class from Centennial Junior High School, with the help of their film crew, representatives from Bureau of Land Management and Montrose County firefighters, are making a movie to demonstrate steps that citizens can take to protect their homes from forest fires.

Along with producing the documentary, the ninth grade class is also learning valuable lessons in fire ecology and resource management. The students are being taught about forest fuel reduction of the many different types of fire resistant building materials that can help protect homes in the event of a forest fire. By taking what they have learned in their classes and using it to educate others throughout the country, the ninth graders at Centennial Junior High School are making an incredible difference in the effort to reduce the destructiveness of forest fires. —

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Centennial Junior High School ninth grade class before this body of Congress and this nation for their outstanding service to the State of Colorado and this country. The documentary video they are producing will be distributed nationwide, providing indispensable guidance to a countless number of Americans. There is no telling how many homes and lives their efforts will save in the years ahead. I thank them for their dedication to their community and our environment.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to another achievement of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, based in Golden, Colorado. It is appropriate that on its 25th anniversary, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has garnered yet another award recognizing its contributions to the development of clean energy technologies.

In its December issue, *Scientific American* magazine has named NREL one of the *Scientific American* 50—the magazine's first list recognizing annual contributions to science and technology that provide a vision of a better future.

NREL, along with Spectrolab Inc., was selected by the magazine for its work in increasing the efficiency of photovoltaic solar cells. NREL's research into multi-junction solar cells for more than a decade has led the way to ever more efficient cells, offering the potential of cheaper electricity from the sun.

The magazine noted that all the recipients of the *Scientific American* 50 have "demonstrated clear, progressive views of what our technological future could be, as well as the leadership, knowledge and expertise essential to realizing those visions."

I continue to be proud of the tremendous contributions that the National Renewable Energy Laboratory has made—to Colorado, our country, and our world. Congratulations to all at NREL on this important award.

IN HONOR OF THE JOINT PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR OLDER ADULTS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Joint Public Affairs Committee for Older Adults on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since 1977, JPAC has been committed to ensuring a voice for older New Yorkers in community change and the policy-making processes that affect their lives. I have been proud to stand with JPAC many times through the years, and it is my great pleasure to congratulate JPAC on this occasion and to join their celebration.

For 25 years, JPAC's citizen leaders have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all

New Yorkers by empowering older adults to advocate on their own behalf. JPAC educates older adults on legislative and consumer issues, in addition to providing them with important information on benefits and entitlements for which they may be eligible. JPAC has enabled a growing number of older people to participate in efforts to influence public policy while leading senior centers around the city to incorporate education and advocacy into its programs in innovative ways. Over the years, JPAC has come to play a significant role in promoting cooperation within the aging community around issues of shared concern.

Among the programs I find most valuable is JPAC's ten-week intensive leadership training program, known as the Institute for Senior Action. For eight years, the Institute for Senior Action has given seniors the skills necessary to become more effective advocates in our community. Having had the opportunity to join JPAC at several of the Institute's graduation ceremonies, I have seen firsthand the pride, enthusiasm, and commitment to the community that JPAC's programs instill in participants.

From consumer protection, to community safety, to health care and coverage, JPAC has contributed to the quality of life of all New Yorkers. I congratulate JPAC's staff, leadership and volunteers on a quarter century of success, and I wish them the very best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LURA POWELL

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, two years ago, Battelle selected a new leader for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in my home community of the Tri-Cities, Washington. She came to our Washington from a distinguished government career in the "other" Washington, the Nation's Capitol, as director of the Department of Commerce's Advanced Technology Program. Her tenure there, and her training as an analytical chemist, brought unique talent to serve this laboratory. She is also the first woman selected to serve as director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. I am, of course, speaking about Dr. Lura Powell. Dr. Powell announced recently that she will step down as director at the end of this year, and I want to thank her for her commitment and leadership in the community.

Among her accomplishments, Lura will be remembered for her commitment to leverage the capabilities of the Laboratory to develop academic partnerships in the region. While Director, she signed Memorandums of Understanding with the University of Washington for the Institute for Nanoscience, the Joint Institute for Cell Signaling, and the Center for Global Security; a Northwest Bioproducts Research Institute with Washington State University, University of Idaho, and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory; and The Collaborative Research and Education program with Oregon State Universities and the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Dr. Powell's commitment to the Tri-Cities community and the state of Washington is evi-

denced by her many activities and board memberships. At home, she has been a tireless promoter of economic growth and science education. She helped create and advocate a vision for the Tri-Cities that calls on everyone to stretch the limits of what is possible. She serves on the board of directors of the Kadlec Medical Center, the United Way of the Benton-Franklin Counties, the Tri-City Industrial Development Council and the Three Rivers Community Roundtable and the Junior Achievement of the Greater Tri-Cities. For the State of Washington, she is a member of the Washington Roundtable and serves on the Washington Technology Alliance Board.

I want to thank Lura for her leadership these past two and a half years and to wish her, her husband, Art, and her daughters much happiness and good health. I hope they will make their home in the Tri-Cities so that we may all continue to benefit from their involvement.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 5712

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to introduce today H.R. 5712, a bill to improve roadway safety for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and workers in proximity to vehicular traffic.

In this Congress we have spent, and likely for years to come will spend, a great amount of time trying to secure our homeland from terrorist threats. But, we will never be truly secure, if our families and communities continue to face daily the risk of disabling or life threatening motor vehicle crashes—today's leading killer of American young people. Motor vehicle crashes kill more than 42,000 people and injure more than 3 million people every year. These crashes cost our economy more than \$230.6 billion a year or an average of \$820 for every person living in the United States.

We have learned a great deal about making our roadways safer for the traveling public, since we began the national Interstate construction program nearly fifty years ago. Among the most successful federal safety programs is the Section 130 Railway-Highway Grade Crossings program. The U. S. Secretary of Transportation's "1996 Annual Report to Congress" found that this single program prevented 8,500 fatalities and 38,900 non-fatal injuries since 1974. This Report also stated that fatal, nonfatal-injury, and combined fatal-plus-nonfatal-injury accident rates have been reduced by 87, 64 and 68 percent, respectively. The Department of Transportation no longer compiles this data, but the program continues to save lives everyday.

We have much work ahead of us to improve further roadway safety in America. This bill that I am introducing today will expedite the use of proven solutions to reduce the likelihood of crashes, injuries, and fatalities and I urge its rapid adoption.

Since their inception, the Section 130 program and the Section 152 Hazard Elimination program have made available to States significant funding to reduce risks on dangerous roadways. Increasing State flexibility and reallocating, funding; clarifying and expanding project eligibility, and improving data collection, analysis, and reporting will further enhance their effectiveness.

This legislation will improve the safety of workers whose duties place them on or near a federal-aid highway and will maintain the free flow of vehicular traffic. Workers who wear high visibility garments in such risky environments greatly reduce the chance of a vehicle collision and subsequent serious injury. Vehicle collisions are one of the most frequent causes of traffic congestion and place large demands on scarce police, fire, and emergency response personnel. Actions that reduce the likelihood of crashes also reduce congestion and these resource demands.

The major provisions of the legislation are funding provisions, program eligibility, data collection and analysis, and worker protection.

To increase State flexibility and reallocate funding, the bill eliminates the confusing 1991 reference that annually sets Section 130 at \$155 million and Section 152 at \$162 million. Some viewed the provision as a limit of funds available for important safety improvements, rather than as a minimum as intended. The bill eliminates the "Optional Safety" category and splits funding equally for the two programs. Also, the legislation changes the minimum Section 130 funding level for protective devices, such as grade crossing gates and signals, from a floating 50 percent to a fixed \$150 million per year. This provision increases options for the States, because \$150 million is less than the current 50 percent share.

I want to emphasize that the funding provisions in this bill maintain the flexibility States currently have to transfer up to 25 percent of the difference between the fiscal year 1997 funding level and the current funding level out of the Sections 130 and 152 programs to other projects States want to give higher priority. Transferred funds are available for Interstate Maintenance, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), National Highway System (NHS), Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (Bridge), and Recreational Trails. For example, in fiscal year 2002, States collectively could transfer up to \$92 million. If my bill had been enacted, States would still have been able to transfer that same \$92 million as they see fit.

This legislation makes several improvements related to the eligibility of projects for funding under Sections 130 and 152. First, in the definition of a safety improvement project, I include, as another option for States, installation and maintenance of fluorescent yellow-green signs at pedestrian and bicycle crossings and school zones. The current "*Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*" permits either yellow or fluorescent yellow-green pedestrian, school, and bicycle crossing signs. Federal, State, and local government studies indicate that fluorescent yellow-green signs, compared to yellow signs, increase motorists' awareness of highway crossings and allow motorists to recognize the crossing signs with greater accuracy at up to 40 percent greater distances. Any signs installed under this amendment would have to comply with the "*Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*."

The bill further builds on the Section 130 program's success to date in increasing the number of at-grade railway-highway crossings with protective devices and signage by including maintenance of protective devices as an eligible use of funds.

To curb overly expansive interpretations of the current Section 152 program, the bill clarifies that this money is reserved for projects

that target real safety problems and produce real safety benefits. Under the bill, Section 152 projects must reduce the likelihood of the most frequent types of crashes and risk factors—road departures, intersections, pedestrians, bicycles, older drivers, or construction work zones.

Another new State optional use of Section 152 funds in the bill is police assistance for traffic and speed management in construction work zones. Experience around the country shows that the presence of even one marked police vehicle greatly increases motorists' compliance with construction work zone traffic patterns and speed limits, thereby increasing safety for both workers and motorists and improving mobility.

No program can run efficiently and effectively without accurate and timely data and analysis. This bill replaces the annual report referenced above that Congress terminated with a new biennial report about both the Section 130 and Section 152 programs, without creating, an unfunded mandate. With these amendments, States can use these funds to fulfill all data compilation, analysis, and reporting requirements. The Secretary of Transportation will summarize State projects and spending, analyze the effectiveness of the projects in achieving program goals, assess the adequacy of funding and spending relative to the need for safety improvement projects, and recommend funding and program improvements to continue reducing the number of high hazard locations.

Finally, the bill directs the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring workers who work on or near a federal-aid highway to wear high visibility garments. The Secretary may also require other worker safety-related items deemed appropriate.

Roadway construction zone crashes killed 1,079 people in 2001, up from less than 800 in 1995, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Factors contributing to the increase in fatalities include construction work being done in traffic and on compressed schedules requiring more night work. In just five years (from 1995 to 1999), work zone crashes injured about 39,000 people.

This rulemaking provision levels the playing field for contractors bidding on projects on or near federal-aid highways. Contractors will no longer have an incentive to skimp on the availability of workers' high-visibility garments so they can underbid other contractors.

The bill also recognizes that not only construction workers are at risk from vehicular traffic. Roadway and roadside maintenance workers, as well as some utility workers and others, frequently perform duties that put them at high risk of injury from passing motorists. High visibility garments, such as retroreflective vests, help motorists see these workers while drivers can still take precautions to avoid collisions.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to move quickly to improve the safety of America's roadways.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE SERGEANT JAMES P. CONNOR, DELAWARE MEDAL OF HONOR, RECIPIENT

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Sergeant James P. Connor, Delaware's 14th Medal of Honor winner and the only Medal of Honor recipient to be buried at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Summit, Delaware.

This medal was presented to Sergeant Connor, in honor of his distinguished service to this country during WWII. The Medal of Honor, since its inception after the Civil War, remains the country's highest military decoration.

Sergeant Connor was Delaware's only living Medal of Honor recipient, having received the medal for his dedication and leadership to his men on a campaign to protect an Allied landing during WWII. After being seriously wounded by a hanging mine, Sergeant Connor continued to lead his troops onto a French beach, in order to knock out the German positions. In the midst of additional assaults, Sergeant Connor's troops achieved their objective and captured 40 prisoners. Following his retirement from the military, Sergeant Connor continued to be very active in helping to ensure that other Delaware veterans would be remembered.

On November 13, 2002, the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs will hold a ceremony to dedicate the circular drive and unveiling of a historical marker at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, in honor of Sergeant James P. Connor.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to recognize today, Sergeant James P. Connor, for his valor and commitment to his Country and as an outstanding United States citizen and Delaware resident.

At a time when our Country is facing the possibility of war, it is very fitting for us to remember Sergeant James P. Connor, a soldier who was tremendously dedicated to preserving our Country's freedoms. His commitment to the United States during World War 11 has earned him a permanent place in Delaware's and our Country's history, and I want to commend and thank his family for sharing his tale of heroism with us.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF RIECKE
CLAUSSEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to take this opportunity to honor Sheriff Riecke Claussen of Mesa County, Colorado on the occasion of his retirement from the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Claussen has given countless hours of service to the communities of Mesa County over the years and I am honored to pay tribute to him today before this body of Congress and this nation.

Riecke is a homegrown leader, growing up in the Grand Valley, graduating from Mesa

State College, and working his way up the ranks of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. After obtaining his certification from the Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, Riecke began working for the Sheriff's Office in 1971 as a Patrol Deputy. In 1974, Riecke was promoted to Sergeant and then to Investigator in 1976. After eight years in that position, Riecke was tapped to become the Lieutenant in charge of Investigations. Then, in 1990, he was elected to Sheriff and began his twelve distinctive years in that post. With over 30 years of service to the residents of Mesa County, Sheriff Claussen's positive impact on the Grand Valley is immeasurable.

Riecke has always been highly active in the community and state, and with the help of his wife, Nancy, has raised their daughter Lisa in the Grand Valley. He has also contributed to several professional organizations and serves as a board member of the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board, the Colorado Attorney General's Victim Assistance Project Board, and the County Sheriff's of Colorado Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sheriff Riecke Claussen before this body of Congress and this nation for his outstanding leadership and impeccable character. The citizens of Mesa County have certainly been honored by the service of Sheriff Claussen and, as he moves into retirement, I look forward to seeing Riecke continue as an important asset to Colorado and the communities of the Western Slope.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. BUCKLEY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of this year, we rise to thank Mr. Michael J. Buckley for his outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives over the past 26 years.

Over the years, Mike has made significant improvements to the financial management of the U.S. House of Representatives. He began his career with the House on January 18, 1977, and served this great institution in numerous capacities, most notably in financial positions within the offices of the Clerk of the House and the Chief Administrative Officer. During the past six years, Mike has served as the Budget Director for the Office of Finance. In this position, he has provided financial guidance to every entity of the House, assisting with such critical functions as projecting annual budgetary requirements and monitoring House expenditures to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. Mike's financial expertise has enabled House entities to maximize the availability of funds to support critical House operations.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Mike for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the financial management of the House. We wish Mike and his wife Robin many wonderful years in fulfilling their retirement dreams.

TRIBUTE TO "DESTINATION DETROIT" MAGAZINE, EDITED BY DIANE EDGEComb

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the Fall 2002 issue of "Destination Detroit," which is edited by a friend with much wisdom, Diane Edgecomb. Diane was the editor in chief of this issue, which focuses on water quality and water availability and the challenges that we will face in coming decades.

One of the themes of this publication that I'd like to touch on briefly is the idea that we need to work worldwide, if we are to help ensure that everyone has access to a sustainable supply of fresh water. The importance that water has in our lives and the complications that arise when there are shortages dictates that we find a solution that transcends borders. I believe that if there is additional action that we as Americans can take to help educate and make this goal a reality it will better serve us in the long run.

Also included in the magazine is an interesting article about how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) have improved our ability to manage water resources. GIS is a comprehensive mapping tool that allows us, among other things, to assess the volume of a region's water supply and locate the source(s) of that water. Using this tool we can anticipate problems and develop innovative solutions before there is a crisis.

I would encourage every member of Congress to take the time to review the Fall 2002 issue of "Destination Detroit" for themselves. I have sent copies to the relevant committees and there are copies available in both the Republican and Democratic Cloakrooms.

PROCLAMATION HONORING BRENT LANER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Brent Laner has exemplified leadership for the Ohio Highway Patrol as a state trooper for 25 years, serving with distinction at the New Philadelphia post for 15 years; and

Whereas, Brent Laner was chosen five times by his fellow officers to receive their post Trooper of the Year award and is to be commended for his hard work, devotion to duty, and willingness to serve our community; and

Whereas, Brent Laner has been an enthusiastic and loyal public servant in the Ohio Highway Patrol for Ohio's citizens;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Brent Laner on his retirement after 25 years of public service to the Ohio community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DURANGO/LA PLATA COUNTY AIRPORT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the men and women of Durango/La Plata County Airport for their service and dedication during one of Colorado's most formidable fire seasons. Last summer, the men and women of the Durango/La Plata County Airport played an integral role in containing the Missionary Ridge forest fire that burned over 70,000 acres in Southwestern Colorado. Today, I would like to pay tribute to their heroic efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When the Missionary Ridge fire first erupted last June, the citizens of Durango, Bayfield and the surrounding communities called upon the Durango/La Plata County Airport to protect their loved ones, homes, and communities from what would become the worst fire in area history. The fire began in a ditch beside Missionary Ridge Road just 15 miles northeast of Durango and grew to consume more than 70,000 acres, 56 residences, and 27 out-buildings.

Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The Durango/La Plata County Airport aided firefighters with slurry bombings to help contain fires that were too severe to contain from the ground. They also provided valuable medical supplies to fire fighters who had been injured during the event.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the men and women of Durango/La Plata County Airport before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend everyone at the Durango/La Plata Airport for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the men and women of the Durango/La Plata Airport and others, the added devastation to our community, environment, and quality of life would have been unimaginable. Their tireless commitment throughout the last summer's fire season has served as an inspiration to us all and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

GREAT LAKES AND LAKE CHAMPLAIN ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, included in Title III of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1070 is an authorization of \$1 million for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a center for Brownfields Excellence.

The purpose of this center is to demonstrate opportunities for public-private partnerships and regional cooperation to facilitate the redevelopment of closed Federal facilities, the

transfer of technology from the public sector to the private sector, and the return of such property and technology to productive use.

A prime example of this activity can be found in East Tennessee. The closure of major portions of Oak Ridge stranded a very skilled workforce and abandoned a great deal of infrastructure. Working together on a regional basis, local governments, businesses and members of the community have been able to return parts of Oak Ridge to productive use, and facilitate the transfer of technology to the private sector, bringing back jobs and investment to the region.

These efforts in East Tennessee should serve as a national model to promote new opportunities for brownfields redevelopment around the country.

REMEMBERING NEW MEXICO'S
RICHARD ROCCO

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, last month New Mexico lost a real hero. Richard Rocco, an Army Medic in the Vietnam War who received the Medal of Honor for rescuing severely wounded fellow crewmen from the wreckage of a downed helicopter under enemy fire, died of cancer on October 31 at his home in San Antonio, Texas. He was 63.

On May 24, 1970, Mr. Rocco, a sergeant, was aboard a medical evacuation helicopter that was shot down on a mission to remove wounded South Vietnamese troops besieged near the village of Katum. Mr. Rocco suffered back injuries, a broken hip and a broken wrist, and the other four crew members were shot. Brave and determined, Mr. Rocco went back to the helicopter and carried the co-pilot, the crew chief and another medic to cover, one at a time, crossing 20 yards of open ground under a hail of fire, his hands and face burned by flames engulfing the helicopter. The next day, two American helicopters were shot down trying to evacuate the crewmen, who had called in artillery and air strikes on their own position to turn back an assault by North Vietnamese troops. However, all five crew members were rescued on that second day.

The commander of the First Cavalry Division visited Mr. Rocco at the hospital and told him he had been recommended for the Medal of Honor. He heard nothing else about it until 1974, when he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was told he would receive the medal, the nation's highest award for valor.

Mr. Rocco had not known that the co-pilot he saved, Lt. Lee Caubarreaux, had been lobbying in his behalf. In March 1971, while Mr. Caubarreaux was preparing for a medical retirement in Texas, the Medal of Honor recommendation was mailed to him by a warrant officer in the First Cavalry Division awards office in South Vietnam who had found it in a desk drawer.

Mr. Caubarreaux appealed to Army authorities to approve the award, and then recounted Mr. Rocco's efforts to Senator Russell Long of Louisiana, Mr. Caubarreaux's home state. Those efforts finally prevailed when President Gerald R. Ford presented the Medal of Honor

to Mr. Rocco on December 12, 1974. The medal requires even generals to salute its recipients.

Louis Richard Rocco, a native of the Barelmas neighborhood of Albuquerque, retired from the Army as a chief warrant officer in 1978 after 22 years of military service. He re-enlisted in 1991, in the Persian Gulf War, and spent six months at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, recruiting military personnel.

Mr. Rocco worked extensively as a veterans counselor. In 1978 he started the Vet Center on Fourth Street which created a host of services and programs for veterans. Besides the Vet Center, Mr. Rocco started a shelter for homeless veterans, a nursing home in Truth or Consequences and tuition waivers for veterans attending state-run colleges. During the administration of New Mexico Governor Toney Anaya he was named the director of the Veterans Service Commission. In recent years, even as his health failed, he also spoke to schoolchildren about drug abuse on behalf of Vietnam Veterans of America.

As a testament to the impact that Mr. Rocco has had on his fellow New Mexicans, on October 12 of this year a South Valley Park next to the Westside Community Center was named after him: The Richard Rocco Medal of Honor Park and a stone monument placed there in his honor. Plans are also underway for a bronze bust of Mr. Rocco to be made and placed inside the old Armijo School near the park—where he went to school growing up. Although seriously ill, Mr. Rocco came to the ceremony organized by veterans throughout New Mexico. He called the naming of the park "an honor that I hold above presidents and legislators, because these are my people. For them to honor me, it makes me feel so good."

In addition to his wife, Maria, three children, five grandchildren, his mother, one brother and four sisters survive Mr. Rocco. I extend my deep condolences to the Rocco family and all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

Mr. Speaker, as the only member of the New Mexico congressional delegation serving on the Veterans Affairs Committee, I wanted to inform my colleagues about this heroic and extraordinary man. Richard Rocco's historic and noble acts have given New Mexicans reason to hope, reason to be proud, and reason to champion the veteran. I ask my colleagues to join with me to pay tribute to Richard Rocco for his courageous actions, on that day so long ago.

HONORING IOWA VOLUNTEER

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Alyssa Hall from Epworth, Iowa. A high school student, Alyssa attended my 2001 Youth Summit in Dubuque.

During the youth summit each year, spending a full day with young Iowans encourages me about the future of our state and nation. Alyssa Hall is part of an outstanding group of students who have an enormous amount of ability and potential to make the world that surrounds them a better place.

I challenged those students attending the summit in Dubuque to become active in their local areas and to let me know about their experiences. I asked them to perform some sort of service to enhance the communities they call home.

I was very pleased to hear recently from Alyssa about her volunteer experiences with the Epworth Gateway Gardeners, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making their hometown a more beautiful place to live.

Alyssa embraced my challenge and took action. Throughout the spring and summer months Alyssa joined the Gateway Gardeners in creating a butterfly garden near a new town walking path. She worked hard, got a little dirt under her nails and especially enjoyed tending to an area with pink petunias, Epworth's official flower.

It is clear that Alyssa found the time she spent with the Epworth Gateway Gardeners to be both enjoyable and rewarding. I am sure her friends, neighbors and fellow volunteers are very appreciative of her time and effort.

I want to publicly thank Alyssa for her hard work. I hope she will continue her dedication to community service in the future. She is an outstanding young American, and I am especially proud of her efforts to make Iowa a better place.

HONORING EMMITT J. SMITH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a legendary athlete, philanthropist and role model, Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt J. Smith III, for his exceptional achievements on and off the playing field.

On Sunday, October 27, 2002, Smith made history by becoming the National Football League's all-time leading rusher, surpassing late Chicago Bears great Walter Payton. With a powerful, 11-yard carry against the Seattle Seahawks, Smith pushed his career total in rushing yardage to the 16,728 mark, moving him two yards ahead of the record that Payton (16,726) set in 1987.

However, his achievement as the NFL's all-time top rusher is just one of many accomplishments that Smith can boast. Throughout his 13-year career in professional football, he has compiled an outstanding resume of accomplishments as a star running back and valued teammate. He has led the Dallas Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles while also claiming Super Bowl MVP honors. In 1993, he won the National Football League Most Valuable Player Award.

Smith is the winner of four NFL rushing titles and is the first player in NFL history to rush for over 1,000 yards in 11 consecutive seasons. He is also the NFL's career rushing touchdown leader. What's more, he has accomplished all of these goals while wearing a Dallas Cowboys uniform, making him a hometown hero for the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas and the entire Dallas-Fort Worth area.

His performances on the field are only overshadowed by one thing: his incredible public service off the field. Smith has become

Dallas's goodwill ambassador to the world through his dedication to improving the lives of young people everywhere.

His work to aid programs for youth and children in a range of areas from student mentoring to anti-drug education to physical fitness is impressive. Among the numerous activities Smith has championed throughout his career, he has served as the Cowboys' United Way spokesman and supported Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Kidney Foundation, Oak Cliff (TX) Little League, Buckner Children's Home of Texas, The Salvation Army, American Lung Association, the Battered and Abused Children's Foundation, B.A.D (Boxers Against Drugs) and Theater Arts for Youth. He has also worked with children through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, hosting many visits at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch practice facility during the season.

Smith also co-founded the Open Doors Foundation, a not-for-profit that supports organizations and faith-based programs to provide educational, motivational and financial services to today's youth, with a special emphasis on narrowing the digital divide. In June 2002, he was appointed by President Bush to serve on the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and educate millions of American children about the importance of staying healthy.

Mr. Speaker, for all of his record-breaking, awe-inspiring athletic achievements, for all his selfless work in the community to serve as a role model for youth and to help those less fortunate, and for his time spent as an outstanding husband, father, and citizen, I rise to salute Emmitt Smith. He is a Texas treasure and a national icon, and I join the legions of Dallas Cowboy fans in congratulating him and his family on this momentous occasion. Go Cowboys!

HONORING TED MALIARIS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Ted Maliaris for his efforts to promote patriotism around the Nation through music.

Ted Maliaris is now touring the United States performing "A Tribute to America—A 21st Century Anthem" which was composed by his mother, Ann S. Miller in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The Anthem is dedicated to our Armed Forces, to our men and women in uniform, and all Americans who need to carry on in this time of crisis. By performing the Anthem with children's groups across America, Ted Maliaris hopes to inspire and promote patriotism for our great nation through song.

Please join me in congratulating Ted Maliaris for his service to America through the arts.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CORTEZ FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Cortez Fire Protection District based in Cortez, Colorado for their service and dedication during one of Colorado's most formidable fire seasons. Last summer, the Fire Protection District played an integral role in containing the Missionary Ridge forest fire that burned over 70,000 acres in Southwestern Colorado. Today, I would like to pay tribute to their heroic efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When the Missionary Ridge fire first erupted last June, the citizens of Durango, Bayfield and the surrounding communities called upon the Cortez Fire Protection District to protect their loved ones, homes, and communities from what would become the worst fire in area history. The fire began in a ditch beside Missionary Ridge Road just 15 miles northeast of Durango and grew to consume more than 70,000 acres, 56 residences, and 27 out-buildings.

Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The Cortez Fire Protection District has served the citizens of Cortez since 1886 and operates from three fire stations. The district relies on a fulltime Fire Marshall and 36 volunteer firefighters, prepared to fight fires or provide medical assistance on a moment's notice.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Cortez Fire Protection District before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend the Cortez volunteer firefighters and their support staff for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the Cortez Fire Protection District and others, the added devastation to our community, environment, and quality of life would have been unimaginable. Their tireless commitment throughout the fire season has served as an inspiration to us all and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN MERRILLVILLE, IN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I congratulate the members of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Merrillville, Indiana as they celebrate their 88th anniversary, as well as the 11th anniversary of their present sanctuary's consecration. The festivities will begin on Sunday, November 17, 2002 with a special service, followed by a banquet to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Beckoning visitors who are traveling on Interstate 65, the golden domes of St. Sava offer an amazing spectacle. However, it is the interior of the church that the parishioners hold sacred. Built from Indiana limestone in a five-year construction project, the present sanctuary located at 9191 Mississippi Street in Merrillville replaced the original St. Sava Church, built in 1914 in Gary, Indiana, after that church was destroyed by fire. The dedicated members of the church came together to worship at the St. Sava "small hall" in Hobart Indiana while plans were made for their new sanctuary. Undeterred by the loss of their church building, the congregation demonstrated their commitment to each other and to their faith by carrying on with their services at the "small hall" for 13 years.

Mr. Speaker, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church is led by the Very Reverend Jovan Todorovich. The Very Reverend Todorovich has been the priest at the church for 33 years, and the parishioners are thankful for the spiritual and emotional leadership he has provided during that time. Church President Michael Galich has attended St. Sava since 1946 and is proud that the church has been able to maintain the Serbian traditions and customs that make their church unique. Because the congregation has been blessed with tremendous leadership and good fortune throughout its history, it is appropriate that the celebration of the church's anniversary will be held near the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Very Reverend Todorovich, along with his Grace Bishop Longin, and Father Irinej Dobrijevic will serve the Holy Hierarchical Liturgy the morning of November 17, which will be followed by a memorial service to be conducted by representatives of a local American Legion at the adjacent Memorial Park to commemorate the fallen soldiers of all wars. The celebration banquet will conclude the festivities, led by keynote speaker Scott Taylor, a former soldier, and author of a book detailing the military action in Yugoslavia and Macedonia following the NATO occupation of Kosovo.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the congregation of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church as they celebrate the 88th anniversary of their parish. Blessed with outstanding leadership and unwavering faith, the congregation of St. Sava has enriched Northwest Indiana by bringing the proud and historic Serbian traditions to our community. May God continue to bless the parishioners and the church leaders for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pan American Health Organization, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. PAHO is the oldest international health organization in the world, and serves as the Regional Office of the Americas for the World Health Organization. It is

headquartered in Washington D.C. and has a U.S.-Mexico Border Field Office in El Paso, Texas, as well as country offices in 27 nations throughout the Americas and nine scientific and technical centers.

This year, as we celebrate the Centennial of the Pan American Health Organization, we also celebrate the notable health achievements of the countries of the Americas, with the support of PAHO.

One hundred years ago, public health in the Americas was an uncoordinated jumble, as individual countries made separate efforts to protect themselves and their people against the threat of "imported" diseases. Yet over the next century, through coordinated action, health progress unrivaled in history swept the Western Hemisphere as health leaders joined together to fight disease and to bring water, sanitation, and health services to millions.

The achievements of the countries of the Americas, led by the Pan American Health Organization over the last century, tell a story of ongoing progress: Measles, smallpox and polio have been eradicated from the Americas.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks on the United States in 2001 and with the threat of bioterrorism, the countries of the Americas are enhancing their emergency preparedness capabilities, improving their surveillance and response to outbreaks of infections, and expanding their laboratory capacity to diagnose agents used in bio-terrorism. Disaster and public health experts are being trained to prepare for and manage biological, chemical and radiological incidents.

A new "Building Blocks Model for HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care" program is improving care for the 2.6 million people in the Americas who are infected with HIV.

Life expectancy at birth rose from less than 50 years at the start of the last century to 69.8 years in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to 76.9 years in North America today.

Efforts to promote quality control in blood services in the region have reduced the risk of diseases transmitted by blood transfusion by one-half.

Water supply and waste disposal services have improved significantly in many countries, with coverage exceeding 90 percent in some of them.

Progress is on track toward elimination of onchocerciasis, targeted for 2007.

Regional information systems have been developed for epidemiological surveillance of food borne diseases and for food legislation and regulations that both protect and favor international trade.

Progress toward the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease has been stepped up, and the original date for achieving eradication, 2013, has been advanced to 2007.

There has been a 65 percent reduction in leprosy in the region since 1992.

A health information system now enables front-line health workers to analyze health trends and health inequities between and within countries and, on the basis of that analysis, to target the most needy.

Laws have been passed on a broad spectrum of health issues, including health of the elderly, mental health, adolescent health, safe motherhood, vaccination, blood banks, and health insurance.

Intense work in emergency preparedness enabled countries to prepare for and mitigate the effects of many natural disasters, including

Hurricane Mitch and the deadly floods in Venezuela.

Eighteen countries of the region have established national plans to fortify food with micronutrients such as iron, iodine, and vitamin A.

I would like to commend Sir George A.O. Alleyne of Barbados, for his eight years of exemplary service as the Director of the Pan American Health Organization. The reputation that PAHO now enjoys with the U.S. Congress and the Executive branch is a direct attribute to the steadfast efforts by Dr. Alleyne and the excellent work by the entire organization.

I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Mirta Roses Periago of Argentina on recently being elected to be the new Executive Director of PAHO. She will be the first woman and first Argentine to lead the world's oldest international health organization.

As PAHO enters its second century of service, I hope we can continue the path of achievement. The region certainly faces numerous ongoing challenges, but together, across regional and national lines, we can join in this great effort to improve the lives of everyone living in the Americas.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
AUTUMN FRONTZ

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Autumn Frontz is a heroine who saved her baby sister, Samantha Lynn, from choking; and

Whereas, Autumn Frontz acted quickly, without hesitation, proving herself to be remarkably responsible and caring; and

Whereas, Autumn Frontz is an asset to her family and the entire New Philadelphia community in her willingness to help others;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Autumn Frontz for her selflessness and heroism.

IN HONOR OF JOHN C. BANUELOS
FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION
TO OUR NATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to John C. Banuelos, in memory of his service to the community as a loyal citizen and as a proud member of our Armed Services during World War II.

Mr. Banuelos was born on January 26, 1921. He and his three brothers were Pioneer Farmers from Orange County. The four brothers went on to serve together in the Army during World War II. John served in the South Pacific theatre of operation where he led reconnaissance missions in the jungles of the Philippines and Japan. Some of his most notable experiences included personally meeting General Douglas MacArthur and befriending his family. Toward the end of the War, he participated in the guarding and transportation of gold and currency shipments seized from

Japan. As ground force squad leader "761," John led a group of 12 men who escorted generals from Tokyo to camps, inspected quarters for families of military personnel, and made reports on inspections.

Always proud but reserved and modest about his military experiences, John was awarded the expert M-1 classification in February of 1945, later receiving a personal letter on behalf of the United States from President Harry Truman. In addition, Staff Sergeant Banuelos' meritorious achievements included receiving the Victory Medal of Honor, the Asiatic Campaign medal, and a Good Conduct medal. Mr. Banuelos and his family are truly a distinguished part of our nation's military history.

Mr. Banuelos will be remembered for his service to our country and the community. As his Representative in Congress and as a member of the Armed Services Committee, I am proud to recognize John C. Banuelos for his contributions to our nation.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4546,
BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, while there may be many worthwhile provisions in this bill, I strongly oppose the unnecessary and unwarranted exemption contained in Section 315 for the Department of Defense (DOD) from the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, our Nation's oldest conservation law. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act provides protection for over 850 species of migratory birds, including many that are threatened or endangered. The Act also sets forth U.S. obligations under four separate treaties to protect migratory birds and guide cooperative conservation management with Canada, Mexico, Japan, and Russia.

The provision which was inserted at the Bush Administration's request will effectively give the Defense Department license to bomb and destroy at will the natural habitats of migratory birds, endangering more than one million birds and curtailing the enjoyment of more than 50 million bird enthusiasts in this country. The provision will also provide an exclusive legal immunity from third-party lawsuits which challenge DOD non-compliance with the Act.

I have dealt with the military for years and they constantly seek to get out from under environmental laws. It is despicable that they are now using the threat of September 11 and al Qaeda to get unprecedented environmental immunity. We have fought two World Wars, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War with this law in place, and there is no demonstrated need to exempt the Department of Defense now.

I raised concerns about this provision when H.R. 2456 was being considered and passed by the House. This environmental exemption was rushed through without significant public scrutiny. No hearings were held on the specifics of the proposal. Only one hearing was held in the House Armed Services Committee on the general issue and only the DOD and

Federal government agencies were allowed to testify. Other stakeholders, such as state and local governments, industry representatives, tribal governments, and citizen groups did not have a full opportunity to participate in hearings on the bill. This provision falls under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Resources and that is where the reviews and debate of this issue should have taken place.

Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of the Interior already has the authority under current law to issue permits for actions that might kill, harm or injure migratory birds in the course of government activities. In addition, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and DOD have been developing regulations pursuant to Executive Order 13186 to resolve migratory bird disputes. And, in March 2002, a U.S. court recognized for the first time the DOD must comply with MBTA and ordered the military to apply for the administrative remedy already available. The DOD has chosen to fight this court ruling in the case of *Center for Biological Diversity vs Robert B. Pirie, Jr.*, Acting Secretary of the Navy; Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, (U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia).

The members of this body should also be aware of the ridiculous arguments that the DOD was making in court to support its efforts to exempt itself.

In the above-mentioned case, the DOD claimed:

... plaintiffs have suffered insufficient injury because the more birds that the defendants (DoD) kill, the more enjoyment Mr. Frew (a plaintiff) will get from seeing the ones that remain: "bird watchers get more enjoyment spotting a rare bird than they do spotting a common one."

Let me also quote Judge Sullivan's finding with respect to DoD's argument (on page 17 of his opinion):

Suffice it to say, there is absolutely no support in the law for the view that environmentalists should get enjoyment out of the destruction of natural resources because that destruction makes the remaining resources more scarce and therefore valuable. The Court hopes that the federal government will refrain from making or adopting such frivolous arguments in the future.

I also oppose the bill's provisions concerning the Price-Anderson Act, which are incomplete, insufficient, and fail to protect the public interest.

First, let me make clear that I am a strong supporter of the Act's reauthorization, and believe the best course at this late date would be for the other body to approve H.R. 2983, the Price-Anderson reauthorization passed by the House last November on suspension. Second, it is highly regrettable that this issue has been allowed to languish and, as a consequence, the Act lapsed in August. It is equally regrettable, however, that when my colleagues on the Armed Services Committee chose to address the Department of Energy (DOE) contractor issue in this bill, they did not take the logical step of including reforms from H.R. 2983 to make contractors accountable for irresponsible actions that harm the public.

Under current law, DOE contractors are completely indemnified for accidents involving nuclear materials, even if the accident resulted from willful misconduct or gross negligence.

This means that the taxpayer actually is required to reimburse a contractor for the cost of public harm caused by its own misconduct.

No other government contractor enjoys the right to unconditional indemnification, even those engaged in nuclear or other hazardous work for the defense agencies. When the House passed its version of Price-Anderson reauthorization, that bill included a bipartisan provision which prohibited indemnification of contractors for "conduct which constitutes intentional misconduct." The DOE claims that despite the current law's safety disincentive, it is necessary to secure contractors' services. I cannot imagine why the Department should even wish to hire a contractor who is not willing to be held accountable for its intentional misconduct.

Finally, it is my understanding that several contractors have signed contracts with DOE since the Act lapsed in August, under alternate statutory authority which can continue to fill the gap until Congress has an opportunity to address this issue thoroughly next year. In other words, there is no emergency that needs to be addressed in this bill, and in any event no reason for Congress to continue the unjustifiable policy of unconditionally indemnifying DOE contractors for intentional misconduct.

Mr. Speaker, in adopting the Migratory Bird Treaty Act exemption for DOD one of our Nation's most important environmental laws has been undermined. And by providing total indemnification for DOE contractors, even when they engage in intentional misconduct, we reduce public safety. Therefore, I rise in opposition to this conference report.

HONORING CORPORAL ANTONIO SLEDD

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor Corporal Antonio Sledd for his courage and sacrifice for our country. On October 8, 2002, Tony was killed when two Kuwaiti terrorists opened fire on members of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit training in the Persian Gulf.

Tony was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, but grew up in Tampa, where he attended Gaither High School. After graduating in 2000, Tony joined the Marines and earned the National Defense Service medal for serving during a time of conflict and a Deployment Ribbon for serving abroad for more than 90 days. At his funeral, he was awarded the Purple Heart and promoted from Lance Corporal to Corporal.

Friends and family remember Tony for his enthusiasm and devotion to his country. It was Tony who encouraged his twin brother, Michael, to join the Marines. Tony was planning a lifetime of service—after serving in the military he hoped to earn a degree in criminology, so he could pursue a career in the FBI.

Tony's friends call him a hero and remember his sense of humor and how he went out of his way to take care of others. In honor of

Tony, the community created a Gaither High School Education/Scholarship Fund to help future students who share Tony's dreams.

On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Tony's family. He was an American hero who will be remembered for his courage and sacrifice.

TUBERCULOSIS AND TUCKER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a forgotten disease, which is anything but forgotten right now in my congressional district. A number of students and administrators at Tucker High School in DeKalb County, Georgia are learning more than they care to know about tuberculosis.

Last week, about 200 Tucker High School students and staff had to be tested and treated after someone at the high school tested positive for tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is the forgotten disease, and as history continues to show us every time we forget and ignore TB, we are doomed to repeat history with continued outbreaks of tuberculosis as well as stronger strains of the disease such as multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. Every time government agencies are forced to cut back on funding for tuberculosis programs the rate of infection increases in populations who need our help the most.

Tuberculosis is truly a global disease, with more than 2 billion people around the world carrying the infection. Right here in the United States, the South has one of the highest rates of TB infection because of the vast health disparities between blacks and whites. African Americans have higher rates of TB in the United States because of poverty conditions in the South and in urban areas. Because of that poverty, African American also have a difficult time accessing tuberculosis medications and primary care treatment for the disease.

That is why I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 1167: The Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2001 and H.R. 1168: The Stop TB Now Act. This legislation effectively implements recommendations listed in an Institute of Medicine report entitled "Ending Neglect: The Elimination of Tuberculosis in the United States". These recommendations attack tuberculosis on a national and international level. The legislation does so by increasing the authorized funding levels for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the National Institutes of Health (NIH), giving them more ammunition to fight this treacherous disease here in the United States and abroad.

We in the Congress have an unprecedented opportunity to eliminate tuberculosis in the United States and reduce this scourge, so other high schools do not have to go through the same trauma and interruption of their daily lives as the students, staff, and faculty have faced at Tucker High School. I urge the House of Representatives to pass H.R. 1167: The Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2001 and H.R. 1168: The Stop TB Now Act.

REGARDING THE RETIREMENT OF
GEORGE O. WITHERS**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, this is the time of year that we say farewell to some old friends. That's never easy. But it is even harder when the friend in question spent considerable time and energy helping make us all look good.

George Withers, who is leaving the Armed Services Committee staff at the end of this year, came to Capitol Hill in 1978. He had served his country in the Navy during Vietnam. But he has spent twenty-four years proving that national service doesn't end when you take off the uniform. As legislative director on a personal staff, then press secretary and a professional staff member of the committee, George has made America better every day.

A lot of young go-getters come to work on the Hill, Mr. Speaker. But George proved that you don't have to be obnoxious to get things done. His real sense of decency and values have provided a reference and example for not only the Armed Services Committee staff, but all of us who worked with him.

George has been the conscience of the committee staff. He is a devoted advocate for those Americans who most need and deserve Congress's protection. Discussions of national security can get pretty esoteric, but George makes sure that we keep our focus on people, both those in uniform and those our military exists to protect. As a former enlisted man and NCO, he never lets the former officers on the staff forget who the real troops are.

Mr. Speaker, while our staff works in a non-partisan way, George is a determined, thoroughgoing, old-school Democrat. But look at the pictures on his office walls. Yes, he has photos of himself with our former colleagues Ron Dellums and Silvio Conte. But there's John Kasich, too, and President Bush. All of which speaks to the fairness and openmindedness with which George approached his job. He lets his political beliefs inform his work, but never get in the way of doing what was right for the country.

To my way of thinking, George has only one flaw. The B-2 bomber is the pride of Whiteman Air Force Base, in my district. George led the fight at the staff level against the B-2, and succeeded for quite some time. In gratitude for George's exemplary service, I promise not to have one named for him.

In recent years, George's primary duties have concerned the military construction budget. Every member of this body whose district has received military construction funds—and that's most of us—has George Withers to thank.

But he was also our committee's driving force on policies concerning Latin America. Whether the question was the naval bombing on Vieques or the United States' role in Colombia, George fought for a sensible, humble foreign policy.

George's decency doesn't stop at the Capitol door, either. When he isn't here—during the few hours each year we let the staff out—George actively supports charities. He loves riding his bike, and he loves it even more when he's getting contributions for every mile he rides.

While he will tell you that he loves his work here, just ask him about his children, Sam and Lizzie. You'll see what love really means by the sparkle in his eyes. And we were all thrilled when George married Donna earlier this year. His departure from our little world means that he will have even more opportunities to love and care for them, and even his cat, Tom. But I warn you, George, cats don't always love you back.

I will miss George Withers cheerful counsel personally. The Congress will be poorer for his departure. But the real accolade is that people around the world who will never know his name have better lives today because George Withers was part of this House.

HONORING HERBERT D. AND
ELEANOR MEYERHOFF KATZ**HON. PETER DEUTSCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor community leaders, Herbert D. and Eleanor Meyerhoff Katz, for their strong commitment to the Jewish community on a local, national, and international level. Their dedication and distinguished leadership has enabled many communities to be stronger and more vibrant while maintaining a deep connection to their Jewish roots and culture.

As a couple, Herbert and Eleanor have served as a model for the concept of charity. However, each has taken on numerous leadership roles on their own. The United Jewish Community of Broward County was formed under the direction and guidance of Mr. Katz. He is a past-president of the Jewish Federation and was an integral leader in the creation of the UJCBC, which combined two existing federations and now serves the 3rd largest Jewish community in America. Mr. Katz's other posts include: President of American Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Vice Chair of the United Jewish Appeal; recipient of a Presidential Appointment to Board member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council; Secretary/Treasurer of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee; University of Pennsylvania Associate Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Overseers for the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies.

Eleanor Meyerhoff Katz is a graduate of Wellesley College, and has been heavily involved in education. Mrs. Katz is a long-standing Board member of the Jack and Rose Orloff Central Agency for Jewish Education. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of Hillel, The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, Chairman of the Board for Curry College, a Board member for the Washington Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, a past president of the Beth Shalom Day School and the Jewish High School of South Florida, and a committee member for the Jewish Federation of South Broward.

Mr. and Mrs. Katz were also instrumental in establishing the Chair for the Joseph Meyerhoff Professor of Modern Jewish History at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Katzs have played an integral part of life in South Florida. Their commitment and love for their community has led them to take

a leadership role in the Community Capital Campaign for the United Jewish Community of Broward County, with the new Eleanor M. and Herbert D. Katz Building, which will house many religious organizations and serve as a focal point for Jewish life.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a truly special occasion that I stand here today and commend these fine individuals for their outstanding achievements and service to the world community. Their unparalleled dedication to the ideas of community serve as an example for us all.

COMMEMORATING THE 50-YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT**HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. DOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Westlands Water District, which celebrates its 50-year anniversary on November 17, 2002. I have the privilege of representing many Westlands water users in Congress.

The Westlands Water District encompasses over 600,000 acres, of which 560,000 acres are applicable for irrigated agricultural production in Fresno and Kings counties. Westlands is comprised by approximately 600 family-owned farms and 2,400 landowners, making Westlands the largest water district in the world.

For 50 years, the Westlands Water District has been a leader in innovative irrigated agriculture and water resource utilization in the Western United States. Through its irrigation practices, Westlands and its farmers have helped develop the west side of the San Joaquin Valley into one of the leading agricultural producing regions in the world.

Farming in the area known as Westlands began during California's Gold Rush era. Irrigated agricultural production began around 1915 and by 1942, landowners organized to develop a water supply system.

Westlands Water District itself was formed in 1952 and began delivering contracted water from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to farms on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley in 1968.

The leadership that has characterized the first 50 years of the Westlands Water District has helped to make the west side of the San Joaquin Valley a unique place of opportunity for families and small businesses.

Today the farmers of Westlands produce over 60 different commercial food and fiber crops sold for fresh, dry, canned and frozen food markets, both domestic and for export. The estimated annual production value of agricultural commodities produced in Westlands is \$1 billion, which generates approximately \$3.5 billion in related economic activity for Fresno and Kings Counties.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the Westlands Water District for fifty years of valuable service to the residents of the west side of the San Joaquin Valley and in wishing them continued success in the future.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING
JUDGE LOYS CRISWELL**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge Loys Criswell, soldier of justice in the State of Oklahoma, farmer, beloved husband, father, and friend to many.

A life-long resident of Oklahoma, Judge Criswell grew up in the town of Duke during the difficult years of the Great Depression. During his formative years, violence and shoot-outs were commonplace along the streets of Duke, and justice and accountability were non-existent. Judge Criswell lost several relatives and friends in these conflicts. So impactful were the events of his youth that Mr. Criswell dedicated his entire adult life to administering justice, and offering hope and rehabilitation to offenders.

Judge Criswell was also committed to social justice issues and equal opportunity for everyone. When he learned of the plight of the babies of Mexican migrant workers dying from dysentery, Judge Criswell sprung into action and assisted the Southwest Oklahoma Migrant Ministry in developing better housing and improved conditions for migrant workers.

As a highly effective prosecutor and later a juvenile and family judge for many years, Judge Criswell's keen understanding of the history and nuances of our intricate legal system, along with his strong sense of justice—tempered by compassion and his belief in redemption for offenders—profoundly impacted the lives of thousands of individuals and families, and helped improve the overall quality of life for everyone within his region of Oklahoma. As county attorney in Altus, Mr. Criswell eliminated close to twenty illegal operations in the county, and in other rural parts of the area. His intelligence and unwavering belief in the American judicial system were unmatched by none, as was his deep sense of compassion for everyone who stood before him within the walls of his courtroom. Personally and professionally, Judge Criswell was a man of integrity, character, kindness and ideals. He was a brilliant man with an ever-hopeful heart, and an ever-humble spirit. Judge Criswell was bestowed with many awards and accolades for his brilliant work, yet he always shied away from praise and accolades.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of my friend and mentor, Judge Loys Criswell, who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was a man of vision, a scholar, a farmer and seeker of truth. And above all else, Judge Criswell was a man who possessed a heart as expansive and true as the rolling farms of Oklahoma. Judge Criswell dedicated his life to justice and positive change and consistently reached out to members of his community. I extend my deepest condolences to Judge Criswell's beloved wife Edna, and beloved daughter, Beverly. Judge Loys Criswell's life has made a true and significant difference in the lives of many—in Oklahoma, and in places beyond, and his spirit and legacy will live on forever.

SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF
THE 7TH DISTRICT OF ALABAMA**HON. EARL F. HILLIARD**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give honor to this great body, which I shall leave at the end of this term. This is the most Democratic body in the Federal government, turning to the American people in our districts every other year for reinstruction and rededication, as well as reelection.

We are the representatives who most directly represent America, and I am proud to have been elected by the people of the 7th District of Alabama to serve them for a decade. It is my hope that these good Americans believe that I have represented them well—I know that I have tried with all my mind, my soul and my body to do so.

I feel good that I was able to maintain a 100% voting record for the working men and women of Alabama, the consumers and the constituency I represented in the U.S. Congress.

It has been a special burden and a special honor to represent one of the poorest districts in the richest nation in the world.

It has been a special burden and special honor to represent a district mostly comprised of a minority not long ago enslaved by the very nation in which they are now citizens.

It has been a special burden and a special honor to represent the victorious battleground of the civil rights movement, a battleground that gave America nonviolent resistance, and gave the world a more honorable way to struggle for human rights.

As I leave this body, it is my prayer that America will make as its first priority the ending of poverty in the richest nation in the world. To have poverty in the midst of riches is unconscionable and we must move immediately to end this most destructive condition from the American people forever.

It is my prayer that America will finally move beyond the ignominious history of racism that has eaten at our nation's heart since the conception of this nation. The racism which has historically oppressed Blacks such as myself in this nation too easily turns against others, against Arabs, Asians, and may well turn again against Jews.

It is my prayer that America will find a way to place human values before monetary ones. Today, money is the engine of everything in this nation. People matter less and less in the face of monetarism, both in this nation and in the world. Globalization is not the high-minded internationalism we have dreamed of—it is instead the take-over of the world by transnational corporations which may have been born in America but which are loyal only to wealth. We have to put people before profits before the people are nothing but products.

It is my prayer that America will find a way to achieve international peace. We cannot continue to use cheap nationalism to reduce people to less than human, religious arrogance to call others evil, or media blitzkriegs to whip the American people into imperialist cheerleaders.

For this intertwined world, there is only one way to survive and that is to survive together. However many nations exist, there is only one human race. It is neither good nor evil—it is human. I for one find it deeply lovable. I place myself in its service, in the service of the people of the world.

HONORING PAUL MARTIN OF
PETALUMA, CA**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Martin of Petaluma, California, who has just received the Award of Distinction from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California at Davis. This highly competitive award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated leadership and achievement or brought distinction to the College through their careers.

During the ten years I have been in the U.S. Congress, Mr. Martin's in-depth knowledge of agricultural issues has been invaluable as a resource to me and my office. Paul has given unsparingly of his time to educate me and my staff on the needs of the dairy industry as it relates to federal legislation and the Sixth Congressional District. We have also worked together on our shared goals to preserve family farms. In fact, although he typically votes Republican, his campaigning on my behalf is a reflection of his commitment to those goals.

Paul Martin graduated from UC Davis in 1965 and from the California Agricultural Leadership Program in 1980. Next year he will receive an MA in Public Policy from Sonoma State University. In addition to operating two dairy ranches and working for Western United Dairyman as coordinator of Environmental Services and Field Representative, Mr. Martin has been a leader in a wide range of agricultural, environmental, and community causes. Some of these include service with the California Air Resources Board, State Water Resources Control Board, USDA Sonoma-Marin Dairy and Range Belt, Chief of Two Rock Volunteer Fire Department, Petaluma American Little League, Two Rock 4-H, Sonoma County Farm Bureau, and Petaluma High School District Facilities Committee. He also served as a First Lieutenant, USAR in Viet Nam and received a Bronze Star.

A third generation dairyman on his family's ranch, Mr. Martin has lived in Petaluma his entire life. His son John now raises heifers and beef cattle on the dairy while his daughter Betsy and daughter-in-law, Natalie use the ranch to raise dairy cattle for showing and sales.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Martin is respected as a leader within the agricultural community whose advice and knowledge I value highly. I am proud of his award and his many contributions to his community and to the dairy industry. And I am especially proud to call Paul Martin my friend.

ALCOA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Alcoa Foundation.

The Alcoa Foundation, located in Pittsburgh, was founded in 1952 with an endowment from Alcoa, the company that has been a very successful producer of aluminum in this country for decades. Alcoa has its headquarters in Pittsburgh.

Since its founding, the Alcoa Foundation has made more than \$339 million in awards around the world, including the \$21 million it gave to more than 2,000 organizations in 26 countries last year. The foundation targets its giving to promote the goals of conservation and sustainability; safe and healthy children and families; global education in business, engineering, science, and technology; skills for the future; and business and community partnerships. The foundation also concentrates its efforts in communities in which it operates.

One of those communities is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Alcoa Foundation has established a five-year "Allegheny Works Initiative", for example, in Pittsburgh. The foundation has committed \$1 million through this program to programs that enhance literacy and employment opportunities on the City's Northside. The initiative relies upon local leaders to determine the community's most pressing needs and suggest the most appropriate responses to those needs. Grant awards through the initiative have included after-school programs to improve young people's study skills and discourage drug and alcohol abuse. Other programs have increased access to the Internet for Northside residents and promoted reading among at-risk students at a local school.

Among its many other activities, the Alcoa Foundation funds scholarships for the children of Alcoa employees in the United States. These scholarships are awarded based on achievement, potential, leadership, community service and character. They are judged by a national panel of college and university professionals. This year, 91 students received scholarships totaling \$534,000.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the Alcoa Foundation for its many good works and congratulate its staff and donors on the 50th anniversary of this worthy institution.

HONORING ALFRED CAHN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alfred Cahn, upon celebrating his 90th birthday.

Al Cahn has worked with the Coler-Goldwater Memorial Hospital on Roosevelt Island for nearly thirty years. He has been a passionate member of the Patient Care Committee, fighting to help improve the lives of patients. Al and his devoted wife, Lee, took the time to create a family council to work with

hospital administration to help make Coler-Goldwater an even better place. Al's dedication led him to serve as both president of the council and vice-president of the Community Advisory Board at the hospital.

Al's extensive interaction with the patients at Coler-Goldwater is remarkable. Al not only visits his patients, he brings out those that are able and serves as a feeder for those that are less fortunate. Al and his wife are also known for their annual barbecue which they host at their Whitestone home. With homemade food and fresh fish, caught by the Cahn's themselves, the outing has been a truly uplifting time for all of the attendees.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Alfred Cahn on this truly special occasion as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Al is an honorable man who has spent such a large portion of his life aiding and honoring, the lives of others. May he continue to celebrate throughout this year and for many more to come.

HONORING ROBERT C. STEWART

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mariposa County District III Supervisor Robert "Bob" Stewart for his years of dedicated service to the community.

Bob has shown his commitment to the community through a career of public service. He is a veteran who served on the California Highway Patrol for twenty-eight years, protecting Mariposa County for twenty. As an elected official, Bob continued supporting emergency responders by advocating newer equipment for public safety employees and volunteer fire departments.

Bob was first elected to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors in 1994 and reelected for his second term in 1998, serving as Chair in 1997 and 2002. He acted as Board liaison member to the General Government and the Health and Human Services areas.

Bob's contributions to the community spread beyond the numerous County projects he has chaired. For the last twenty years he has also served as deacon to the First Baptist Church of Mariposa. In all of his varied activities, Bob is known foremost for his honesty and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Bob Stewart for his active and dedicated community involvement. I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob and wishing him many more years of success.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
PETER YARROW AND AVERY
COHEN**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen, as they are honored by the Hat-

tie Larlham Foundation on November 13th for their significant work on behalf of individual rights.

For the past forty years, the Hattie Larlham Foundation has been a source of hope, support and care for thousands of children and adolescents with disabilities and their families, in northeast Ohio. The vast and vital work of both Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen on behalf of the Foundation, reflects the true spirit of this exceptional agency—a spirit of helping and caring, a spirit of empowerment; and a spirit of dedication to social justice—one child at a time; one family at a time.

The vital work of Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen is the work of heroes who speak for those whose voice is small—they are the messengers for our most vulnerable citizens—our children, our poor, and our mentally and physically challenged. Their message speaks of local and national change. Their message speaks of improved services for children and adults with disabilities. Their message speak of research to seek improvements, to find cures, to give support, to give hope.

Peter Yarrow carries the message through his gift of song, crossing the continent to raise funds and raise awareness, with projects like the creation of "Operation Respect," a program that advocates nurturing environments for children.

Avery Cohen, President of the Hattie Larlham Care Group, and Vice President of the Hattie Larlham Research Institute and Foundation, has carried the message through his tenacity, integrity, compassion and expertise for the past thirty-six years. Considered a "founding member," Avery joined the Board of Directors of the Hattie Larlham Foundation in 1966. His unwavering commitment remains focused on assisting and improving the lives of the children and families of our community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring every staff and member of the Hattie Larlham Foundation, and please also join me in honoring my dear friends, Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen. I honor your dedication and significant work in helping, empowering, inspiring, and bringing hope to children and families facing a challenging road. Your work and activism brings us light, guidance and strength, and gives us hope for a better tomorrow.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, each year in November American families across the country gather together in thanksgiving to recognize the variety of blessings they have received. It is fitting that we also choose this month to recognize the importance of adoption in our society.

Currently, thousands of children across the country, freed for adoption, are waiting to be a part of a loving and caring family with a stable home and attentive parents. Many of these children have special physical, mental, or emotional needs and require special nurturing from devoted parents and families. Let it be known that their adoption by special people

who elect to take full responsibility for their care, their upbringing, and their overall well-being is an important service not only to these children, but to our country at large.

Adoption not only provides obvious benefits to the affected child, but it has proven to be one of the most rewarding experiences for many adoptive parents. We all benefit when a needy child is adopted.

The County of Onondaga in New York's 25th Congressional District will be recognizing the importance of adoption on Friday, November 22nd in ceremonies at Onondaga County Family Court. It is my privilege to recognize and thank all those families, case workers, and staff gathered for this important event who have dedicated themselves to improving the welfare of our community's children. It is my hope that this recognition further promotes the importance and benefits of adoption for all those involved. I thank all those responsible for organizing this special local observance of National Adoption Awareness Month.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIAN ROCK NATURE PRESERVE, BRISTOL, CT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding organization, Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut. I join them in celebrating a special milestone, the 25th anniversary of their Indian Rock Preserve located in Bristol, Connecticut.

The Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut has been a leader in Environmental Education and open space land preservation. They reach over 30,000 students a year from more than 180 schools in Connecticut. They currently own and manage over 525 acres of open space in Connecticut and are adding more land each year.

The organization was founded in 1969 as a not-for-profit charitable organization for land preservation and environmental education with the original purchase of 40 acres of land on Shrub Road, Bristol. Shortly thereafter they completed construction of the Harry C. Barnes Memorial Nature Center on Shrub Road and began educational programs dealing with the environment. Today, the Barnes Nature Center provides the public with many exhibits and a library. This facility is open to the public without charge.

In 1977, they received the 150 acre Indian Rock Nature Preserve and enlarged their educational programs with the opening of the farm life program for elementary schools and a summer day camp for youth. In 1986, the organization constructed a 3,300 square foot building on the preserve to accommodate growing educational programs and the summer camp. Just recently, they completed construction of 1,200 square foot addition to accommodate their continued growth. The Center provides over 130 different educational subject topics for organized schools and groups throughout the year.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut is an organization of great dedication and commitment to their mission and to the citizens of Con-

necticut. Their success is well earned and I am honored to share their accomplishments with the House of Representatives and the nation. The accomplishments of this organization are many and it is my privilege to congratulate them on the 25th anniversary of the Indian Rock Nature Preserve. Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut, congratulations, and all the best to you in your future endeavors.

CHINA'S MILITARY THREAT AGAINST TAIWAN

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, it seems Beijing is applying a two-pronged Taiwan policy. On one hand, Beijing talks peace about Taiwan. It demands Taiwan accept their "one country, two systems" formula of unification. This is their soft prong. If Taiwan is unwilling to negotiate peace under this formula, there is the hard prong—Beijing continuing to conduct military exercises around Taiwan. In fact, in recent months, Beijing has deployed 400 tactical guided missiles on China's eastern coast, less than 200 miles from Taiwan. As sophisticated weapons, these missiles can hit targets in Taiwan easily.

Beijing's undisguised military intimidations against Taiwan pose a serious threat to the well-being of the 23 million people on Taiwan. After all, Republic of China President Chen Shui-bian has assured Chinese leaders that he wants a structured, constructive cross-strait relationship, setting no preconditions for resumption of talks. He has continued to express his good will, exercising utmost restraint to avoid provoking China while liberalizing restrictions on socioeconomic ties between Taiwan and China.

Unfortunately China has chosen to ignore President Chen's overtures, continued its efforts to interfere with democratic elections on Taiwan, suppressed Taiwan's activities in the international community and threatened Taiwan with military force.

I, however, hope that China will realize that it is good for people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait to live in peace, that China should allow Taiwan to be an equal partner in trade and commerce to China, since both China and Taiwan are now members of the World Trade Organization and that any military action against Taiwan will lead to chaos and destruction for many countries in the region.

For peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, I urge China to withdraw its missiles and reduce its stockpile. This is a constructive step to avert an arms race and military confrontation. I am pleased to see that the European Parliament has taken steps to urge China to de-escalate tension in the Taiwan Strait, and I hope other countries and other members of Congress will issue similar pleas to China.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRAINAGE AREA PROJECT RECOGNIZED WITH TWO AWARDS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project (LACDA) for recently receiving the Golden Eagle Award at the County of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission's 16th Annual Productivity and Quality Awards Program. The national award follows an earlier honor, when the project was named one of the American Public Works Association's Public Works Projects of the Year.

Since entering Congress, completion of this project has been one of my highest priorities. I was pleased that Congress appropriated \$157 million during the past seven years for this work to be completed five years ahead of schedule. The bipartisan commitment to this project by area members of Congress and the hard work and extraordinary cooperation between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Los Angeles County Public Works Department ensured that construction of LACDA proceeded on an efficient and rapid timetable.

Completion of the LACDA project—which began in 1996—restores flood protection to nearly 500,000 people living in the flood plains of the Los Angeles and Rio Hondo Rivers. Due to the danger of severe flooding, in 1998 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mandated that area residents and businesses carry flood insurance at an average cost of \$400 per year. Now that the requirement has been lifted, the County of Los Angeles estimates that property owners will save a collective \$22 million in annual insurance premiums.

The successful completion of this project has been a model for any major public works project. The federal, state, and local agencies involved should be proud of a job well done. Along with flood protection, residents also will enjoy a cleaner, safer environment and more recreational opportunities. As part of the LACDA project, 22 miles of bike and equestrian trails along the Los Angeles River have been improved and enhanced with landscaping, rest stops, and safer signage.

Receiving the American Public Works Association's Public Works Projects of the Year award and being honored with the Golden Eagle Award from the County of Los Angeles is a tribute to the many men and women who envisioned, planned, and finally constructed this important project. I tip my hat to all of them for their fine work and congratulate them on being chosen for these distinguished awards.

TRIBUTE TO CECIL WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Arkansas's finest citizens, Cecil Williams, Jr. I am proud to recognize Mr. Williams in the United States Congress for his invaluable contributions to his profession, his family, his state and his nation.

Mr. Williams was born in Tyronza, Arkansas on October 17, 1932. He grew up working in the fertile cotton fields of Eastern Arkansas before graduating from Wilson High School in 1950. He spent one year at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and joined the United States Air Force in 1952. As a weather observer in the Air Force, Mr. Williams lived in Alabama, Texas, Illinois and Alaska.

After serving his country in the military, Mr. Williams enrolled at Louisiana State University, where he received a degree in agricultural economics in 1960. After graduation, he spent five years working as a field representative for the National Cotton Council in Louisiana and south Arkansas. While living in Louisiana, Mr. Williams married Barbara Lee Rodgers. They have three sons and currently are the proud grandparents of one granddaughter with a second grandchild on the way.

In 1965, Mr. Williams became executive vice president of the Agricultural Council of Arkansas [ACA] and has now served the members of the ACA for more than 37 years. He has used his experience and expertise to help readers of the ACA newsletter stay informed about the rules and regulations pertaining to farm, environmental and occupational safety and health policy. His influence has assisted policymakers in creating a sound farm policy and farmers in accessing the farm programs available to help them.

He is active in many professional organizations and has served as president of Memphis Agricultural Club and Memphis Society of Association Executives. He was named "Man of the Year" by the Memphis Agricultural Club in 1980. In 1986, Mr. Williams received the prestigious "Man of the Year in Service to Arkansas Agriculture".

On behalf of Congress, I offer my friend, Cecil Williams, Jr., my deepest appreciation and gratitude for his tireless dedication and honorable service to the people of Arkansas and the field of agriculture.

**MAURICE DEAN HENNESSEE: AN
EXTRAORDINARY AMERICAN**

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Maurice Hennessee of Clio, Michigan. Maurice has used his retirement years to make a difference in the world in which we all live and he has become an important component in spreading democracy and assisting in the infrastructure and educational development of the African nation of Nigeria.

Maurice first served his country while serving as an enlisted man with the United States Air Force's 328th Air Fighter Air Defense Group during the Korean War. Following his tour of duty, he served four years in the Air Force Reserve. He then returned home and began his 38-year career with General Motors Corporation, Buick Motor Division in Flint, Michigan.

However, it was after his retirement from General Motors and during his recovery from experimental surgery to repair a seriously injured foot that Maurice found the path that would lead him to Nigeria. Although he had no

experience in missionary work or fund-raising, Maurice joined Dr. Moses Akpanado's effort to use education to improve the lives of impoverished and disadvantaged Nigerians. Today, there are more than 1000 students who attend the Obong Christian Education System deep in the jungle of Nigeria thanks to those efforts.

Moreover, Maurice and others have expanded their work to include infrastructure improvements and other advancements to provide a healthier and more civilized environment for those living in remote Nigerian communities. There are untold thousands of villagers who now enjoy clean, fresh water as a result of Maurice's determination to dig deep wells. Villages now have power lines, electrical generators, libraries and dormitories all because Maurice and others helped persuade fellow Americans to offer their financial support.

In villages throughout Nigeria, Maurice Hennessee has received many honors. Important buildings on a college campus in that nation bear his name. He has been named Honorary Chief in several villages. In addition, his family has shown him their love and support by becoming involved in his efforts, traveling with him on multiple occasions to Africa, as well as supporting other mission activities in Kenya and Central America with their personal involvement. We owe a debt of gratitude to Maurice, his wife, Earline, and their children, Trina, Gary and Larry, for setting such a fine example of American goodwill.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Maurice and the entire Hennessee family for their dedication in spreading democracy and Christian charity throughout the world and for exemplifying how otherwise ordinary Americans can achieve extraordinary results.

TRIBUTE TO ELBERTA ERIKSSON

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Elberta Eriksson, who is retiring as the Director of the Family Service Agency of Marin's Multi-cultural Outreach Program after thirty years of dedicated service to her community.

Through the years, Elberta has been committed to community service, dedicated to strengthening families and children and advancing human rights. In the early 1970's, as a professional social worker, Ms. Eriksson was one of the first to bring mental health services to Marin City. Through Operation Give a Damn, a grassroots organization that brought a unique mentoring program to the youth of Marin City, Elberta developed a cultural competency program for professional and para-professional mental health providers.

Under Ms. Eriksson's visionary leadership, the Multi-Cultural Outreach Program, sponsored by the Family Service Agency of Marin, was launched. Through this esteemed program, Elberta personally provided hundreds of hours of family counseling as well as supervised graduate students from San Francisco State University during their internship, adding a rich, multi-cultural counseling program for the entire county.

In addition to working full-time and raising her young family, Elberta made time in the evening to work as one of the first hot line volunteers at the Marin Suicide Prevention Center. Always generous with her skills and time, Ms. Eriksson has served on many boards and committees, including the Marin County Human Rights Commission, the Marin County Women's Commission, ISOJI of Marin City, America's Angel Campaign, and the Marin City Community Services District.

Ms. Eriksson has contributed her leadership and commitment to provide a model of the importance of community service with the highest ideals for the benefit of many. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is fitting for us to rise today to honor Elberta Eriksson and wish her well in her next adventure.

TRIBUTE TO BUD BROWN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bud Brown for his dedicated efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. His commitment and service to the San Fernando Valley is immeasurable. Throughout his life he has contributed countless hours of community service by supporting various organizations and acting as an effective leader for several groups.

Since his retirement from GTE in 1993, Bud Brown has been a driving force in cultivating relations between the private and public sectors in Los Angeles. His 22 years of experience in the corporate world have been instrumental, in establishing relationships with numerous non-profit organizations throughout the Valley. Bud has found ways to utilize his professional and volunteer talents by serving on the boards of many institutions. Despite his retirement he just recently completed his eighth year as Community Relations Manager at Hamer Toyota in Mission Hills.

During his career in public service he has served as founder and leader of a variety of local organizations. His commitment includes serving as President of New Directions for Youth, Board member of the Fernando Award Foundation, and Major Gifts Committee for the North Valley Family YMCA. He is also a strong supporter of the Holy Cross Medical Center, Mission Hills Chamber of Commerce, and the Los Angeles Mission College Foundation. More recently, he has expanded his efforts to serve as Commissioner for the City of San Fernando.

Bud Brown has been honored with a number of awards in recognition of his accomplishments as a community leader, including the City of Los Angeles Volunteerism Award and KNX Citizen of the Week. Other groups that have noted his tremendous achievements include the San Fernando Valley Girl Scout Council, Encino-Sherman Oaks Optimist Club, Valley Interfaith Council, Heaven on Earth Ranch and the Black American Political Association. Lastly, in 1995 he was one of the first recipients of the prestigious Fernando Award.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Bud Brown, an amazing individual who has dedicated his life for the betterment of the San Fernando Valley.

MARTIN WALZER HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the service to the community of Martin Walzer, who will receive the Robert N. Pursel Distinguished Community Achievement Award. The Danville, Pennsylvania, Chapter of the American Red Cross will present this award to him on November 16 in recognition of his lifetime of service to the community.

Mr. Walzer was born in 1942 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the third child of Martin Shubert and Mary Flexer Walzer. He graduated from the Hill School in Pottstown and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in agricultural economics. His connection to the Danville area began when he went to work in sales for his father's wholesale food distribution company.

One of his customers in the Danville area was the owner of the Pine Barn Inn, Margaret Bush, and when she decided to get out of that business, he bought it and has become known as Danville's "goodwill ambassador." He has also grown the business over the years and it now has more than twice as many rooms as it did when he bought it.

Mr. Walzer is a member of the Danville Area Community Center board of directors and a founding member of the Danville Area Community Foundation executive board. He has participated in numerous additional community organizations over the years, including the Danville Chamber of Commerce, Iron Heritage Festival, Montour County Recreation Authority and the Greater Danville Industrial Development Corporation.

He has also made large-scale contributions to the community, such as donating the land that Geisinger Medical Center used to create its main entrance as well as donating approximately \$6,000 to the Danville Area Community Center by covering the cost of its 15th anniversary fundraising dinner.

"Just as generous, though, are the many smaller kindnesses," as the Danville News stated in the article announcing Mr. Walzer had been chosen for this award.

Because his inn is next to the busy Geisinger Medical Center, Mr. Walzer has taken advantage of many opportunities to put his generosity and caring into action, whether that simply means being supportive to families with a loved one in the hospital with a serious illness or injury or going further to loan them clothes and give them rides to Williamsport or Scranton.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the long record of service to the community of Martin Walzer, and I congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

TRIBUTE TO BEN C. ANDERSON,
PRESIDENT, BUILDING INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Southern California are exceptional. Southern California has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Bob Anderson is one of these individuals. At the end of the year, Ben will be stepping down as President of the Building Industry Association of Southern California after many years of dedicated service.

Ben has worked through BIA/SC, the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to promote the building industry's contributions to the communities that it serves, to advocate on behalf of his colleagues and to create new home-ownership opportunities. Ben has exemplified leadership and dedicated service to the building industry as a CBIA and NAHB director, as BIA/SC Secretary/Treasurer, Second Vice President, First Vice President and President.

Ben has also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club in the City of Fontana and continues to be active in several business organizations both in the Inland Empire and Orange County.

Ben has worked tirelessly to ensure that all Southern Californians have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream of home ownership, and to promote housing as a community asset which strengthens the fabric of our many neighborhoods in Southern California. Ben has been a dedicated, strong and effective voice for the principles and ideals of California's building community during his years as a member and leader of the Building Industry Association of Southern California.

Ben's diligent work as the President of Building Industry Association of Southern California has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Southern California. His involvement in community organizations makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the residents and homeowners of Southern California are grateful for his service and salute him as his term comes to an end. I look forward to working with him in the future for the good of our community.

IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 2155,
SOBER BORDERS ACT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2155, the Sober Borders Act.

While I support the intent of this legislation, I am concerned H.R. 2155 unnecessarily fails

to balance our need for safe driving on the borders with the interests of a safe and legal flow of people across the borders too and from the United States.

At a time when our border patrol officers and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) inspectors face heavy workloads, H.R. 2155 would impose new duties unrelated to terrorism that could potentially overwhelm the resources and personnel available at our borders. In the wake of the September 11th tragedies, it is important that we allow INS agents and officials do to their jobs correctly and efficiently, without burdening them with new responsibilities normally assigned to state law enforcement agencies. We must be careful not to stretch the limited resources beyond INS's immigration and anti-terrorism functions.

I am also concerned that H.R. 2155 could be improperly used to target persons on the basis of race, ethnicity or national origin unless safeguards are added to prevent racial profiling. During mark-up of H.R. 2155, a sensible amendment was offered to monitor whether law enforcement uses their authority in a discriminatory manner to detain, test and arrest persons suspected of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Unfortunately, this amendment was defeated and the bill brought before the full House contained no accountability measures to prevent racial profiling and provided no opportunity to address this issue further.

I believe this amendment was a modest request that would have made the underlying bill stronger. New authority (such as the new authority granted in H.R. 2155) that creates a risk of racial profiling should be accompanied by accountability mechanisms that measure whether profiling has occurred. It is important that in our pursuit for greater safety we do not violate the rights of certain individuals based merely on race, ethnicity or national origin.

I support measures that seek to reduce drinking and driving in America's communities and neighborhoods. But in these efforts we must be careful not to weaken existing law enforcement functions or violate the rights of the American people. Regrettably, H.R. 2155 does not meet these goals.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE
HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE PAUL D.
WELLSTONE, SENATOR FROM
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and a great man—Senator PAUL WELLSTONE. The passing of Senator PAUL WELLSTONE creates a void that is impossible to fill—it is a tragedy for this nation and a personal tragedy for me.

PAUL WELLSTONE was a tireless fighter for what he believed in. He was a man whose honor is unquestioned, whose energy was infectious, and whose dedication to his country—and those ideals upon which it was built—was obvious in everything he did. PAUL WELLSTONE's passing robs voiceless Americans—the poor and disenfranchised—of one

of their greatest advocates. And it leaves those of us bent on furthering a progressive agenda without one of our greatest leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to mourn the loss of one of the hardest-working people I have ever known. PAUL WELLSTONE earned himself a scholarship to the University of North Carolina as a student and an athlete. Four years after graduation he was awarded a Ph.D. in political science and began a 21-year teaching career in which he became increasingly involved in community organizing. In 1990, PAUL WELLSTONE—an under-funded underdog—ran a long-shot campaign for the United States Senate, which he won by energizing ordinary Minnesotans. 12 years later, his political legacy stands as testament to him keeping his promises.

Unlike many politicians, there was no disconnecting between PAUL WELLSTONE's political ideology and the way he lived his life. PAUL was the Senator who knew the names of the elevator operators and waiters in the Senate Dining Room. He was the Senator who, according to James W. Ziglar, a Republican who was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate from 1998 to 2001, returned late one evening to his office to tell the cleaning staff how much he appreciated their work. PAUL WELLSTONE's unique authenticity, and his ability to remain true to his roots distinguished him here in Washington and, as many Minnesotans will tell you, back in his home state.

PAUL WELLSTONE was an unabashed liberal. He believed that every American should have access to affordable health care and good public schools, that our foreign policy should be based first and foremost on the sanctity of all human life—American or otherwise. And he knew that coming down on the right side of an issue—keeping in-line with his morals and ethics—was always more important than voting with the majority or in a politically-motivated way. PAUL WELLSTONE voted against the Persian Gulf War as one of his first acts as a Senator, and just recently was the only Senator facing re-election who voted against giving President Bush authority to conduct preemptive and unauthorized military strikes on Iraq. PAUL was a man who did not compromise his ideals.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Senator PAUL WELLSTONE. In an era where the difference between talk and action is often enormous, PAUL WELLSTONE was a man who lived as he spoke. I believe that America is better for it.

HONORING THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SHREWSBURY, MA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women of the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts for receiving the Harry S. Cutting, Jr. Award for community service in the town of Shrewsbury.

The Harry S. Cutting Award is given out by Shrewsbury Community Services to recognize members of the community who, through their support and commitment, have made an out-

standing contribution to Shrewsbury Community Services, as well as to the residents of Shrewsbury.

The First Congregational Church is a member of the Shrewsbury Ecumenical Council and is active in a wide range of local and international community service. The Church devotes its time to support food donations, clothing drives, academic scholarships, among many other worthy causes.

On the international level, the Church has been active in the Caribbean by providing medical and dental care free of charge to those in need of help. Additionally, the Church has worked on the HEFFA Project, an international organization that helps countries become self-sufficient.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to inform the U.S. House of Representatives about the hard work that the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts has done over the past few years. It is always important to have citizens join together to help others. I am confident that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating the First Congregational Church for receiving the Harry S. Cutting, Jr. Award.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF OAKLAND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DICK SPEES

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oakland City Councilmember Dick Spees on his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service.

Dick Spees is a leader on issues of economic development, marketing, finance, quality of life, public safety, and regional planning. Throughout his tenure on the City Council, he has remained committed to providing top-notch service and programs to his constituents.

Bolstering Oakland's economy and creating new recreational and educational facilities are top priorities for Dick Spees. He has led efforts to found the Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland-Sharing the Vision, Oakland Tours, Bay Area Economic Forum, Bay Area World Trade Center, and Bay Area Bioscience Center.

With his support, Oakland has purchased open space, built new recreation centers, libraries, and cultural facilities, and upgraded emergency response facilities and equipment. The Oakland Fire Assessment District and an incentive program that encourages property owners to make seismic improvements to their homes were formed under his leadership.

As Chair of the City Council's Rules Committee, Dick Spees has overseen campaign finance reform, the sunshine ordinance, the lobbyist registration ordinance, and the formation of the public ethics commission.

A true civic leader, Dick Spees has represented Oakland on many Bay Area regional agencies, including the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area Economic Forum, the Regional Airport Planning Committee, the Bay Area World Trade Center, Oakland Base Reuse Authority, the City-Port Liaison Committee, and the BART-Oakland Airport Connector Stakeholders Committee.

I am honored to congratulate Dick Spees on all of his remarkable accomplishments. The people of Oakland will lose a true leader with Dick Spees' retirement, but his legacy of tireless dedication to improving lives will endure.

HONORING CATHLEEN BARNIER OF SONOMA COUNTY, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor Cathleen Barnier of Sonoma County, California, upon her retirement from 30 years of leadership in the management of community-based non-profit organizations.

For the last 10 years, Cathleen has been the President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire (GIRE), an agency providing employment and training programs, retail stores, business services, and recycling programs in six northern California counties. During her tenure, GIRE has been an active partner in community employment and education initiatives.

Prior to her work at GIRE, Cathleen served as Executive Director of the Family Service Agency of Sonoma County and Service Director of the American Cancer Society of Northern California. She also worked at Sonoma State Hospital, Sonoma County Adoption Agency, and North Bay Regional Center.

Cathleen's community involvement includes active roles with the Workforce Investment Board, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, Business Education Round Table, Economic Vitality Project, Santa Rosa Rotary, and School to Career. She was also appointed by the Governor to the State Department of Rehabilitation Advisory Council.

Mr. Speaker, Cathleen Barnier has provided exemplary service to the community for over 30 years, demonstrating that compassion and commitment combined with leadership and ability result in success. We are proud to honor Cathleen for her achievements and to wish her well in her future life traveling and spending time with family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO COMANCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF SHAWNEE MISSION, KS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and commend the students of Marilyn Tieszen, a kindergarten teacher at Comanche Elementary School of Shawnee Mission, KS, which is located in the Third Congressional District of Kansas.

Following the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Ms. Tieszen had her students create an American flag, using a white sheet, and dipping their hands in red and blue

paint to make the stripes and the blue background for the stars. The flag was presented to U.S. Army Captain John Townsend, who has two children who are students at the school. Captain Townsend is the Executive Officer for the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth's United States Army Command and General Staff College.

After receiving the flag, Captain Townsend hung it in Eisenhower Hall at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for a few weeks, where, in his words, "it got rave reviews and many people commented that it was unfortunate that all service members would not be able to appreciate it." As a result of the very positive reception it received at the Fort, the flag was then mailed to an Army infantry unit conducting a peacekeeping mission in Kosovo. It arrived a few days before Christmas and hung at several of their sites through the new year. From there, it was taken to an Airborne unit that "jumped" it into Tunisia, North Africa. Next it was displayed on the aircraft carrier USS *John C. Stennis*, which was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in the Persian Gulf.

Following the display on the USS *Stennis*, the Comanche Elementary School flag was flown to an Army Explosive Ordnance unit in Afghanistan, which had just lost two soldiers, one being from Kansas. After that, the flag went to the Pentagon, where it hung for three weeks in the reconstructed part of the building that had been attacked on September 11th. As Captain Townsend told me, "few people could pass it without stopping and appreciating the spirit and patriotism it displayed." The flag then was displayed at the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Capitol, before briefly being returned home to Comanche Elementary School, where it is now being displayed.

Mr. Speaker, a book that logged its travels accompanied the flag everywhere it went. At each stop the unit took pictures of its visit and then sent them on with the flag so its travels are well documented. In most cases the unit sent a letter or e-mail praising the students' patriotism. At Comanche Elementary School the students and faculty have created a large display in the foyer just inside the front door so that everyone who comes into the building can see it: a large map with the visited areas highlighted, including pictures from those locations.

As Captain Townsend told me, "I receive e-mails almost daily from soldiers and civilians around the world that have seen this flag and were thankful that they got to see it. In most cases it brought tears to their eyes. In some cases it brought a ray of hope to people that were down from losing friends/comrades and for others it was a sign of support from a community half way around the world."

I am very proud of the patriotism and creativity of Marilyn Tieszen's kindergarten class at Comanche Elementary School, who worked together to create a wonderful symbol of America during our ongoing time of great challenge. Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and all Members of this House will join with me in commending their spirit and thanking them for the inspirational symbol they created for display around the world.

TAIWANESE VICE PRESIDENT LU'S
NATIONAL DAY ADDRESS TO
THE PRC

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on October 1st, 2002, Taiwanese Vice President Annette Lu delivered a congratulatory speech marking the 53rd anniversary of the foundation of the People's Republic of China. For the attention of my colleagues, I am submitting the full text of Vice President Lu's speech into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

NEW CENTURY, NEW THINKING, NEW CROSS-STRAIT PERSPECTIVES

(By H.E. Vice President Annette Lu)

1. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE PEOPLE'S CHINA

Today is the National Day of the People's Republic of China. I presume that the whole country is joyfully celebrating this occasion. Via broadcast of the Voice of America, on behalf of the people of Taiwan, I want to wish prosperity to your country. Since its foundation, the PRC has made great strides, especially in the areas of economic and infrastructure development following twenty-years of open door and reform policies. These accomplishments are truly admirable.

Besides congratulations to all of you, I also have some expectations and suggestions on this day. China should not forget its responsibility to contribute to peace and development in the Asia-Pacific region. We should seek to become good neighbors and not resort to force, but seek peaceful co-existence and cooperation.

2. "ONE CHINA" AND "THREE CHINESES" (THREE ZHONGHUAS)

The Beijing regime has long proclaimed that Taiwan must accept its "One China" principle that Taiwan is a part of China and that only the PRC can represent China. The people of Taiwan cannot accept this, the biggest obstacle to normalization of cross-strait relations at present. Since its establishment in 1949, the PRC has never exercised jurisdiction on Taiwan, while Taiwan has its own government, land and people. It is an undisputable fact that for half a century; neither side belonged to the other. Asking Taiwan to accept the "One China" principle is tantamount to asking Taiwan to surrender, which is totally unacceptable.

We believe that a different "Chinese" concept may be in line with New-Era thinking. Facing the impact of globalization, from the so-called "Chinese" have already emerged three categories or totally different concepts: these are "Political Chinese", "Economic Chinese" and "Cultural Chinese".

"Political Chinese" refers to the political structure of ethnic Chinese at the present historical stage, which includes "The People's Republic of China" under communist rule and Taiwan's "Republic of China" under free democratic rule. "Economic Chinese" is the "Greater Chinese Economy" advocated by various scholars, it includes economies composed of ethnic Chinese in China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and Singapore. "Cultural Chinese" comprises culturally related Chinese societies and groups as well as Chinese benevolent associations all over the world.

Obviously, these three "Chineses" occupy different areas and are essentially different.

Pursuit of economic gains may have enhanced trade and exchanges of human resources and capital between Taiwan and

China, enabling growing economic interdependence between them. However, politically, Mainland China still adheres to communism, and also deploys missiles aimed at free and democratic Taiwan.

Both sides of the Taiwan Strait share origins but are politically different and even nervously against each other. This is because they hold different views over values of human rights, democracy and freedom. While both sides share economic interests, it would be impractical and inhumane to talk about political integration if the gap in the human values we believe in cannot be narrowed.

3. CHINA VS TAIWAN

Among the 192 countries in the world, China ranks as the 6th largest trading nation. Taiwan is the 16th. However, Taiwan has 23 million people and is small in size, and China has 1.3 billion people. Taiwan's democracy is well developed, and people have many channels to participate in politics. They have the right to run for all elected offices, including that of president and heads of township. However, because of Beijing's unrelenting suppression attempts, Taiwan has been excluded from the international stage, which greatly alienates the people of Taiwan. Many countries want to establish diplomatic relations with Taiwan, but dare not to do so due to China's pressure. The ROC was one of the founding members of the United Nations and a permanent member of its Security Council, but both memberships were taken over by the PRC in 1971. Beijing's authorities have barred Taiwan efforts to participate in the UN ever since and does its best to insult Taiwan in the international community at every turn. May I ask how can the people of Taiwan like China if the PRC persists in its attempts to suppress Taiwan?

Although we advocate that Taiwan does not belong to the PRC, we think that our two peoples across the Taiwan Straits can work together. In recent years, many Taiwanese business people have made wide-range investments in China creating employment opportunities, foreign exchange reserves, and introducing know-how and management skills. This helps energize the economic development of China and upgrade its quality control. 70% of IC products in Mainland China are actually manufactured by Taiwanese. The people of Taiwan are willing to help you, but your government has never ceased to attempt to suppress Taiwan and deployed missiles along your Southeast coast to intimidate Taiwan. How do Taiwanese people think of this odd behavior?

4. NEW THINKING ON CROSS-STRAIT RELATIONS

Some say that time is on China's side in relation to enduring cross-strait issues. However, I still think that the matter regarding Taiwan and China is not a matter of time, nor a matter of unification or independence. China and Taiwan are like a lion and a kitten. How to turn the claws-brandishing lion into a gentle and auspicious lion that can make the kitten (Taiwan) want to embrace it takes great wisdom and kindness on both sides across the Taiwan Strait. In short, to co-exist peacefully, we need to help each other while maintaining a safe distance at the same time. Consequentially, the lion and the kitten can each live their own lives without provoking each other, and they can also help each other at times.

It is my belief that if cross-strait relations are to develop properly, the relations between Taiwan and China cannot be considered merely economic. Taiwan is a democratic island nation, while China is a one-party authoritarian inland nation. We believe that there should be more ideology deconstruction and better communication

between two sides, then and only then may we find some common ground. So, how should the two sides treat each other? President Chen Shui-bian openly announced that the interaction between the two sides must be based on three premises of "peace, equality and democracy", among which peace across the Taiwan Strait is the most important. Leaders across the Strait should first put aside the political dispute and start with seeking peaceful co-existence and mutual interest, and use this kind of new thinking to begin a new era in cross-Strait relations.

As to how to resolve the cross-Strait impasse regarding sovereignties, leaders of both sides should realize that in the new century, where globalization and the emphasis on knowledge are the mainstream, people all over the world are realizing that overly stressing territory and sovereignty has become out-dated, and that a country should be ruled by its people rather than its government.

Since May 20, 2000, President Chen has on many occasions expressed goodwill toward the Chinese government as well as his sincerity to reopen negotiations. Nevertheless, Beijing is still not willing to face reality, and even further attempts to suffocate Taiwan's international living space. In the meantime, it continues to use the "One China" principle as a premise to boycott cross-Strait negotiations and create barriers in cross-Strait communications. This is indeed a pity.

The new century has arrived. Looking toward the future, human rights, democracy, peace, love and technological development are universal values in the 21st century. Governments and people across the Strait should adopt the new thinking to be able to think globally and act first in the Asia-Pacific region. We should jointly seek co-existence, prosperity and sustainable development across the Taiwan Strait.

Today, as 13 billion people in China happily celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the founding of the PRC, I sincerely wish prosperity to the country and wellbeing to all its people. I would also like to urge leaders across the Strait to jointly work on creating peace for the world.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAH[Aacute]'[iacute] FAITH

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the American Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] community, which has its national headquarters in Illinois, is commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the beginnings of the Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] Faith in Iran. The Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] Faith is a world religion with more than 5 million adherents in some 230 countries and territories including more than 140,000 members here in the United States. The Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] House of Worship in my district of Illinois is registered as a national historic site that has drawn more than five million visitors to enjoy its unique architecture and serene gardens since its completion in 1953.

This is a special time for the American Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] community because it was during the autumn 150 years ago that the founder of the Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] Faith, Bah[Aacute]'u'll[Aacute]h, was first overwhelmed with the Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] message of love and unity while unjustly imprisoned in one of Persia's (now Iran's) worst

dungeons, the S[acute]yah Ch[acute]. After his release from this dungeon, Bah[Aacute]'u'll[Aacute]h promoted this message despite being banished from Baghdad to Istanbul, from Istanbul to Edirne, and eventually from Edirne to the prison city of Acre where he died in 1892 after having lived in exile for forty years for his belief in the oneness of humanity.

The Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] Faith is based on the principles of cooperation and peace outlined by Bah[Aacute]'[iacute]h. He taught that there is only one God, that the conscience of man is sacred and to be respected, that racial diversity contributes to the overall beauty of mankind, and that women and men are equals in God's sight. He taught that a spiritual solution is required to address the disparities of wealth distribution and that religion and science must agree. He was among the first to express the need for an international auxiliary language, emphasize the importance of universal education, and advise that a commonwealth of nations was needed for establishing global peace and security. The significance of these principles could not be overemphasized in today's volatile world.

It is astounding to think how advanced these concepts were 150 years ago not only in an ancient Persian culture, but also in the United States. Slavery and persecution based on race were widely accepted facts of life at that time. Women in the United States were still 70 years away from getting the vote. Global literacy was low and universal education was unheard of in most places. Colonial exploitation was on the rise and workers enjoyed few protections.

Unfortunately, just as the Bahd'i message was met with hostility in Persia in 1852, it still faces persecution in that region today. The Islamic Republic of Iran regards Bahd'is as heretics who, according to Islamic law, should be executed. Bah[Aacute]'[iacute]s, along with Iran's other religious minorities, are prevented from exercising their right to religious freedom. They are excluded from institutions of higher education, denied jobs, and have had many of their holy places, cemeteries and properties seized or destroyed. They are denied their most basic human rights.

Since 1982, Congress has adopted eight resolutions condemning Iran's treatment of the Bah[Aacute]'[iacute]s, its largest religious minority. With the support of the U.S. government, the UN General Assembly has adopted annual resolutions condemning these human rights abuses. Yet, Bah[Aacute]'[iacute]s is still await the religious freedom called for in those UN resolutions and promised in Iran's constitution. The Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] community remains an oppressed religious minority and is denied rights to organize, elect leaders, and to conduct freely its religious activities.

On the 150th anniversary of Bah[Aacute]'u'll[Aacute]h's imprisonment and the founding of the Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] Faith, we salute along with the American Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] community the ideals of universal brotherhood, peace, cooperation, and understanding espoused by Bah[Aacute]'u'll[Aacute]h. These are Bah[Aacute]'[iacute] values, they are American values, and they are universal values. I also would like to recognize the immense sacrifices that many around the world have made striving to ensure that true liberty and justice for all becomes not just an American dream, but also a global reality.

TRIBUTE TO CHIP PRATHER

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Chip Prather, Fire Chief of Orange County, California.

Chip Prather became Fire Chief for the Orange County Fire Authority on October 1, 1997. In this capacity he is responsible for the daily operation of one of the largest fire organizations in California. Under his direction are 1,300 career firefighters, reserve firefighters and support staff. The OCFA serves 22 cities and unincorporated areas of Orange County, with a total population of more than 1.3 million, from 59 fire stations.

Prior to becoming Fire Chief, Mr. Prather served as Assistant Director of Fire Services/Operations. He was selected by the Orange County Firemen's Association as the 1995 "Firefighter of the Year." In 1998, as a battalion chief, he was assigned to the Authority's first master plan. He was promoted to Division Chief in 1989 and a year later to Assistant Director of Fire Services.

Chief Prather served as Incident Commander for the 1993 Laguna Fire and was responsible for the after-action report that has resulted in numerous changes in policies and procedures to improve fire safety in Southern California. His report provides a case study for unified command operations and disaster management.

Chief Prather holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management and has completed the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Senior Executives in state and local government. He has also attended the United States Fire Administration National Fire Academy, completing the Executive Fire Officer Program.

Chief Prather has dedicated his life to protecting our community and is noted for his favorite saying, "Be tough, be tender, be safe."

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4546, BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, last night the House approved the conference report for H.R. 4546, the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003. Passage of that legislation represents an important commitment by Congress to a strong national defense and to the men and women who provide it.

As the United States continues to prosecute the war against terrorism, it is essential that our armed forces are appropriately equipped. The conference report provides vital support for homeland counterterrorism programs, increased weapons capability, and military research and development. Additionally, it recognizes the important role of our men and women in uniform by providing a 4.1 percent

pay raise and authorizing a force increase of 40,000 people.

I am particularly pleased that the conference agreement includes language prohibiting the military from requiring or strongly encouraging U.S. servicewomen in Saudi Arabia to wear the abaya—a long black garment required for women under Islamic law. I have been working with the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and the gentlewoman from New Mexico, Mrs. WILSON, to remove this unnecessary and degrading mandate. The Defense Authorization conference report ends this double standard and guarantees that our servicewomen are not treated as second-class citizens.

Additionally, the legislation breaks new ground by establishing a concurrent receipt program. For too long, our disabled military retirees have witnessed their military retirement pay reduced by the amount they receive in disability compensation. I have fought against this injustice since arriving in Congress and am pleased that this legislation will provide greater assistance to many of those who have made sacrifices for our nation.

The National Defense Authorization Act is a great achievement and an appropriate recognition of Chairman BOB STUMP's dedicated leadership. I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve with Chairman STUMP on the House Armed Services Committee and commend him for his deft handling of the complex matters arising from the international war on terrorism. Together with Ranking Member IKE SKELTON, Chairman STUMP helped foster a collegial and thoughtful atmosphere in the committee, thus ensuring that Congress's approach to the war on terrorism was bipartisan and well considered. I wish him well in the future and thank him again for his leadership.

As the House prepares to recess for the year, I am disappointed that we were not able to claim greater progress on appropriations bills and other important legislation. Nevertheless, passage of the Defense Authorization Act, coupled with the final agreement reached on the Department of Homeland Security, demonstrates Congress's commitment to ensuring the safety of the American people, and I am proud of the work we have accomplished in these fields.

CONCURRENT RECEIPT

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, as we enter the waning days of the 107 Congress, action has finally been taken on the issue of concurrent receipt for America's military retirees. The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2003 Conference Report that has come before this body does include language to provide concurrent receipt for some of our military retirees. Unfortunately, it falls far short of the proposal I supported in the House Budget Committee, and which passed this body by a vote of 221 to 209.

On March 20 of this year the House Budget Committee, of which I am a Member, took the initiative to include funding for concurrent receipt in its budget for FY 2003. This budget, H. Con. Res. 353, A Wartime Budget to Se-

cure America's Future, was endorsed by the Administration, and included over a half a billion dollars for partial repeal of the dollar-for-dollar offset of military retired pay and VA disability compensation. Specifically, H. Con. Res. 353 earmarked over \$500 million as a first step in FY 2003, with increasing amounts over the next five years, providing a cumulative total of \$5.8 billion to fund concurrent receipt for America's most severely disabled military retirees.

Just over one month ago, on October 10, 2002, the House reiterated its dedication to righting this long-standing injustice. We passed, by a vote of 391-0, instructions to the conferees to retain the concurrent receipt language during their negotiations with the Senate. Unfortunately, that was not enough to bring the conference to closure and give our military retirees what they deserve.

I would like to thank Rep. MIKE BILIRAKIS for his vigorous work on this issue. And I would like to thank the 402 members of this House, who in addition to myself, cosponsored his bill, H.R. 303 to provide full concurrent receipt for our veterans. Over 400 Members were committed to ending this unfair penalization of our military retirees who were disabled during their military service.

I am disappointed that despite strong support for this initiative, and budget neutral funding for the program, the conferees were unable to keep the promise made to our military retirees. I will continue to work for just treatment for all disabled military retirees and I will continue to support legislation that will provide full funding of concurrent receipt for disabled military retirees.

I have the highest respect for our departing friend Chairman BOB STUMP, and it is because of my great admiration for him, that I will vote to send this legislation to the President.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS SCHILTGEN, DIRECTOR OF INS LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to Thomas J. Schiltgen, who has performed a near-miracle in the past three years as District Director for the Los Angeles District of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Coming into the busiest—and most troubled—office in our immigration system, Mr. Schiltgen turned the Los Angeles District into one of the most efficient in the nation.

Thomas Schiltgen joined the INS out of college in 1975 as a Criminal Investigator in Chicago. He moved up through the ranks, and served in a wide range of positions that included Deputy Director in the agency's Bangkok office. Before taking over the Los Angeles office, he served for four years as Director of the INS San Francisco District.

When he was assigned to take over the Los Angeles District, the office was known throughout the country for crowds lining up every day in a desperate attempt to work through the immigration process. The office averaged 24 months to process routine citizenship and legal immigration cases. More than 400,000 cases awaited resolution.

Winning the respect of his own staff and the immigration support community, Mr. Schiltgen has managed to virtually eliminate the backlog and has reduced the waiting time to as little as six months for most naturalization and adjustment of status cases. The efficiency of the office was shown dramatically this year when nearly 5,000 applications were handled in a single day at the end of a family reunification program.

Mr. Speaker, although the Los Angeles District serves all of Southern California, I want to pay special tribute to Mr. Schiltgen on behalf of the Inland Empire. Under his leadership, the INS has opened a wonderful new office in San Bernardino, and provided a much wider range of services closer to home for thousands of immigrants who live and work in my district. The new INS office is an asset to the downtown of my home town, and provides a warm and professional face for the federal government in the city.

Mr. Schiltgen has also opened an expanded service center in Orange County, and has helped redesign the main INS facility in Los Angeles to provide heightened privacy, convenience and service for those who have come to our nation seeking the American dream.

Mr. Speaker, after 27 years with the INS, Thomas Schiltgen has decided to retire and pursue opportunities in the private sector. I ask you and my colleagues to please join me in thanking him for providing such high-quality public service, and wish him and his wife Brenda well in their future endeavors.

CONDEMNING NORTH KOREA FOR ITS FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss a very serious issue—the failure of North Korea to comply with a number of non-proliferation treaties, agreements, and resolutions, and the absence of any well-defined U.S. policy with that country.

The history of nuclear weapons proliferation in North Korea is a lengthy one, going back over a decade and a half when North Korea signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty. When it signed that treaty in 1985, North Korea agreed not to manufacture or acquire nuclear weapons, and also agreed that the International Atomic Energy Agency could conduct inspections to verify fulfillment of those obligations.

When that Agency discovered anomalies in North Korea's nuclear facilities in 1993, inspectors were no longer allowed into the country.

Seeking to end the stalemate, the U.S. and North Korea signed the Agreed Framework in October, 1994. Under the terms of the Agreed Framework, the U.S. created an international consortium, which would provide North Korea with alternative sources of energy in the form of heavy fuel oil and a modern nuclear power plant. In return, North Korea pledged to freeze its existing nuclear program and allow inspectors back into the country.

Shortly after the Framework was signed, the consortium, the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, was created. Despite

the fact that the U.S. and its allies have spent over \$1.3 billion to finance reactor construction and provide heavy fuel oil to North Korea annually, they have consistently failed to allow inspections of its nuclear facilities.

Then last month, North Korea admitted that it has been operating a covert nuclear weapons program.

The existence of a North Korean nuclear weapons program poses a real and imminent threat to the populations of South Korea, Japan, and North Korea, and to the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in that region.

The time has come for the U.S. to establish an effective policy regarding U.N. member states and their obligations towards world peace and disarmament.

Today, I am introducing a resolution, condemning the government of North Korea for its failure to comply with the non-proliferation treaty and the Agreed Framework.

First, my resolution calls on North Korea to honor its commitments under the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Agreed Framework. Those commitments include freezing its nuclear programs and allowing the IAEA to carry out inspections.

It also commends the members of the KEDO international consortium for honoring and upholding their commitments to advance the implementation of the Agreed Framework.

Second, my resolution calls on the IAEA to report to the U.N. General Assembly, one year from the date of the Resolution, on the status of North Korea's compliance with inspections.

If the IAEA report indicates that North Korea has still not allowed inspections, members of KEDO are called on to suspend all funding for construction, suspend construction of the light water reactor, and suspend shipment of heavy fuel oil.

And finally, the Resolution calls on the leaders of Russia, China, Japan, South Korea, and other concerned nations to support that potential suspension.

I believe that this Resolution is an important first step in achieving the non-proliferation treaty goal of nuclear disarmament.

I do not recommend, as many have suggested, simply declaring the Agreed Framework null and void. I believe that "suspending" our participation until North Korea complies with its obligations sends an important message. That message is—we honor our commitments, we expect you to honor yours, and we believe that diplomatic and peaceful solutions, with the full support of other concerned nations, are the optimum means for attaining the objectives outlined in the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Realize, this is only the first step on what will be a long and arduous path. This Resolution allows diplomatic discussions and negotiations to continue, it also allows our Secretary of State to garner support from members of the U.N. Security Council and other concerned nations to join in commitments to the non-proliferation treaty.

I have specifically not included any language in the Resolution on actions that might be taken after one year if inspectors are still not allowed into North Korea. It is more appropriate to leave that decision to the member nations on the U.N. Security Council.

There are nearly 38,000 U.S. Armed Forces currently stationed on the Korean peninsula, and another 40,000 stationed in Japan. We have a lot at stake as a nation in ensuring a

peaceful solution to this issue. At the same time, we must take steps to overcome this impasse. It is not reasonable for the United States to continue unilateral compliance with a bilateral Agreement.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I believe this resolution will guide our nation towards implementing a policy that is achievable, and attainable, and supportable.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the world's population is currently growing at a rate of 77 million people per year. By 2050, the United Nations estimates that the world's population will reach 9.3 billion. While the impact of this population growth will be felt throughout the world, it is the lesser-developed nations that will bear the greatest burden unless poverty alleviation and long-term economic and environmental sustainability become a priority for the international community. Without a higher standard of living in these impoverished areas, one-fifth of the world's population, including children, will continue to suffer malnutrition, disease, and illiteracy.

It is without question that young people all over the world are the potential of a country's future, and if their needs and demands of today are not addressed, they are in danger of jeopardizing that future. Risks of dying from complications of pregnancy or childbirth are 25 times higher for girls under the age of 15 and two times higher for women aged 15–19, yet 17 million women between the ages of 15 and 19 give birth every year.

It is impossible to tackle the issue of overpopulation without addressing the devastating burden this growth would have on the environment. It is evident that overpopulation can result in water shortages, soil degradation and air and water pollution. As a responsible society, we cannot afford to allow the erosion of our precious natural resources to continue any further.

It is therefore important for us to recognize the problems associated with rapid population growth amongst young people. Governor Schweiker has proclaimed the week of October 20–26 of this year as World Population Awareness Week in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I would like to support the Governor in this effort by entering his proclamation into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

PROCLAMATION—WORLD POPULATION
AWARENESS WEEK

October 20–26, 2002

Whereas, the 21st century offers enormous environmental and societal challenges for governments at all levels; and

Whereas, these challenges call for innovative leadership to ensure resource conservation, protection of open space, waste prevention, sanitation management to provide quality of life. These challenges are inextricably linked to patterns of considerable demographic change; and

Whereas, world population is projected to increase by almost 80 million per year with 98 percent of population growth projected to occur in the least developed countries of the world. This growth can lead to disease, hunger and starvation; and

Whereas, demographic problems are not limited to the under developed nations. These problems are also a reality in the United States and other industrialized nations.

Therefore, I, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 20–26, 2002, as World Population Awareness Week In Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens to reflect upon these challenges and seek rational, humanitarian and community-based solutions.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg on this twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and two and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

MARK S. SCHWEIKER,
Governor.

PROSPECTS FOR CHANGE IN TURKEY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the people of Turkey for their elections held on November 3. Witnessing the peaceful change of government is a change that is significant for both Turkey's citizens and for their neighborhood. Many of Turkey's neighbors need to see that such a transfer of power is possible, for the people of these countries have for too long suffered under the illusion that they must live with their repressive regimes that maintain power through undemocratic means.

It is also important to keep in mind that the Turks, seen by some as a model for the countries of Central Asia, are not new kids on the block—former President Demirel was an original signer of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act. As Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission), I have followed closely the developments in Turkey. With a particularly keen interest in the protection of human rights which has such an impact on the lives of individual men, women and children, I continue to be concerned about the ongoing use of torture, violations of religious freedom and threats to civil society.

Through the ballot box, the Justice and Development Party, known as the AKP, received 34.3 percent of the vote, giving them a clear majority of 363 seats in the 550-seat Turkish Grand National Assembly. This entitles the AKP, led by former Istanbul Mayor Recep Tayyip Erdogan, to govern without sharing political power. He will not be without challenges to his authority though.

On November 8, the anniversary of the death of the Turkish reformer Kemal Ataturk, General Hilmi, Ozkok issued a statement vowing "to protect the republic against all types of threats, especially fundamentalism and separatist activities," reiterating strongly the military's view of itself as the historical guarantor of Turkey's secular system. Mr. Speaker, while

the transition appears peaceful, it is not without its strains and stresses, even with the potential of the military stepping in like it has done repeatedly in the past. We can only hope that is not the outcome of this transition.

As an original participating State of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Turkey has accepted a broad range of human rights obligations. As head of the U.S. delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, I have worked with my parliamentary colleagues from Turkey to encourage protection for these commitments. With a new government not obligated to continue the ways of the old, there is a welcome opportunity for such initiatives to be undertaken.

There are a few specific matters that I urge the incoming government to address without delay. Four Kurdish members of the Grand National Assembly have been in prison since March 1994. I call upon the new government to free Layla Zana, Hatip Dicle, Orhan Dogan, and Selim Sadak and remove the trumped-up charges from their records. They were convicted for, among other things, speaking their mother tongue in and out of the parliament building. As Mr. Erdogan himself has said, such convictions should not stand.

Also, past efforts to return the hundreds of thousands of internally displaced Kurds to their homes in southeastern Turkey have proven ineffectual. The government should take concrete steps to ensure that refugees are allowed to return to their own homes in safety and dignity, which may well require the clearing of land mines and repairing of villages.

Mr. Speaker, without reciting the lengthy list of Turkey's human rights violations, including the use of torture, it is fair to say that Turkey's record of implementation of OSCE human dimension commitments remains poor. While progress has been made, the authority of police officials must be checked by the rule of law. All claims of torture must be seriously investigated, no matter where the investigation leads. It is important that anyone who commits torture—especially police, the security forces or other agents of the state—must be taken to court and tried for high crimes. The Forensic Medical Association should be allowed to carry out its professional responsibilities and act without fear in its attempts to document torture. Victims of torture should be paid due recompense by the state.

I am very concerned about the continuing difficulty no-governmental organizations face throughout Turkey, particularly the Human Rights Foundation of Turkey. The Human Rights Foundation exists in an uncertain environment, with arbitrary shutdowns and having its officials harassed, intimidated or arrested. Property has been seized and not returned.

Religious freedom in Turkey, whether for Muslims or other religious communities, had suffered from heavy-handed government involvement and control. The government allows Turkish Muslims to only attend state-approved mosques, listen to state-funded Imams, and receive religious education from state-funded schools. The Directorate of Religious Affairs, which regulates all of Turkey's 75,000 mosques and employs Imams, has been criticized for only promoting Sunni branch of Islam. I would encourage the new government to bring to a close its regulation of all religious institutions.

The wearing of headscarves has also been regarded as quite controversial since it is seen as a religious totem in a secular state. Women who choose this expression of religious conviction are denied the ability to attend state-run universities and work in public building, including schools and hospitals. The public sharing of religious belief in Turkey with the intent to persuade the listener to another point of view is severely curbed for both Muslims and Christians. A number of evangelical Protestant groups throughout Turkey have reported being targeted because of their religious free speech, which contradicts OSCE commitments on religious liberty and freedom of expression.

Turkey's Office of Foundations has contributed its own difficulties for faith communities, as it has closed and seized properties of "official" minority religious groups and unrecognized faith communities. Several religious groups, most notably the Armenian Apostolic and Greek Orthodox churches report difficulties, particularly on the local level, in repairing and maintaining existing buildings or purchasing new buildings. The continued closure of the Orthodox seminary on Halki Island remains a concern.

Furthermore, religious groups not considered "official minorities" under the Lausanne Treaty are provided no legal route to purchase or rent buildings to meet, and are thereby forced to hold meetings in private apartments. In response, provincial governorships, after receiving a letter from the Ministry of Internal Affairs last year, have initiated efforts to close these meeting places, leaving the smaller Protestant communities without any options. The lack of official recognition is an insurmountable hurdle for minority religious groups wishing to practice their faith as a community.

Turkey is at a critical crossroads. I am hopeful that the new government will take this opportunity to move forward, and craft policies which are consistent with OSCE commitments and protective of all peoples living in Turkey.

IN HONOR OF LINDA PAUWELS
FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE
FIELD OF AVIATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to American Airlines pilot Linda Pauwels, a mother, a Latina, and a pioneer on behalf of female pilots throughout the world. Linda is an immigrant from Argentina who came to the U.S. when she was 6 with her 2 year-old brother and widowed mother. Through hard work and dedication, she began her flying career at the young age of 17. By age 25 she had become the youngest female jet pilot ever.

Since then, she has flown most major jets including huge C-130 transports and 707s. Just last year, she diverted tragedy when the MD-80 she was flying with 128 passengers experienced engine failure on its way to Chicago. Because of her experience and her ability to handle difficult situations, she was able to successfully perform an emergency landing in Sioux City, Iowa.

Linda is a dedicated wife and mother of two. She is also the only woman spokesperson for the Allied Pilots Association, and dedicates much of her free time to promoting women in aviation and encouraging Hispanics to work hard to fulfill their dreams.

Linda Pauwels is a striking example of the many hardworking pilots who are dedicated to making sure that the skies are safe for all airline passengers.

MAURICE A. AND RITA A. LUTZE:
FORGING THEIR GOLDEN ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two very special friends, Maurice and Rita Lutze of Otter Lake, Michigan, as they celebrate fifty years of marriage and a loving commitment to each other and their three children. The Barcia family has known the Lutze family for many years. It has been especially heartwarming over the years to get to know such a loving couple and their children.

With Rita's brother Cliff and his wife Pat serving as witnesses, Maurice and Rita eloped and were married in Angola, Indiana, on September 13, 1952. Choosing to elope somehow seems appropriate for two people who have never been afraid of life's challenges.

Maurice served as a Marine in the Korean War, was wounded and received the Purple Heart. He later worked as a toolmaker at Northern Tool and Die and as a foreman at General Motors Corporation's Fisher Turnstead plant. He also served as a volunteer firefighter for the Beecher Fire Department, where he rose to the rank of Assistant Chief. Meanwhile, Rita worked to create a loving and nurturing home environment in which to raise their daughters, Carrie and Charlotte, and son, Kim. After the children were grown, Maurice and Rita literally put their house on a trailer and moved it to a 10-acre parcel in Otter Lake where they raised horses and cows.

From the day Maurice and Rita first met at the Red Lion restaurant in Bay City, they shared a special bond and a like-minded sense of humor. Friends and family are familiar with the story of that day at the Red Lion when Maurice and Rita couldn't stop laughing about a customer whose bald head was so shiny that Rita tried to fix her hair in the reflection. It was their mutual ability to find humor in everyday events that brought them together and that has kept them together through good times and more difficult circumstances.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maurice and Rita Lutze for achieving a rarely reached milestone of fifty years of marriage. I am confident they will enjoy many more years of love and happiness.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4546,
BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FIS-
CAL YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise reluctantly today on the Conference Committee report for the Fiscal Year 2003 Defense Authorization.

The House of Representatives sent to the Conference concurrent receipt provisions that were a solution to the problem of the nearly 15 million veterans and their families in this Nation. Last night, after 40 minutes of debate, the House adopted a version of the report that will aid merely 33,500 of our military retirees who suffer from a combat-related disability.

While I appreciate Chairman HUNTER's efforts to keep some language in the conference report, I am left to wonder: what have we done for the other 14,966,500 servicemen and women who have stood behind this great Nation?

We had the support and votes of over 400 Members of this House and funding in this year's budget to solve this seemingly unsolvable problem. When are we going to put our money where our mouths are?

Adding insult to injury, the concurrent receipt provisions are confusing and complicated. Deserving or not, approved or not, claimants will inundate the Department of Defense, causing further delays and postponements in an already backlogged system. We may very well end up losing more Federal dollars in a drawn-out claims process than will reach our retirees in payments due to these vague eligibility provisions.

I have the greatest respect for BOB STUMP, for whom this legislation is appropriately named. He has been a tireless advocate for America's Uniformed Services, and an invaluable mentor to me. And while this is a first step on the road to improved compensation for our veterans, I was unable to sign this conference report. We have just sent a message to the men and women that defend our freedoms that I cannot support. That message is this: 20 years or more of honorable military service is enough to warrant receipt of military retirement pay only if you are injured in combat.

Mr. Speaker, we must pledge now to provide for the welfare of veterans who have contributed in every capacity to the defense of our Nation.

The remainder of this legislation is a cumulative statement on how this Congress views its armed forces. Our vote sends a clear message to our men and women in uniform that we support your efforts and appreciate your sacrifice to defend this great Nation.

Of the total \$355.1 billion, \$93.6 billion (\$11.5 billion over fiscal year 2002) supports the budget request for 1.4 million active duty and 864,558 guard and reserve personnel; it fully funds the pay raise of 4.1 percent and adds \$110 million over the budget for enhanced force structure for B-52 squadrons, and Guard and Reserve full time support personnel.

The Navy, of particular interest to Northwest Florida, will receive \$3.2 billion for 46 Navy F/

A-18 E/F fighters, including an additional \$120 million over the budget request for 2 additional aircraft. The appropriation will also provide \$4.0 billion for 23 F-22 fighters and \$3.5 billion for continued development of the multi-service Joint Strike Fighter.

Defense health programs are funded at \$14.8 billion with \$7.7 billion going towards Tricare for Life, post-65 military retirement medical care.

Additionally, I am happy to see \$26 million for the Joint Primary Aircraft Training System or JPATS. JPATS brings Naval aviation training into the 21st century by providing student aviators with glass cockpits and ejection seats, a more realistic training, for a more realistic age of war fighting.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is progressive, reflective of Congress and goes a long way in supporting our men and women in uniform.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4546,
BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FIS-
CAL YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McKEON Mr. Speaker, I would like to first thank House Armed Services Committee Chairman BOB STUMP for whom this bill is named. It has been a great privilege to serve on the committee with Chairman STUMP. He has served his country with distinction in a number of capacities. From the time he concealed his age to be eligible to join the fight during World War II to his patriotic leadership in the HASC, Chairman STUMP had exemplified bravery, integrity and honor. Truly, he has been a role model for all Americans.

Post September 11, Americans are painfully aware of the need to equip our military with not only the tools, but also the training vital to securing and preserving freedom at home and abroad. I strongly support H.R. 4546 because this bill is an aggressive plan to provide our men and women in uniform with the best in both training and equipment.

Furthermore, H.R. 4546 honors those who protect our freedoms each day. It is unfair and unpatriotic to ask the men and women of the armed services to perform one of the most difficult and more important jobs without compensating them fairly. I am extremely pleased that the defense reauthorization act includes a 4.1 percent military pay raise.

This legislation marks a critical point for the United States in the war on terror. For over a decade the U.S. military has suffered the blows of defense budget cuts. I support H.R. 4546, which including the President's goal to increase funding and to repair the damage caused by these cutbacks.

IN HONOR OF ZLAKET FAMILY
BUSINESS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Zlaket Family of Garden Grove for 75 years of service to their community.

In 1927, Leo and Mary Zlaket decided to open a general store, selling bulk items to farm housewives, like flour and sugar, as well as fabric to sew clothes for their families. Chickens were sold whole, without the modern day pre-packaging.

Today, the Zlaket market caters to the fast-paced and busy community of Garden Grove by selling specialty and gourmet items. However, they still maintain their old world charm by selling "Moms Cakes" baked by 81-year-old mom Kay Roman, who wakes up early each morning to bake her delicious creations.

I am very proud of the Zlaket family for sustaining a business over 75 years through events like World War II and the Great Depression. Their dedication to their community, their business, and their family is to be commended.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOUGLAS H.
DITTRICK

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an outstanding member of our community and northern New Jersey—Douglas H. Dittrick, who on November 18, 2002, will be honored by the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America as one of 2002's "Good Scouts." I am privileged to know Doug as a constituent, a counselor, and, most important, a valued friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to list all of the contributions Doug has made to New Jersey as a businessman, as a civic leader, and as a philanthropist. Doug is an outstanding example of the type of person who makes Bergen County, our State, and our Nation such a wonderful place.

As President and CEO of Douglas Communications Corporation II, Doug has been a leader and pioneer in the telecommunications industry for more than twenty-five years. He has served as Chairman of the National Cable Television Association, and has been honored as Executive of the Year by Cable Television Business magazine. Doug is a recipient of the NCTA's Vanguard Award for outstanding contribution to cable television, and has been a champion of the telecommunications industry for decades.

Equally important, Doug has been a leader in innumerable charities and civic institutions within and outside of New Jersey. In my own district, he has chaired the Valley Health System and served as chairman of the board of the Valley Hospital's Board of Trustees. He has been actively involved in the leadership of the American and National Red Cross on both the state and national level. In my hometown

of Ridgewood, Doug served with distinction on the town's Board of Education for almost a decade, and as President of the Board for five years. At the same time, Doug has shown deep devotion to his alma mater, Ohio Wesleyan University, having served as President and as an active member of the University's Alumni Association, and currently serving as Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees.

Above all, Doug has shown a keen interest in Scouting, and the values it instills in our young people. Doug has served as Chair of the Ridgewood-Glen Rock District of the Boy Scouts of America, and presently serves both as Vice President-Finance for the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts, and Executive Vice President of the Northeastern Region. In 1997, Doug was the recipient of the BSA's prestigious Silver Beaver award in recognition of all that he has contributed to Scouting.

In gratitude for all that Doug has given to the Boy Scouts of America, the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts this year will honor Doug with its "Good Scout" award. Doug's well-justified pride in this honor is shared by his wife Barbara, their three daughters, and indeed, all of the New Jersey Scouting community.

Mr. Speaker, through his good works, Douglas H. Dittrick exemplifies the American values that have made our country great, and truly gives meaning to the term "pillar of the community." I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Doug on his achievements, and thanking and saluting him for his dedication and contribution to so many members of our New Jersey community.

HONORING SIDNEY "SID" M. OMAN
ON HIS TEN YEARS OF SERVICE
AS HOST OF WCTV-48'S SOUND-
ING BOARD PROGRAM

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a patriot and pioneer in public television. Sidney "Sid" M. Oman has given ten years of service as host of the weekly public affairs talk show, "Sounding Board", on the City of Chesapeake's cable channel, WCTV-48.

Each week, Sid highlights hot topics in politics, current events, and other news that impact the residents of the Chesapeake community. He invites state and local leaders to talk about important issues, and share their thoughts with the community in an objective forum.

Sid and his "Sounding Board" have a long history together. From 1960-1964, he hosted the original "Sounding Board" on WAVY TV-10 in Hampton Roads, Virginia. From the beginning, the show featured people in local, state, and national politics and government, as well as those in the arts and media.

Sid has been serving his community in a variety of capacities for many decades. He

began his career of service as public relations chief for the City of Norfolk, and served five years as executive director of the Norfolk's International Azalea Festival, an annual celebration that salutes NATO member nations.

Sid's love of politics eventually persuaded him into public office. Sid served as a three-time mayor of Chesapeake, Virginia, and a one-time mayor of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. During these years of service, Sid continued to host weekly public television segments and call-in radio programs where citizens phoned in with questions and comments.

After ten years with WCTV, Sid Oman still holds a strong commitment to educating and providing information to the public. He and his wife, Lillian, are both well-respected and much-loved members of the Chesapeake community.

When not hosting "Sounding Board", Sid oversees his successful funeral business. In spring of 1964, Sid himself planned and coordinated the funeral of General Douglas MacArthur. Again—Sid's commitment to serving and honoring others has been an outstanding and lifelong pursuit.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sid Oman, for his years of service to WCTV, to Chesapeake, and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CONGRATULATING KATARZYNA
SZOTYNSKA, SAILING CHAMPION

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Katarzyna Szotynska, a young woman from Warsaw, Poland, who was the recent winner of the World Laser Radial championships which was held in the greater Buffalo area at the Buffalo Canoe Club in nearby Ontario, Canada.

Ms. Szotynska is also the 2002 Silver medalist in the 3rd World Sailing Games in Marseille, France, and was the Gold Medal winner in the World Laser Radial Championships in Spain and Turkey in 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Katarzyna Szotynska was born in Poland and is studying culture at Warsaw University. She has been sailing Laser Radials for eight years. Ms. Szotynska is the first woman in the world to win three consecutive world championships in Laser Radials class. She is the most accomplished woman sailor in Polish history.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Katarzyna Szotynska on her accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF ANDREW SAAVEDRA
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY
OF SANTA ANA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Saavedra for his service to the

city of Santa Ana. Andrew was recently awarded the Rosita Diaz "love in Action" award from the Loyola Institute for Spirituality for his hard work and dedication to the community.

Sixteen years ago, Andrew started a soup kitchen at St. Joseph Catholic Church. When it first opened, the kitchen served only a handful of people. Today, the kitchen has expanded and now serves over 600 each week.

Andrew has also helped to establish citizenship and English classes in Santa Ana to help immigrants in the community to become a part of the Democratic process.

I am very proud of Andrew and appreciate his service to the citizens of Santa Ana.

DEAN STRATTON: A HUNTER'S
LIFE

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend and fellow bow hunter, Dean Stratton of Rhodes, Michigan, in acknowledgment and appreciation for his entrepreneurial spirit and long-time commitment to promoting advanced hunting techniques in Michigan and nationwide.

Dean and I share a love of hunting and the great outdoors. I have enormous respect and admiration for him as a hunter and as a businessman who turned his \$100 investment into the biggest commercial game call business in the state. His family-owned business, Stratton Outdoor Products, along with Stratton Deer Farm, stand as models for other small business owners pursuing their own versions of the American Dream.

Over the years, Dean has used his own passion for hunting to help countless others discover the thrills and satisfaction on the sport. A native of Bay City, Dean pioneered the development of deer calls and was the first businessman in the state to sell deer and game calls commercially. He made his discovery by observing how deer communicate. He then used that knowledge to transform a duck call into a prototype for luring deer. Dean's deer calls are now widely used by hunters throughout the country.

In addition to marketing his innovative, hand-made products to hunters and hunting outlets across the country, Dean also has successfully harvested trophy-class whitetail deer and wild turkey for many years. Always willing to share his expertise on deer and turkey behavior and on some of the advanced hunting techniques he has developed, Dean has conducted seminars and clinics to pass on his knowledge to others. He also is an accomplished author, photographer and radio talk show host. Dean credits his wife, Cheryl Ann, and their sons, Christopher, Jason and Adam, with allowing him to pursue and achieve his dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dean Stratton for his many contributions to hunting. He is indeed a straight shooter and a strong advocate for hunters and outdoor enthusiasts across this great land and throughout the world.

TRIBUTE TO BALDWIN-WALLACE
COLLEGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, OH, for their innovative program to assist single, teen mothers in obtaining a college education. Baldwin-Wallace College's commitment to assisting underrepresented populations with obtaining a higher education degree dates back to the founding of the institution in 1845. In keeping with that tradition, Baldwin-Wallace developed the Single Parents Reaching Out for Unassisted Tomorrows, or SPROUT, program in 1990 to recruit and retain students from "at risk" populations, knowing that education is the door to a future free from poverty, dependency, and oppression.

The College created the comprehensive developmental program for single parents and their children when it became clear that single parents drop out of college when the competing demands of child care, academics, and finances become overwhelming. Without a college degree, most single parents, primarily women, are unable to break the cycle of welfare and subsistence living. Given the availability of campus housing, day care, academic tutoring, counseling services, mentoring, and educational developmental programming, this cycle can be broken.

SPROUT provides single parents the opportunity to complete a college education consistent with their career and personal goals. Because of the continuing need across the State and the Nation for establishing an educational environment conducive and supportive of the parenting skills, home management skills, personal management demands, and financial resource requirements of single parents, the SPROUT program can serve as a demonstration project for a more extensive effort at developing education programs which offer academic options and opportunities encouraging academic and individual development of single parents and their children.

Students are selected to participate in the SPROUT program based on their financial need, past academic achievement, academic promise, and ability to adapt to community living. They must also be accepted to Baldwin-Wallace through the regular admissions program. Each participant is expected to complete full-time course work each semester while meeting the College's grade point average requirements.

Current welfare regulations requiring participants to engage in 35 hours of classroom study, work, educational programming, and counseling, or vocational training weekly and limiting participants to a total of 36 months force the SPROUT parent to take courses in the summer in order to graduate on time. Even in the face of these requirements, 70 percent of the students who enter the program will graduate. The students work no less than 12 hours per week at work study or off-campus jobs.

Each individual in the program receives career, academic, and personal counseling through the developmental programs that SPROUT offers including mentoring and internship programs. The College provides sup-

port services such as tutors, a learning center, a writing laboratory, and a computer center to help ensure the success of these students. Each mother and her child are provided with on-campus housing in a group living environment shared with three other families. Baldwin-Wallace College assists each woman with obtaining child care and additional living expenses.

Despite these strict requirements, the SPROUT parents are achieving academic success. In fact, the overall grade point average of the students in the SPROUT program is over 3.0.

Mr. Speaker, before I close I would like to tell you the story of one young woman who some of you may know. Lar'Mara O'Neal is a shining example of the success of the SPROUT program. She transferred to Baldwin-Wallace College in January 1998 with a newborn son. After graduating from Baldwin-Wallace in 1999, Lar'Mara went on to earn a graduate degree from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve in 2001. She currently lives in Washington with her son, Steven, and has a fellowship through the Presidential Management Intern (PMI) program. Today, Lar'Mara is a Legislative Assistant with Representative STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES. This would not have been possible without the opportunity to attend college while raising her son through the SPROUT program.

I would also like to mention my friend, Julie Candela, the director of the SPROUT program, and praise her for her dedication and hard work. Mr. Speaker, I am not only impressed with Lar'Mara and her achievements but with the SPROUT Program because it is an ideal model of a successful Welfare-to-Work program.

Baldwin-Wallace College is dedicated to assisting these young student mothers as they face the many challenges on the path to self-sufficiency, personal responsibility, and academic success. I commend both the College and the SPROUT participants for their commitment and resolve to assure these young women have the opportunity for a better future.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN H. APPELYARD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Pensacola's most cherished and dedicated citizens, whom over the course of his life has given an immeasurable amount of time and effort to the community that he has worked so hard to build. He has given nearly 1,000 speeches, written over 75 books, and taught over 500 lessons and classes tracing Northwest Florida history. A prolific writer and local historian, John H. Appleyard has dedicated his life to the Pensacola community and has become one of Pensacola's greatest assets.

Actively involved in the Pensacola community for the past half-century, Mr. Appleyard committed himself to the improvement of Northwest Florida. He served as president of the Pensacola Historical Society, the Downtown Rotary Club, and the PJC Foundation. In

addition, he has given his time to such positions as director of the Home Builders Association of West Florida, the Lions Club, and the United Way Foundation. In 1959 Mr. Appleyard founded the John Appleyard Agency, a Pensacola advertising and public relations firm, for which he has actively been a part of since its inception.

Over the past 50 years, this distinguished gentleman has received numerous honors and awards for his contributions to the Pensacola area. In 1955, Mr. Appleyard was recognized as the Jaycees Northwest Florida Young Man of the Year for his service with a variety of community organizations including the University of West Florida, Boy Scouts of America, and the YMCA, just to name a few. Continuing his efforts for the next 30 years, Mr. Appleyard was honored as the Chamber of Commerce-News Journal Pioneer Businessman of the Year in 1986 and awarded the Heritage Award of the Pensacola Historical Society in 1988. These are simply a few of the overwhelming number of awards and honors the Mr. Appleyard has received, a true testament to his dedication and commitment to the Pensacola community.

As well as being firmly entrenched in the activities of the Pensacola community, Mr. Appleyard has become one of the foremost historians on the Pensacola area. He has penned a variety of books, both fictional and non-fictional, including classics such as "The Second Great Document" and "The Spanish-French Confrontation." Mr. Appleyard has also written several radio enactment plays and playlets.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, November 14, 2002, John H. Appleyard, along with the Pensacola community, will celebrate his 80th birthday. On this such occasion, we honor a great historian, businessman, and neighbor; one of Pensacola's greatest citizens.

IN HONOR OF LUCY SANTANA FOR
HER APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF GIRLS INCORPORATED OF ORANGE COUNTY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucy Santana of Santa Ana. On September 1, Lucy was appointed as Executive Director of Girls Incorporated of Orange County, an organization that strives to help girls and young women develop the values and skills they need to become productive and successful adults. She is the first Latina to head the local chapter of the national organization.

Her desire to help young Latinas in Orange County comes from her experiences in school as a young girl. Noticing that the boys were called on more frequently and received better opportunities in school, she learned from an early age the barriers young women face in getting an education.

Lucy refused to believe the message she was taught. She worked hard and became the first college graduate in her family. Her desire to help other young women in her community is truly an inspiration.

BRAVO ZULU TO COMMANDER
DANIEL F. VERHEUL, USN

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Daniel F. Verheul, United States Navy. CDR Verheul has distinguished himself by exceptional service as the Defense Intelligence Agency's Liaison Officer to the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees from February 2000 to December 2002. Commander Verheul brought his wealth of tactical through strategic-level operations and operational experiences to bear in supporting the various defense committee's requirements for intelligence briefings and hearings.

Some of these briefing and hearings involved intelligence support for the Iraqi resolution authorizing U.S. forces into combat, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, inquiries into the attack on the USS *Cole*, operations in the Balkans, Plan Colombia, "Desert Fox" attacks on Iraq, joint targeting and battle damage assessments for Operation Northern and Southern Watch, and organizing and coordinating a series of weekly classified intelligence briefs.

Commander Verheul is an outstanding action officer whose promotion of intelligence capabilities at all levels gained support in the Congress for increased intelligence capabilities and resources. Through his initiative, he organized a myriad of one-on-one briefs to inform key Congressional Members and Staff, enabling them to gain a better understanding of world crises, global threats, weapons and technology proliferation, foreign military capabilities, and support for administration policies and objectives.

Commander Verheul made numerous significant contributions to national-level military and civilian policymakers in support of funding and policy for intelligence operations and support activities. His contributions to the Congress, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Defense Intelligence Community are extensive and invaluable. His willingness to take on any task, and succeed, promoting camaraderie and purpose in every endeavor, reflects great credit upon himself, the Navy, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, and the United States Congress.

In closing, I am proud to recognize CDR Verheul and his wife, LDCDR Karen Verheul, U.S. Navy, Nurse Corps for their honorable service to our Nation. I join my colleagues in the House today in wishing them and their children Daniel and Jenny continued success and the traditional naval wish of "Fair winds and Following seas" as they transfer to their next assignments on the West Coast.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, when this Chamber considered predecessor legislation,

H.R. 5005, last July, I voted against its passage. As I have looked over the conference agreement reached with the other body, I do not see where this bill represents a significant difference over the original product. Therefore, I voted against the conference agreement for similar reasons that justified my vote on the bill.

Let me say to my colleagues that I support the concept of a Department of Homeland Security. But the concept as transformed into H.R. 5005 is a good idea turned into a really bad legislation.

This bill divides the government from those who serve it—government employees. The 170,000 employees who will be incorporated into this new Department will be denied job protections that cover most all federal employees, even those under the Department of Defense. Under this bill, the President can strip employees of their union representation if the agency's mission or division they work for material changes, or if a majority of the employees within that unit work primarily with intelligence, counterintelligence or investigations related to terrorism. The Department would also be free to totally ignore employee or bargaining representative grievances of proposed changes in pay systems and personnel rules.

The personnel rules do not promote good management; they do not promote good government practices. In Election 2000, President Bush campaigned on the promise that he was a "uniter, not a divider." Now we see what an empty promise he has made of that campaign pledge. This bill will do much to divide government from its own federal workforce.

Another shortcoming of the bill is that it exempts manufacturers of anti-terrorism technology from liability. Proponents of this provision say it will make America safer. I say it only rewards corporate irresponsibility—a policy that our President and the loyal opposition seems to embrace.

Mr. Speaker, this is seriously flawed legislation, and that is why I cast my vote against the bill's passage.

HONORING HENRY LEE PLAGE

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to share with my colleagues a story of heroism and to honor the bravery of Lt. Commander Henry Lee Plage who lives in my hometown of Ocala, FL. During World War II, he and his crew saved dozens of men from the water of the Pacific after a raging typhoon sunk three ships.

Henry Lee Plage started his military career as a member of ROTC at Georgia Tech and he joined the Navy in 1937 after his graduation. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Lt. Commander Plage immediately requested sea duty. His first assignment was commanding a submarine chaser. With only 4 days to get ready, he assumed command of a crew of 55.

On February 18, 1944, the USS *Tabberer* (DE-418) was launched. She was commissioned on May 23, 1944, with Plage in command. By October the ship had joined Admiral Halsey's 3rd Fleet, helping to supply crucial air cover for General MacArthur's Land troops.

On December 17m 1944, the USS *Tabberer* was east of the Phillipine Islands along with the 3rd Fleet, scheduled to refuel, when the weather began to deteriorate rapidly. The reason, Typhoon Cobra was heading directly toward them.

The high winds and choppy seas prevented the USS *Tabberer* from refueling and by the evening of December 17th, the full force of the typhoon was upon them. The *Tabberer* had to fight extremely rough seas—and by the 18th sustained winds had reached about 145 miles per hour, with wind gusts up to 185 miles an hour. Before the Typhoon had moved through, the USS *Tabberer* had lost its mast and radio antenna. Three destroyers from the fleet, the USS *Hull* (DD-350), the USS *Spence* (DD-512) and the USS *Monaghan* (DD-354), had gone down.

About 9:30 p.m. on December 18th, the *Tabberer* rescued its first survivor from the water. It was then that Lt. Commander Plage learned that the USS *Hull* had capsized. Plage and the *Tabberer* immediately began an intensive search and rescue effort. These efforts continued for 3 days and nights. In all, the USS *Tabberer* pulled 55 men from the Pacific Ocean. All were from the USS *Hull* and the USS *Spence*.

Typhoon Cobra claimed nearly 800 lives. Only 92 survived, 55 of these rescued by the crew of the USS *Tabberer*. Lt. Commander Plage remained on sea duty after the war and gave the Navy 14 years of service before retiring in 1954.

It is an honor for me to share this story of heroism and survival and I ask you all to join me in commending Lt. Commander Henry Lee Plage and the crew of the USS *Tabberer* for their dedication in saving the lives of 55 men from that terrible storm.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
THE RETIREMENT OF RICHARD
H. FINAN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Richard Finan served the people of Ohio as a member of the Ohio State Senate for 30 years; and

Whereas, Richard Finan has served as President of the Ohio State Senate; and

Whereas, Richard Finan worked to restore and preserve the Statehouse and its annex; and

Whereas, Richard Finan has used his position within the Ohio Senate to help better the lives of thousands of people; and

Whereas, Richard Finan must be commended for his professionalism and his ability to motivate those around him by establishing a superb example; and

Whereas, Richard Finan's dedication and service will be missed by the entire state of Ohio.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebrating Richard Finan's years of service and retirement from the Ohio State Senate.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF LOCAL
BROADCASTING FOR PUBLIC
STATION KVCR

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, the residents of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in Southern California are in a very unique position when it comes to television stations. The Los Angeles broadcasters are close enough to provide all the local coverage we can receive. But they consider most of our news too far away to cover.

For the past 40 years, the only broadcaster that has continuously served the people of San Bernardino and Riverside counties has been KVCR, the public television station operated by the San Bernardino Valley Community College District. They have provided news, focus documentaries, features and creative programming that have often been the only source of local broadcasting for an area that includes nearly 2 million people.

Forty years of providing the only public broadcasting to such a large area would be worth celebrating even if this was the only service provided by KVCR and the community college district. But the station's other role may be even more important: It is an access point to the world of broadcasting for a student body that is among the most diverse and hard-working in Southern California. The graduates of this program have moved on to many of the commercial and cable broadcasters throughout our region and the nation, and they in turn have served as role models and mentors for other minority communities and other cities.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, KVCR was the first TV station in the nation to be owned and operated by a public community college, and it has instructed tens of thousands of students via educational broadcasts and remains an essential component of the college district. The station is a national pioneer in the use of television for direct instruction intended for viewing in the area's classrooms, in the workplace, or conveniently in the homes of students.

Mr. Speaker, KVCR-TV is a vital link in educating the new and existing workforce for tomorrow's business needs. And it remains the only broadcaster providing local news and public interest reports, as well as serving the diverse needs of our community. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating General Manager Lew Warren and the San Bernardino Community College District board for continuing to provide this valuable public service.

COMMEMORATING THE 69TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN
FAMINE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 69th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932 to 1933.

The Famine was engineered as part of Stalin's genocidal policy toward the Ukrainian people, and resulted in the deaths of at least 7 million innocent men, women, and children. Though these deaths were covered up and denied for decades by the government of the former Soviet Union, the truth surrounding these tragic events have been documented by witnesses and survivors, as well as investigative works like Robert Conquest's *Harvest of Sorrow* and the report of the Congressional Commission on the Ukraine Famine.

I recently received a letter from Dr. Walter Lyzohub from Redford Township, MI. He wrote to tell me that he was a survivor of the Famine, but that the Famine took the lives of his sister, Wira, as well as his brother, Iwan. His sister and brother were age 10 and 9, respectively. Dr. Lyzohub also enclosed a family photograph taken in 1929, just 3 years before the onset of the Famine.

For Dr. Lyzohub and other survivors of the Famine, these tragic events are not just a footnote in history. They are as real as the faces in this photograph of two children who died so needlessly. We honor the memory of Wira and Iwan Lyzohub, and all the victims of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932 and 1933. It is important that we remember their lives and their deaths, and work to ensure that food is never again used as a weapon.

Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate the anniversary of this man-made tragedy, we join with Ukrainian-Americans and Ukrainians around the world in always remembering the victims of the Famine.

HONORING GORDON HASKELL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a very special man, Mr. Gordon Haskell, a resident of Santa Cruz, CA, who passed away on October 4, 2002. Gordon dedicated his life to community service, promoting social justice, and advocating for democratic principles. It is my honor to stand in this House and acknowledge Gordon's life and his legacy to California's 17th Congressional District.

Mr. Gordon Haskell was born the youngest of 10 children August 15, 1917, in Plovdiv, Bulgaria to Edward Haskell, a second generation American Protestant Missionary, and Elisabeth Frolich Haskell of Enenda, Switzerland. At the age of 16, Gordon settled in California where he attended Voorhee's School for Boys, Occidental College, and later graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. Gordon worked for 9 years as a locomotive fireman on the Southern Pacific Railroad while active as a union organizer in the Independent Socialist League. He later moved to New York to serve as editor of the ISL's newspaper, *Labor Action*. After a number of years with the ISL, Gordon moved on to become Director of development for the American Civil Liberties Union in New York. In 1969, Gordon met his future wife, Rachel, as she stirred lemonade at a peace rally in St. Louis. Gordon and Rachel spent much of their 32 years of marriage in Santa Cruz, CA.

Gordon devoted his life, both personally and professionally, to social and economic justice and equality. His early dedication to social justice evolved into a dogged determination to work in his own communities for obtainable and sustainable political and social change. Gordon was a tireless petitioner of his local, State, and Federal Government. He was a frequent, and always welcome, visitor to my Santa Cruz office, often dropping by to deliver mailings, news articles, or simply to make sure I was aware of the latest concerns of our local community. His experience as a writer and editor was frequently put to good use, as Gordon was often chosen to pen letters and resolutions on behalf of local democratic clubs and the Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee. In fact, just weeks before his passing, Gordon contributed to a passionately written resolution condemning the possible war in Iraq.

I could always count on Gordon to attend every town hall and public meeting I held. He consistently asked the tough questions, sometimes praising his elected representatives, but never shy about voicing his concerns. Gordon's life-long dedication to participating and petitioning his government should be commended and celebrated. Though I, and countless others, will surely miss Gordon, his unflagging pursuit of justice and equality will be a lasting tribute to the Santa Cruz community, and an example for us all.

Gordon is survived by two children, Guy Haskell of Bloomington, IN, and Elisabeth Haskell of Sacramento, CA; 3 stepchildren, Garry Fathman, Anthony Fathman, and Mary Fathman-Thomas; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and his wife, Rachel. Mr. Speaker, it is truly my honor to recognize the life and accomplishments of Mr. Gordon Haskell.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR DAVID
PAGNI FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS
AND DEDICATION TO THE STU-
DENTS OF ORANGE COUNTY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professor David Pagni from California State University, Fullerton. David, a math professor from Cal State Fullerton received a grant in the amount of \$6.5 million from the National Science Foundation. It is the largest grant ever awarded to a Cal State faculty member.

David will be using the funds from this grant to head a team of professors and teaching coaches to show teachers how to teach advanced math at Orange County high schools and their middle school counterparts over the next 5 years. The hope is that better math instruction in middle school will better prepare students for advanced math classes in high school.

I am very proud of David for his achievement and dedication.

TIM SCHMIG: AN ADVOCATE WITH
INTEGRITY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tim Schmig of Burton, MI, for his work on behalf of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools, Inc., and for his years of service representing the interests of Michigan with elected officials throughout the State and nationwide. I have worked closely with Tim during my tenure in Congress and have greatly appreciated his input on a wide range of issues.

I first met Tim in 1993 when he stopped in to see me while I was meeting with constituents at the courthouse in Bad Axe, MI. As I recall, Tim had some issues on his mind and we had a worthwhile discussion that provided me with some additional information to consider. Since that time, I have kept in contact with Tim, often soliciting his perspective as I pondered legislative matters and public policy decisions. Likewise, Tim often called on me at my office in Washington, DC, or back at home to give me his views. In addition, I have always been impressed with Tim's conveyance of his opinions in Op-Ed pieces and in Letters to the Editor.

As the executive director of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools and during his previous job with the National Right Your Congressman organization, Tim has earned respect and garnered influence on both sides of the political aisle. Lawmakers have come to trust Tim and rely on his knowledge of the issues and his well-informed advocacy on a variety of issues. He truly has earned both the respect and influence he has in the halls of Congress and in the Michigan Legislature.

A 1984 graduate of Bob Jones University, Tim has made a personal and professional commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He and his wife have been married for 22 years and they have three daughters, Sarah, Rebekah and Hannah.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in praising Tim Schmig for his dedication and commitment to promoting Christian schools. He is truly doing the Lord's work and should be commended. I am confident that Tim's reputation for integrity and hard work will win him influence with elected leaders for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF SAM COOKE, LEG-
ENDARY SINGER AND SONG-
WRITER

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the late Sam Cooke, a gospel and soul music performer whose vocal delivery laid the foundations for the rise of soul music today. He utilized his talents as

a performer, business entrepreneur, and civil rights activist to break down the color lines of segregation.

Born in Clarksdale, Mississippi on January 22, 1931, Sam Cooke was one of eight sons of a Baptist minister. As a young teen, Cooke joined the church choir and performed with a gospel group called the Highway QC's. During the 1950's, Cooke toured with the group Soul Stirrers and achieved significant success with gospel songs including Touch the Hem of His Garment and Nearer to Thee.

Cooke crossed over in 1956 and made his secular debut single, Loveable. The single, You Send Me, sold two million copies and made him a star. A series of notable hits followed over a span of seven years—Wonderful World, Only Sixteen, Everybody Likes a Cha Cha, Chain Gang, Cupid, Sad Mood, Bring It on Home to Me, Twisting The Night Away, and A Change Gonna Come.

Cooke died at the peak of his career in December of 1964. The music pioneer still remains a major presence today as his legacy lives in the hearts of fans.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the legendary Sam Cooke for his tremendous contributions as a soul and gospel artist, entrepreneur, and freedom fighter.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR JOSE RAMON
BACA

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Major Jose Ramon Baca, who is a very special individual to me. He was truly appreciated and loved by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Jose "Ray" Baca was born in Las Nutrias, New Mexico, to Alberto and Josefita Peralta Baca on March 19, 1940, and grew up in Albuquerque's South Broadway neighborhood. Ray graduated Albuquerque High School in 1958, and continued his education at the University of New Mexico. He graduated from the University in 1962 with a B.S. in chemical engineering and was a member of the Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society. After graduating, Ray married Victoria Morales in San Antonio, Texas on July 16, 1966. Together they raised their two sons, Rafael and Arthur.

Once joining the Air Force, Ray's ambition, brilliance, and passion poised him for success. During his 20-year career in the Air Force, he worked as a launch officer for the Atlas Missile Project in Roswell and in Turkey. He received a Masters of Science degree in 1968 in nuclear engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He also worked as a staff scientist at McClellan Air Force Base in California and later at the Air Force Missile Command in Washington, D.C.

His yearning for knowledge led him to return to the University of New Mexico. In 1987 he received a M.A. in History and Southwestern

Studies and was a doctoral candidate in history. His dream was to continue to research and write about his native state.

Ray passed away on June 6, 2002 surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his father, Alberto Baca and sister, Viola Baca, and is survived by his wife of 35 years Victoria Baca; sons Rafael and Arthur; mother Josefita Baca; and sisters Dolores Padilla, Priscilla and Anna Mae Baca. His family, innumerable friends and community will miss him greatly.

He will be remembered as a loving and generous husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He valued his family above all things, and supported and encouraged them in all stages of their lives. He instilled in his children a strong sense of family, love, and respect, and he encouraged them to excel in their education. He was an exceptional, compassionate and motivating individual.

And so Mr. Speaker, I submit this loving memorial to be included in the archives of the history of this great nation.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill to create a Department of Homeland Security (DHS). I was one of the first members of Congress to call for a Department of Homeland Security and a reorganization of the various elements of the government that provide our nation's security—from national defense to border defense.

I support this bill because of the overwhelming need for our nation to recognize our challenges in the new defense environment of the 21st Century. We were vulnerable to a degree we did not anticipate on September 11, and it is incumbent upon Congress and other government leaders to stand up to the challenge and find ways to make our country safer.

I wish Congress had seen fit to take more control of the personnel decisions to be made in the labor sections of the bill. Whenever we vest all authority in one person we weaken our democracy. We are also weakening this department from the beginning by asking its employees to adhere to rules separate from those rules that govern other government employees.

Despite its shortcomings, however, we are well past the time to re-focus our energies on a new organization for our government to protect our borders and our citizens.

I thank the leaders of the House and Senate for their hard work on this bill. I also thank the Democratic Caucus for recognizing the importance of this issues and forming the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Homeland Security. This task force paved the way for nearly all the good ideas incorporated in this bill.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRED COLONEL GROVER F. HEIMAN, JR., RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROY E. KADEN, RETIRED MAJOR EARL L. SCHUREMAN, AND RETIRED SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JOHN D. GOOLSBEE

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, it gives us great pleasure to pay tribute to retired Colonel Grover F. Heiman, Jr., retired Lieutenant Colonel Roy E. Kaden, retired Major Earl L. Schureman, and retired Senior Master Sergeant John D. Goolsbee for their brave dedication to their country.

On September 17, 1952, these four American heroes and the rest of their RB-50 crew, took off from an airbase in Greenland on a Top Secret reconnaissance mission over the "Ice Islands" of the Soviet Franz Josef Land Archipelago.

This crew was personally selected and highly trained to fly this mission. They were told if they were shot down or captured, there would be no rescue operation. Despite this, the crew risked their own lives to gather information on a possible new Soviet air base being built in Franz Joseph archipelago.

If there was a base being built, Soviet TU-4 bombers would be capable of attacking the East Coast of the United States with nuclear weapons.

The crew departed in the early morning for their 15-hour mission. The fog on the field was so thick that they had to follow a vehicle to the runway.

After doing a thorough check of all aircraft systems, the RB-50 lifted off for the Soviet Union. Since this mission was Top Secret, there was complete radio silence for the entire 15-hour flight; the crew did not talk to anyone on the radios.

This mission was at such a northern latitude that the crew had to navigate using a system known as "Grid Navigation." This system is used to solve problems with direction posed by flying so close to the North Pole.

To simplify the navigation problems, the crew took two navigators. One navigator maintained a dead reckoning plot of position, computing air speed, wind direction, velocity and ground speed; the other navigator provided frequent astro compass readings of the azimuth of the sun.

Once the flight entered the area they were to reconnaissance, they planned to fly at 20,000 feet and use the onboard photography systems to survey the area.

Unfortunately, at 20,000 feet, the RB-50 was above a solid cloud layer, rendering the onboard photography system useless. The aircraft descended to 12,000 feet hoping to get below the weather, but there was still another layer of clouds below them. In an attempt to salvage what they could from this mission, the crew descended through several cloud layers until leveling off below the clouds, 2,500 feet above the ground.

The aircraft passed over numerous small, ice covered, barren islands looking for any signs of a Soviet military presence.

Due to the altitude they were flying at, the aircraft used the onboard tri-met and oblique cameras as well as visual observation to search for any Soviet airbases.

After flying in that area for a considerable amount of time, the crew saw no sign of any Soviet military presence and departed.

The crew maintained radio silence for the entire flight back until they were directly over their base in Greenland. Once over the airbase, they broke radio silence, and since the weather had gotten slightly better, they were able to land and complete their mission.

They spent several days after this flight debriefing United States Intelligence members on what they saw.

The selfless sacrifice of these American heroes has made our nation a safer place.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE ALLSTATE FOUNDATION AND THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the long-standing public-private partnership between the Allstate Foundation and the National Crime Prevention Council, a model collaboration that will strengthen each organization's commitment to building healthier and safer communities.

The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization made possible by the Allstate Corporation, the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurer based in my congressional district. The Allstate Foundation sponsors community initiatives that promote safe and vital communities; tolerance, inclusion, and diversity; and economic empowerment. As the nation's focal point for crime prevention, the National Crime Prevention Council works to enable people to create safer more caring communities by addressing the causes of crime and violence and reducing the opportunities for crime to occur. The partnership between the Allstate Foundation and the National Crime Prevention Council provides a model for how responsible corporate citizens can work with leading national nonprofit organizations to help improve communities at home and around the nation.

The Allstate Foundation has worked with and supported the National Crime Prevention Council since 1991. Sponsoring programs including Students Mobilized Against Drugs, the 10th Annual Youth Crime Prevention Conference and the Teens, Crime and Community program. The Allstate Foundation continues to take an active role in the dissemination of crime prevention information and materials by providing seed money for the development of crime prevention web-sites including, www.McGruff.org and www.ncpc.org.

The Allstate Foundation recently awarded a grant of \$200,000 to the National Crime Prevention Council to support the Be Safe & Sound campaign, a new initiative that will equip parents and caregivers with information about prevention programs and security measures so that they can be the best advocates for their children's safety while at school. This

campaign will enable the National Crime Prevention Council to disseminate information to parents through print material, Web-based information, public service advertising, and through a partnership with the National Safety and Security Council, a consortium of businesses and organizations committed to promoting environments that are safe and secure from the threat of crime, violence and drug abuse.

I am pleased to direct my colleague's attention to the valuable partnership between the Allstate Foundation and the National Crime Prevention Council. I applaud these organizations for this leadership in working to prevent crime and improve the quality of life for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL THOMAS D. WEBSTER

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on 2 June 2002, Colonel Thomas Webster retired as the Commander of the 152nd Air Operations Group, New York Air National Guard in Syracuse, NY. He assumed this position in February 1998. The Air Operations Group was established at this time as the first ever within the Air National Guard.

He was assigned as the Director of the Minimum Essential Airfield in Rome, New York from October 1995 to February 1998, earning a USAF Meritorious Service Medal for his expert leadership and command excellence.

Colonel Webster was born on October 19, 1946, in Rochester, Minnesota, and graduated from Lourdes High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts from the University of Minnesota in 1969. He has completed many career-related schools during his military career. This includes the Army War College at Carlisle Pennsylvania in July 1992.

Colonel Webster completed Officer Training School in May 1972, and joined the 174th Fighter Wing in January 1975. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Arizona and spend several years as a traditional guardsman pilot in Ohio and New York while continuing his civilian career. He began his full-time military career with the 174th Fighter Wing as a Quality Control Officer, and then became the Maintenance Squadron Commander in 1985. Colonel Webster was assigned as the Maintenance Squadron Commander for the 138th Fighter Squadron, 4th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional) at Al Kharj Air Base in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He returned to the 174th Fighter Wing as the Maintenance Squadron Commander in May 1991. In 1992 he became Vice Wing Commander of the 174th Fighter Wing and Air Commander of the full-time force.

Colonel Webster is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours in fighter aircraft, including the A-10 and F-16. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Saudi Arabia, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V and four devices, the Combat Readiness Medal with two devices, the National Defense Service Medal,

the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three devices, the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four devices, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one device, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, the Air Force Training Ribbon, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Colonel Webster is married to the former Denise Schwartz. They live in Baldwinsville, New York and have two sons, Paul and Nicholas.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS LEAK

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to a young man in my congressional district that truly deserves recognition. Chris Leak, a senior at Independence High School in Charlotte, N.C. set the national record for high school football touchdown passes. This past weekend, Chris threw his 171st touchdown to break the previous record of 170. In breaking the record, Chris displayed the same natural ability that has generated national attention by throwing for 457 yards, 5 touchdowns and securing Independence High School's 41st straight win. Chris is considered by many football analysts to be the top quarterback prospect in the country, and he is being actively recruited by major universities. I am proud to recognize his achievement today and wish him the best of luck in the future.

THE CONTINUITY OF CONGRESS WORKING GROUP

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter by myself and the gentleman from Texas, Mr. FROST, and the accompanying information on the continuity of Congress Working Group for the perusal of my colleagues.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, DC,
November 12, 2002.

Hon. DAVID DREIER,
Chairman, House Rules Committee,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN DREIER: In May 2002, the Speaker and Minority Leader asked us to co-chair a bipartisan Continuity of Congress Working Group, of which you are a member, to study ways to ensure that the legislative branch continues to function in the event that a terrorist attack or other catastrophe kills or incapacitates a large number of Members. Because the Constitution permits the House to "determine the Rules of its Proceedings" and to judge the "Qualifications of its own members," the Working Group has been studying pertinent rules changes to remedy some of the problems that could be created under such circumstances.

As you know, during the past six months, the Working Group has held eight meetings, drafted new House Rules, drafted a House Resolution—which the House passed on October 2, 2002 by a vote of 414-0—urging states to

review their special election laws, drafted amendments to the Presidential Succession Act of 1947, and reviewed three constitutional amendments related to congressional continuity. Accompanying this letter are three draft Rules, developed by the Working Group, which we are requesting be included in the final rules package to be voted on by the House at the beginning of the next session.

The Working Group has identified three areas with respect to congressional continuity that the Working Group believes can be addressed through changes to the House Rules:

Codifying the process by which the Speaker certifies the death of a House Member in order to reduce the whole number of the House for purposes of establishing a quorum;

Allowing the Speaker to accelerate or postpone the reconvening of the House in the event of a declared emergency; and

Authorizing an individual other than the Speaker to reconvene the House in the event of a catastrophe resulting in the death of the Speaker.

Death Rule: Presently, no House rule codifies the process by which the Speaker certifies the death of a House Member in order to reduce the whole number of the House for purposes of establishing a quorum. When a Representative dies in office, the House and the Speaker take cognizance of the vacancy by adopting a House Resolution expressing the sorrow of all House Members. The whole number of the House is adjusted accordingly. However, because the preceding determination of the whole number of the House is the number that must be used to establish a quorum until a new whole number is established, in the event that a large number of Members are killed, a quorum could not be established for the purpose of establishing a new whole number.

To remedy this potential problem, the Working Group has drafted a rule which would allow the Speaker to announce the adjustment of the whole number of the House upon notification of the death, resignation, expulsion, disqualification, or removal of a Member. The Speaker's announcement would not be subject to appeal.

Emergency Recess Rule: In a time of national emergency, such as that seen on September 11th when the Capitol building was a target of the terrorists, the Speaker may need to accelerate the reconvening of the House or postpone House action in order to protect the lives of House Members and staff.

Accordingly, the Working Group has drafted an Emergency Recess Rule. Under this Rule, the Speaker, if informed by the Sergeant-at-Arms of an imminent threat to the safety of the Members and after obtaining the concurrence of the Minority Leader of the House, could notify Members that the House would not convene at the time stipulated when the House previously adjourned but would instead convene at another time during the next three days in accordance with the Constitution. The Rule would also allow the Speaker, with the concurrent of the Minority Leader, to reconvene the House earlier than stipulated for the sole purpose of declaring a further postponement.

Speaker Succession Rule: Current House rules do not explicitly address who would preside over the House in the event that there is a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker. Therefore, if the Speaker and the Clerk of the House die during a catastrophic attack, there would be no living individual authorized to reconvene the House, or call the House into session.

To remedy this potential problem, the Working Group has crafted a rule which would allow the Speaker to establish a line of succession for a Speaker pro tempore

whose duty would be to preside over the election of a new Speaker or Speaker pro tempore.

Conclusion: During the past six months, the Working Group has explored a variety of possible solutions to the many problems surrounding congressional continuity. The Working Group began with an examination of the least constitutionally intrusive solution—changes to the House Rules. We request that the House Rules Committee consider these three rules and include them in the rules package to be voted on by the House in January. These simple changes to the House Rules will help to ensure the continuity of this great institution—the United States Congress.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman, House Policy Committee.

MARTIN FROST,
Chairman, House Democratic Caucus.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 5, RULE XX (VOTING AND QUORUM CALLS) OF THE HOUSE RULES

(Proposed Amendment in bold)

5. (a) In the absence of a quorum, a majority comprising at least 15 Members, which may include the Speaker, may compel the attendance of absent Members.

(b) Subject to clause 7(b) a majority of those present may order the Sergeant-at-Arms to send officers appointed by him to arrest those Members for whom no sufficient excuse is made and shall secure and retain their attendance. The House shall determine on what condition they shall be discharged. Unless the House otherwise directs, the Members who voluntarily appear shall be admitted immediately to the Hall of the House and shall report their names to the Clerk to be entered on the Journal as present.

(c) Upon the death, resignation, expulsion, disqualification or removal of a Member, the whole number of the House shall be adjusted accordingly. The Speaker shall announce the adjustment to the House. Such an announcement shall not be subject to appeal. In the case of a death, the Speaker may lay before the House such documentation from federal, state, or local officials as he deems pertinent.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 12, RULE I (DECLARATION OF RECESS) OF THE HOUSE RULES

(Proposed Amendment in bold)

12. (a) To suspend the business of the House for a short time when no question is pending before the House, the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

(b) To suspend the business of the House when notified by the Sergeant-at-Arms of an imminent threat to its safety, the Speaker may declare an emergency recess subject to the call of the Chair.

(c) During any recess or adjournment of fewer than three days, if the Speaker is notified by the Sergeant-at-Arms of an imminent impairment of egress at the place of reconvening at the time previously appointed, then he may, with the concurrence of the Minority Leader—

(1) postpone the time for reconvening within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution and notify Members accordingly; or

(2) reconvene the House before the time previously appointed solely to declare the House in recess within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution and notify Members accordingly.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 8(b),
RULE I (SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE) OF
THE HOUSE RULES**

(Proposed Amendment in bold)

8. (a) The Speaker may appoint a Member to perform the duties of the Chair. Except as specified in paragraph (b), such an appointment may not extend beyond three legislative days.

(b)(1) In the case of his illness, the Speaker may appoint a Member to perform the duties of the Chair for a period not exceeding 10 days, subject to the approval of the House. If the Speaker is absent and has omitted to make such an appointment, then the House shall elect a Speaker pro tempore to act during the absence of the Speaker.

(2) With the approval of the House, the Speaker may appoint a Member to act as Speaker pro tempore only to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for a specified period of time.

(3)(A) In the case of a vacancy in the office of Speaker, the next Member on the list described in subdivision (B) shall act as Speaker pro tempore until the election of a Speaker or a Speaker pro tempore. Pending such election the Member acting as Speaker pro tempore may exercise such authorities of the Office of Speaker as may be necessary and appropriate to that end.

(B) As soon as practicable after his election and whenever he deems appropriate thereafter, the Speaker shall lay before the House a complete list of the Members of the House in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under subdivision (A).

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this important legislation, which I believe takes historic and long overdue steps to improve the coordination of Federal agencies in protecting the United States against catastrophic terrorism and our borders against many other diverse threats.

I rise as the Chairman of the Drug Policy Subcommittee and one of the co-chairs of the Speaker's Task Force on a Drug Free America to specifically address Section 878 of this legislation, which is a provision to create a Counternarcotics Officer. I originally included this provision as an amendment in the Government Reform Committee with bipartisan support from the Gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) and the Gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS). I also would like to thank Speaker HASTERT, Chairman ARMEY, and Senator GRASSLEY, who sponsored a nearly identical provision in the other body, for their strong support of this concept as the legislation has moved ahead.

Many of the agencies that will be transferred to the new Department of Homeland Security are also our Nation's preeminent agencies for the interdiction of illegal drugs. The creation of the new Department, therefore, provides a unique opportunity to greatly enhance the operational coordination between these agencies and our efforts to keep drugs out of the United States. It also presents the risk, however, that these critical missions will be made of lesser importance and that resources will be

allocated away from drug interdiction to deal with catastrophic terrorism. While some flexibility in this regard is appropriate, we cannot allow our efforts at drug interdiction to falter when almost 20,000 Americans die each year of drug-related causes and as we have increasingly seen the ties between the drug trade and financing for catastrophic terrorism.

To address these concerns, Section 878 of the bill will establish a counternarcotics officer at a senior level to coordinate policy and operations within the Department and between the Department and other agencies on drug interdiction. The officer will also be charged with ensuring the adequacy of resources within the Department for drug interdiction, and tracking and severing connections between terrorism and the drug trade for the purposes of the Department of Homeland Security.

As the author of this provision, I want to address two important points of legislative intent. First I want to reiterate, as I said in the earlier floor debate on this legislation, that it is my intention that the person appointed to this position must be a senior official within the Department with the authority to ensure the efficient conduct of the interdiction mission. We had originally designated this position as an Assistant Secretary position. After discussion with the Administration that designation was removed, but I want to make clear my intention that the appointee to this position should have a similar level of seniority and authority in order to make and enforce effective policy between the diverse agencies that will be headquartered in the new Department. I would also like to make clear my intention that the official designated under this provision should not be a "dual-hatted" appointee who has other responsibilities or obligations within the Department, nor should they be affiliated with any of the component organizations of the new Department. The clear intention of this provision is to provide a single, neutral, official who will concentrate solely on ensuring effective drug interdiction and acting as a broker and arbiter between different agencies within the Department.

Second, I would like to briefly address a couple of concerns that were raised today by the Office of National Drug Control Policy with respect to the provision that the Counternarcotics Officer will serve as the United States Interdiction Coordinator for the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. That position is an advisory position to the Director with respect to national coordination of drug interdiction activities. The USIC is appointed by the Director, but in the past the job customarily has been filled by the Commandant of the Coast Guard. This provision of the bill was necessary in order to provide the "clear lines of authority" which the President just yesterday said were so important to have in Homeland Security matters.

Within the Department of Homeland Security, the official provided for in Section 878 of the bill will be responsible for coordinating the activities of all department agencies on drug interdiction, including the Coast Guard. The USIC position needed to be addressed to ensure consistency and harmony on drug interdiction issues. It would have been completely illogical to have the Commandant report to the narcotics coordinator within the Department, but then have the coordinator report to the Commandant for the purposes of the National Drug Control Strategy. Because the counter-

narcotics officer is intended to have broad and more sweeping responsibilities in this area, the intention is simply to have the counternarcotics official assume the role as USIC, and I believe this is the only sensible outcome.

I want to stress that this is in no way intended as any reflection on the Coast Guard, for which I have extremely high regard both in this particular area and in general, or the current or past Commandants, who have provided outstanding service as USICs. It is necessary incident to the reorganization of the interdiction agencies within the new Department, which I believe provides us with a significant opportunity to enhance our overall national effort. President Bush has clearly stated that Homeland Security should not be about "turf" or the prerogatives of individual agencies or government officials but instead about improving how we keep Americans safe. This provision was included in that spirit, and I believe that it ought to be embraced in that spirit by the Coast Guard and will be embraced in the finest traditions of "Semper Paratus".

Director Walters made me aware, however, of some concerns which I agree merit careful consideration in the future. The USIC has been a senior advisor to the Director and ONDCP, and the statutory designation of the Homeland Security counternarcotics officer in that role within ONDCP removes the prerogative of the Drug Czar to appoint his own senior advisor. I am sensitive to this concern. I did not consider it in drafting the amendment simply because the Director has customarily and routinely named the Commandant of the Coast Guard to the position in the past, and my intention was to make a direct substitution. I want to make clear as the author of this amendment and as Chairman of the authorizing Subcommittee for ONDCP that it is not intended in any way to diminish the Director's authority over his office. I also continue to believe, however, that the USIC post must adapt to reflect the structure that has now been created within the Department of Homeland Security, and thus will not attempt at this late hour to revise the language in the bill. I will, however, revisit this issue as we consider reauthorization of ONDCP in the next Congress to try to develop a better formulation that will address each of these concerns.

NELSON MARTINEZ DEPARTS
KOAT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding New Mexican, journalist and entertainer, Nelson Martinez. He will be leaving KOAT-TV, where he has worked for nearly two decades, to pursue other professional opportunities in early December.

Born in Chimay[oacute] and raised in northern New Mexico, Mr. Martinez has enjoyed a multi-faceted career of more than 35 years in the broadcast business, as a radio disc jockey, worldwide videotape editor, reporter and news anchor. New Mexicans are always so proud to see one of their own scale grand heights, as he has.

His announcing skills began in New Mexico in 1964 with a Spanish radio show on Española's KDCE Radio, when he was a Los Alamos High School Senior. He later worked for KABQ Radio in Albuquerque, and KVSF in Santa Fe, before serving in the U.S. Navy between 1967 and 1969. In Cleveland, Ohio, he earned a First-Class Federal Communications Commission License in Engineering. In 1971, he joined Cleveland's local NBC affiliate, WKYC, where he grew in experience for six years.

In 1977, NBC Network News employed him for three years from the Latin American News Bureau based in Miami. In Florida, he covered assignments to India, Belgium, Teheran, as well as throughout Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, Cuba, Peru, Columbia and many more.

During his seven years with NBC, Mr. Martinez also worked in the San Francisco and Boston NBC bureaus covering news events from the Pacific Northwest to Canada.

Mr. Martinez returned to New Mexico in 1985. He began working for the local ABC affiliate, KOAT-TV, as a reporter and weekday morning news anchor. In 1987, Mr. Martinez left for a weekend news anchor position with ABC affiliate WTNB-TV in New Haven, Connecticut. One year later he returned to New Mexico to become one of the principal weekday anchors on KOAT-TV. The rest, as they say, is history.

Throughout his years with the station, Mr. Martinez has helped Channel 7 build on its reputation as a station for credible and informative journalism. He insisted on the highest standards for the station. I know that he has also taken many younger reporters at the station under his wing and mentored them. He has offered advice and criticism to these KOAT. I know how much his colleagues and thousands of loyal KOAT viewers who invited him into their home daily will miss him.

On a personal note, I was touched by the emotion that Mr. Martinez displayed during the devastating Cerro Grande fire in 2000. He watched with disbelief as his old stomping grounds, filled with rich memories, burned to the ground. Trees turned to ash and homes vanished in the blink of an eye. He even wrote a beautiful poem about the travesty that comforted many of my constituents that had to endure the blaze.

What makes Mr. Martinez unique as a television journalist is the entertainment career he has managed to shepherd on the side. He is the singer on six mariachi CDs he has completed, and has appeared in some movies. He also served as host on a recent documentary exploring churches and missions throughout the nation. He also intends to work on a book about his memories of growing up in Chimay that will offer advice for young people at the crossroads of life. As he told a reporter in July, "I thought, when I was growing up, that I was poor. As I look back, I choke up to think how rich I really was."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Nelson and his family luck in all their future endeavors. His contributions to New Mexico cannot be understated and I am pleased to have been able to honor him here today. While Nelson and his lovely wife, Gina, embark on a new chapter in their life, I want them to know that New Mexico is and always will be their home. Nelson, thank you for your service and professionalism to New Mexico.

IN PRAISE OF THE LUTHERAN
FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION OF
THE SAGINAW VALLEY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lutheran Fellowship Association of the Saginaw Valley as it celebrates 45 years of dedicated service. Over the years, members have made numerous and significant contributions to Lutheran families and to the citizens of many communities in Bay County and elsewhere. They deserve our gratitude and praise.

In Bay County, the Lutheran Fellowship Association began when a handful of faithful Lutherans with a vision of creating a gathering place for families and friends joined together to open a fellowship hall. Since then, the group has grown to include more than 250 members and their families, serving the needs of thousands of Lutherans and others.

The LFA Hall has been a center of Lutheran life in our community for generations. Under the guidance of President Earl Wegener and other leaders past and present, it has continued to fulfill its mission as a venue for individuals, families, groups and organizations to enjoy fraternal, social, educational, recreational and family events of all kinds at a reasonable cost.

It is not a stretch to say that a large percentage of mid-Michigan's Lutheran community has likely attended one or more events at the hall during their lifetime, including wedding receptions, confirmation celebrations, anniversaries and a host of other activities. Many marriages have gotten off to a beautiful start with a reception at the LFA Hall and years later an untold number of couples have returned to the hall to commemorate their anniversary with family and friends.

In addition, LFA members have always put a high premium on charitable donations. Last year, they pooled financial resources to make a contribution to the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack in New York City. In other years, they have provided assistance to disadvantaged children or those afflicted with serious illnesses.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in praising the members of the Lutheran Fellowship Association for all that they do to meet the needs of the Lutheran community. Fellowship is an integral element in the Lutheran faith and the LFA has served a useful and vital role in fulfilling that need in Bay County. I am confident the LFA will continue to serve its members, their families, our community and our Lord well into the future.

HONORING ROY KIDD, LEGENDARY
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, Eastern Kentucky University head football coach Roy Kidd is retiring at the end of the 2002 season. Kidd,

who is serving his 39th year as the Colonel's head coach, leaves Eastern Kentucky University after establishing one of the most successful college football programs in America.

His 39 years of coaching football at his alma mater, Coach Roy Kidd stands as a monument to his loyalty and dedication to the University, the game of football and to his student-athlete players and has set a high standard of excellence and reminded us what is best about college sports. All his victories, championships and honors only begin to reflect the impact he has had on Eastern Kentucky University, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and beyond. It is his players, and their successes, who offer the best testament to Coach Kidd's unique ability to help young men make the most of their time here, and in their lives beyond ECU's campus.

Kidd has put together a I-AA football program acknowledged throughout the country, year in and year out, as one of the nation's elite. He has a produced 24 straight ECU teams with winning seasons and 29 consecutive Eastern teams with nonlosing seasons. There have been only two losing seasons at ECU in his 39-year tenure.

Along the way, his 38 Eastern Kentucky teams have won two NCAA I-AA national championships, two national runners-up titles and 16 Ohio Valley Conference championships. He has also directed Eastern Kentucky to 17, I-AA playoff appearances, the most by any school in the nation.

A native of Corbin, KY where he starred in football, basketball and baseball, Kidd chose Eastern Kentucky over the University of Kentucky under Bear Bryant's tutelage because ECU would let him play both baseball and football.

That decision set forth a legacy that is unmatched at all but one I-AA school and just five other programs in the history of college football.

In 1963, Kidd received the call from Eastern president, Dr. Robert R. Martin, offering him the position as ECU's head coach. 1964, Kidd's first at the helm of the Eastern Kentucky football program, produced just one of two losing seasons in the 38 years as follow as the Colonels went 3-5-1.

It only took Kidd and his staff four seasons to turn that around and produce an Ohio Valley Conference championship in 1967 that culminated with a 27-13 Grantland Rice Bowl victory over Ball State, which gave the Colonels the NCAA Mideast Regional Championship. He quickly followed that up the next season with a second OVC title as the Colonels went 8-2 behind quarterback Jim Guice and future American football League Rookie of the Year, wide receiver Aaron Marsh.

In between 1968 and the formation of Division I-AA by the NCAA in 1978, Eastern's teams produced winning seasons, collected two more conference crowns (1974 and 1976) and completed in the NCAA Division II playoffs in 1976.

ECU football's decade of the 80's arguably the most prestigious by any I-AA football program ever, produced seven conference championships, three trips to the NCAA title game with one remarkable 13-0 season that tended with the Colonel's second national title. Two other Colonel teams were eliminated in the national semifinals and a third Colonel squad made it to the quarterfinal round of the I-AA playoffs before losing.

EKU teams coached by Kidd made seven more trips to the I-AA playoffs in the 90's with EKU securing five additional OVC crowns during this 10-year span.

During the past 38 and one-half football seasons at Eastern Kentucky, there have been two National I-AA Coach of the Year awards, 10 OVC Coach of the Year honors, 55 EKU All-Americans, 197 first team All-OVC players, a term as President of the American Football Coaches Association, all with Roy Kidd's named stamped beside them.

Forty-one former Colonels have gone ahead to either sign or play in the National Football League. Four former Eastern Kentucky stars are still playing in the NFL, including defensive Chad Bratzke of the Indianapolis Colts, offensive tackle Tyrone Hopson of the Detroit Lions, tight end Jason Dunn of the Kansas City Chiefs and wide receiver Alex Bannister of the Seattle Seahawks.

Roy and his wife, Sue, have three children—Marc, Kathy, and Keith—and six grandchildren.

Roy Kidd is truly one of the legendary football coaches in America and, certainly, in the history of college football. His record speaks for itself and I wish him and his wife Sue, happiness and success always. May God continue to Bless Roy Kid and shine on Eastern Kentucky University for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID ROMEI

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Romei, a veteran and Executive Director of the Arts Council of Brazos Valley. Over the past two years Dr. Romei led the Brazos Valley community in the creation of a Veteran's Memorial dedicated to the preservation of the memory of all Brazos Valley Veterans and as a reminder of their sacrifice to future generations. This week I was privileged to share a speaker's platform with Dr. Romei at the dedication of this memorial and was so moved by his words that I felt compelled to relay them to you.

DR. P. DAVID ROMEI'S BRAZOS VALLEY VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY SPEECH, NOVEMBER 11, 2002

Today, today upon this sacred site, blessed by all the powers of our eternal and infinite Creator, we celebrate the lives and mourn the deaths of America's heroes.

We see in this bronze representation not only realistic truth and imaginative power united that enwraps our hearts in pangs of longing and suffering, but also an emotional grandeur that gives new birth to our core foundation of strength and courage.

We see a soldier carrying his dying comrade from a field of violent horror. We feel the warm and weakening breath of a dying soldier upon the neck of his friend, the last friend he will ever have, but for a greater friend no one could ask. We imagine his eyes closing as his falling helmet fades, fades away into the distant horizon of the unknown. And, then, then his heart reaches out to his loved ones, slowly, painfully, reluctantly, and says goodbye. Parting from those whom he loves to join the ranks of America's eternal warriors, those men and women who have died with the words DUTY, HONOR,

COUNTRY upon their lips; untainted by the cynicism of time.

The gallant soldier may be felled by the enemy, but the cause for which he fights shall never succumb. The American soldier's soul is a fragrant garden, and his colors never melt into the light of the moon. The freedom for which he fights stands in glory before the mighty rays of the midday sun and, and we call it America.

We who survive have the ultimate responsibility. It is we who must make immortal the memory of those who have sacrificed all that they were, all that they are, and all that they were promised to be. It is we who must allow no one to ever say that the sun has set, that darkness possesses the day, and time passes, time passes and these men of valor must lie alone.

To honor America's warriors is not a celebration of military triumphs that some people falsely associate with America's great victories. We are remembering. We are expressing our gratitude; the gratitude of a grateful nation to those who have served, suffered and died. But, even more importantly, we are saying to every man and woman who has served this nation that time does not pass on, life does not go on, nothing is the same because of you. Your deeds and sacrifices have altered our destiny and our lives are forever entwined with your life and, indeed with your death.

The goal of history is not to separate out events of different dimensions at a particular point in time, but to show their continuous interaction in an evolving story. There are those who see history as something we paint on a canvas, while others see history as something we record in a book and store upon an old dusty shelf. History is neither; it is as alive and as deep as the currents of the vast oceans. As civilization evolves so does history, and as people evolve so do nations.

Today we speak of the history of individuals, not nations. We speak of a fellow soldier, a friend, a brother wounded who stretches out his hand for help, a bloodied hand that we cannot reach, for duty demands we fight on, we cannot pull him from death here, but in heaven we shall embrace him in eternal life.

It is the memories of those who live, the memory of holding our dying buddy in our arms, of embracing his tired and broken body, of closing his eyes as the last tears streak his tender cheeks, because, because it is our duty.

Our goal today is not to separate America's warriors from Americans and hold them up as more important than others. Every soldier knows that without a supporting nation, without a loving family and without an ethical code of conduct his actions and his mission are worthless. Our sacred purpose is to demonstrate that it is only the soldier who is called upon to give his life to ensure freedom. We soldiers are the guardians of America's promise to the world. We show here today that the will that permits one to lay down his life for family and country separates those with pure souls fueled by courage from those who have yet been given such an opportunity and privilege.

Those of us who have put on the military uniform of our country have done so with the expectation of receiving no reward. We have been privileged to serve in the defense of freedom and liberty. There is no sense of entitlement; there is only a sense that we have been honored that you, those whom we serve with honor and love, the love of our entire hearts, have entrusted us with your lives. It is your trust that illuminates the soul of every American fighting man and woman with pride. It is your trust that sees us through the long, dark, cold and lonely

nights as we stand watch. It is your love and trust that gives us the courage to leave our beloved parents, to say goodbye to our tender-hearted wives, and to ask God in silent prayer to watch over our children while we are away.

Today we recall the countless graves of brave Americans from the smallest islands in the great Pacific to the unforgiving shores of Normandy. We also remember those who froze to death at Valley Forge and who fought upon the burning sands of the Persian Gulf. From our nation's birth until this very moment, we have endured every cost and paid every price to protect, to defend and to serve our beloved nation.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives in far away lands for us. Many are now interred in the earth of those distant lands, but their memories, their memories, we shall never yield, for those memories are our most valued treasure. Wherever an American soldier is buried, there also is a part of America.

It is in the memory of our heroes, friends and loved ones that we gather today. The Brazos Valley Veterans memorial is a sacred tribute that commemorates for time immemorial the sacrifice made by America's heroes. It honors those men and women who will never return to bless us with their smiles, to hold their children in their arms, and to share with their wives and husbands joys and sorrows that we take for granted. Indeed, even if some forget their names, no one must ever be allowed to forget their sacrifice. By the labor of our hands and hearts we have ensured that the generations that follow, even for a thousand years, will recall with pride our veterans' unselfish love for this light unto the world that we call America.

Some say our fallen heroes hear the grass growing over their graves and the leaves of autumn rustling above in the stilled heavens, finally bringing the loud guns of war to silence, but those of us living will never know peace until we pay in full the debt we owe them. This is the debt we honor today.

Do not look at the place where life has left an American warrior, do not say how the smoke of dreams has risen. This is the way one moment deserts another, and this is the way that the all-powerful sun suddenly deserts the world. Do not say this, for we shall always remember and our sun shall never desert our world. It is our faith that keeps America's flame of freedom alight.

Let me challenge each of you today. Look upon this work of art, an expression of Robert Eccleston's genius. Prepare your hearts, open your minds and allow the better nature of your souls to rise to a new level, a new level of historical purpose. Try to wrap yourselves in these soldiers' experience.

Whose heart does not explode like a million stars when looking upon this beautiful symbol of our love and respect for America's fighting men and women? Witness the bullet hole in the soldier's helmet and shudder, share the suffering of the wounded soldier and bleed, and behold the valor of the soldier who never leaves his friend behind—then, pray to God that you would do the same. Dare if you will to touch the name of a veteran, any veteran whose name is engraved in this Texas granite, and know that you are united with an American hero.

Never forget that when the bow of God's wrath is bent, America's fighting men and women are the arrow that finds heartless evil and draws from it all life. We are the instrument of God's justice, and we are the men and women who preserve civilization itself.

Now, as we dedicate this holy monument and leave it to the generations that follow us, be assured that we have done our duty.

Let it never be said that we have forgotten those who have given the ultimate for our freedom. Let it be said that we have preserved their memories upon sacred ground.

We shall forever toll the bells in their honor. We raise our flags in their memory. We believe they have life eternal. May flowers always bloom under the shade of these trees. Let the sun break forth from tomorrow's sky and send its golden rays upon all the rays of our lives and the lives of generations upon generations that follow in the noble American dream. Let us ask God from the depths of our most prayerful souls to welcome our heroes and to hold them in His loving arms. Let it never be said that we forgot those who have given their all for our freedom—those whose courage and sacrifice define this land we call America.

To this we put our names.

To this we pledge our honor.

This is the sacred bond that makes us Americans.

God Bless America.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H.R. 3389, the National Sea Grant College Program Act of 2002. This important legislation reauthorizes the sea grant program in Texas and its counterparts around the country to continue the important work being done in coastal, ocean and lake resources.

When Congress passed the Sea Grant College Program Act of 1966, it intended to apply the successful attributes of the Land Grant College Program to coastal and marine issues. Today, the National Sea Grant Program represents the bridge between government, academia, industry, scientists and private citizens to help Americans understand and maintain the oceans and Great Lakes for long-term economic growth.

Sea Grant also serves as a bond uniting more than 350 participating institutions in 35 states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia and millions of people. In short, Sea Grant is an agent for scientific discovery, technology transfer, economic growth and public education as they involve coastal, ocean and Great Lakes resources.

Every day, Sea Grant scientists make progress on the important marine issues of our time. A network of outreach professionals takes this information out of the laboratory and into the field, working to enhance a coastal business, a fishery, or residents' safety and quality of life.

A dedicated corps of communication specialists builds public understanding of these issues for informed decision-making. Sea Grant educators bring the discoveries into the nation's schools, using them to pioneer better ways of teaching, helping to create a new generation of scientifically literate Americans.

Through these research, education and outreach activities, Sea Grant has helped position the United States as the world leader in marine research and the sustainable development of coastal resources.

Texas A&M University of Galveston, Texas was among the first four institutions to be designated a Sea Grant College in 1971, and its researchers had been involved since passage of the National Sea Grant College and Program Act in 1968.

As a Sea Grant College, Texas A&M Galveston provides research support for university-level faculty throughout the state through a competitive grants process.

In Texas, the Sea Grant program has conducted research in hyperbaric physiology, endangered species ecology, marine aquaculture, coastal processes, fisheries biology and ecosystem health.

As a result of these and other Sea Grant efforts, we have seen development of a major shrimp aquaculture industry in South Texas, marina initiatives to adopt best management practices and minimize water pollution, nonpoint source pollution reduction from residential landscapes, improvements in seafood handling to reduced loss in the retail markets and expanding marine educational opportunities in support of the state's, and nation's, teachers and students.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MRS. TERRY ROTH

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Terry Roth, a great Floridian, a noted businesswoman and an award-winning baker. Born originally in New York, she moved to South Florida as a child and soon after graduated from Madonna High School in Hollywood. She met her husband, Mr. Bob Roth, at a high school dance in the old Miami Armory and the two married in 1967, settling down to raise a family shortly thereafter.

After their wedding, Mrs. Roth and her husband founded New River Groves, a citrus market located in Davie. The market remains open today and attracts thousands of customers every year. Disappointed and dissatisfied with local offerings and variations of the popular Key Lime Pie, Mrs. Roth began to prepare her own no-bake Key Lime Pie. Needless to say, her latest version of the South Florida dessert staple was a huge hit. Baking her highly-regarded pies in her own kitchen soon proved to be too monumental of a task, and soon thereafter her popularity led to an expansion of New River Groves to accommodate the increased demand of over 30,000 pies a year. As Mrs. Roth's fame grew, her pies attracted a national following, including notables such as Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Nick Nolte, and Robert DeNiro. Mr. DeNiro and Mr. Nolte first sampled Mrs. Roth's pies with Jessica Lange when the Roth's store was featured in the movie *Cape Fear*.

In addition to her success as a baker and entrepreneur, Mrs. Roth was truly dedicated to her family, and was described by all as compassionate and loving. Her battle with cancer began five years ago and was characterized by a positive spirit.

Mr. Speaker, it is a truly special occasion for me to honor Mrs. Terry Roth, who embodied

community leadership and strength as an up-standing Floridian. Her legacy as one of South Florida's great innovators and great characters, who provided a unique service to the community with humility and goodwill, serves as an example for us all.

Mrs. Roth is survived by her husband Bob and son David of Cooper City, as well as her brother Sonny Grech of Naples, sister Doris Diehl of Marco Island, and father-in-law Al Roth of Davie.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY PHILLIPS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Terry Phillips and thank him for his contributions in the Colorado General Assembly. His hard work and dedication is appreciated, and I am honored to pay tribute to him today in front of this body of Congress. As he moves on in his career, let it be known that I, along with people of Colorado, am grateful for the work he has done for the Colorado General Assembly.

Terry Phillips is finishing his second term in the Colorado State Senate, as the representative from Boulder County, Colorado's 17th District. During his tenure in the Senate, Terry has served on a number of committees, including Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy; Appropriations; Business Affairs, Labor & Finance; Legislative Council; and Capital Development, where he served as Vice-Chair. In addition, he serves on the Colorado Student Loan Program Advisory Committee, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and the Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments West, where he is on the Water Policy Committee.

Not only has Terry served the community as a member of the Colorado General Assembly, he is an active humanitarian. He is a member of the Louisville Lions Club, a past President of the Louisville Jaycees and a member of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce. He is a certified general appraiser; licensed in Colorado, with over 600 hours of course work on mass appraisal of property. Perhaps most important to recognize, Terry is married to his wife Sally.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Terry Phillips has served his state by providing his service and time during his tenure in the Colorado General Assembly. I am honored to bring his hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of Congress. Thank you Terry, and good luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING LOUNE VIAUD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Loune Viaud, the 2002 recipient of the Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Humanitarian Award.

The Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award was established in 1984 to honor creative individuals who are often at great personal risk, engaged in strategic and nonviolent

efforts to overcome serious human rights violations.

Loune Viaud is well deserving of this award because she has demonstrated leadership by expanding the delivery of health and social services to indigent Haitians suffering from HIV/AIDS and other debilitating diseases. She is a champion of Haiti's poor.

We all know that Haiti is one of the most impoverished nations in the Western Hemisphere. With over 300,000 people infected with HIV/AIDS out of its small population of 8 million, Haiti is in a crisis. Haiti is also facing a devastating AIDS orphan crisis with more than 163,000 children whose parents have died from AIDS complications. It is appalling that only one in every ten thousand Haitians has access to a physician, and tuberculosis remains one of the major causes of adult mortality. In fact, cases of tuberculosis and multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in Haiti are more than ten times as high as those in other Latin American countries.

I want to praise Loune for rising to the challenge and for her significant work in Haiti. Her contributions are critical to the welfare of Haiti, as well as the welfare of our global community. Upon learning she had been selected as the Robert F. Kennedy award recipient, Loune Viaud stated, "For the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial to choose me, a humble foot soldier in the struggle for health and human rights, as the recipient of this prestigious award means more than I can say. For I am a Haitian, and the majority of Haitian people have always stood for equality. From 1791, when we fought against slavery to become the world's first independent republic born of a slave revolt, until 1990, when we again declared as a people our belief in social and economic rights as a human rights platform, the Haitians have struggled against long odds. Two hundred years of struggle, much of it in isolation even from those who profess a belief in human rights. Thank you for reminding us that we are never, in fact, really alone."

Loune maintains a clinic situated on the Central Plateau in rural Haiti. She offers free health care to the hundreds of thousands of people living in the region. Last year alone 56,000 people came to the clinic for medical help. In 2002 more than 100,000 people will be treated there.

The clinic, Zanmi Lasante, addresses the overall needs of the community surrounding it. It has special clinics for HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, a clinic for women (Proje Sante Fanm), a special center for children and an operating theatre. The complex also develops educational projects on HIV/AIDS sanitation and human rights.

Although the clinic is built in an underdeveloped region, Zanmi Lasante's treatment program is proof that diseases that are difficult to treat can be addressed in rural areas. The clinic, however, does not stop there. It's program treats the patients and empowers them to understand their rights. In 2001, Viaud was instrumental in developing a patient's Bill of Rights with a group of 60 HIV-positive patients. The patients view their health care as a basic human right, not charity.

Viaud's work attacks the symptoms of a greater and more persistent human rights violation, namely the right to healthcare. Article 19 of the Haitian Constitution states that the Government of Haiti is obliged to provide basic health care to its citizens. The Govern-

ment has stated that it would develop other health facilities, following Zanmi Lasante's model, in other parts of the country if it had the resources. I, along with other members of the CBC agree that the Haitian government should receive the funding already promised from the IDB Bank in 1996 for humanitarian assistance. In every sense, the disbursement of these loans can mean the difference between life and death.

I want to assure Loune and her partners in Haiti that their work does not go unrecognized. I stand with you in this effort. As African-Americans and as a members of the Congressional Black Caucus' Haiti Task Force, we have recognized the urgency in Haiti. Together, we have worked to introduce legislation that would decouple the humanitarian crisis in Haiti from the political impasse, which has further impeded Haiti's development since the 2000 elections. The resolutions was designed ensure that financial assistance from the international financial institutions can be disbursed to Haiti. You have my assurance that this work will continue. We must make it our mission to advance the development of a stronger and more meaningful partnership between the United States and Haiti.

In closing, I want to commend Loune Viaud for her work in Haiti. She is helping to build a strong foundation for the future development of Haiti. We must recognize the distress Haiti is in however, we must also look forward with hope. It is my honor to work with you and I look forward to our collective efforts to build a better relationship between the United States and Haiti. Loune, you are role model who is demonstrating today what can be possible tomorrow and into the future if we commit ourselves to a better brighter future for Haiti.

HONORING RYAN C. LEWIS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Ryan C. Lewis, who has demonstrated remarkable patriotism and immense love for the United States of America. Because of his desire to serve his fellow countrymen, Ryan joined the United States Army. He has composed a poem to articulate his feelings, and this written expression, which Ryan has so graciously shared, is a reflection of his heartfelt pride for our country. I feel that it is important to share this with my colleagues, as it is an inspiration to all those who hear it.

You asked me to show my patriotism
I think I already have, by flying the flag
In my room, by saying the pledge everyday
And when my eyes get watery and
The hair on my neck stands up when I hear
the
National Anthem. I've shown you by joining
The Army just to serve my country.
It runs in the family, this patriotism in my
heart,
This never ending pride, respect, honor, and
love
I have for my country, this sweet land of lib-
erty.
You know for you are my sister and you are
my brother.

Mr. Speaker, Ryan's dedication to his country is an example for all Americans to follow,

and I thank him for his selfless contribution to this nation and its people.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMMIGRATION BOND FAIRNESS ACT OF 2002

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Immigration Bond Fairness Act of 2002, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for judicial review of detention and release determinations, and to provide a right to a bond hearing before an immigration judge to all aliens in removal and summary removal proceedings.

This bill would end the INS practice of indefinite detention of Haitians, even those seeking asylum, a racially discriminatory practice designed to send Haitian asylum seekers back home, regardless of the risk of persecution. It would ensure that every person in removal or summary removal proceedings would have a right to have custody, detention, and release determinations affecting them reviewed by an Immigration Judge.

Passing this bill would significantly improve the chance that asylum seekers will receive the legal help they need to present their best case for relief. It also would temper the problems that invariably arise when an agency is given complete, unreviewable discretion to make detention and release determinations.

Mr. Speaker, under this bill, everyone in removal or summary removal proceedings also would have the right to have an Immigration Judge, not an INS officer, decide whether it is appropriate to release them into the community on bond while their asylum claim is pending. None of us know what impact, if any, a judicial decision on bond claims will have on the frequency of release of asylum seekers into the community. Yet, surely, every person in detention deserves their day in court to make a case for release into the community on bond. That's just basic fairness.

Why should someone like Ernest Moise, who fled death threats in Haiti, and his teenage sons, remain locked up by the Miami INS office in March 2002, even though an Immigration Judge had granted him political asylum on February 22?

Mr. Speaker, historically, the INS practice was to release Haitian asylum seekers arriving in Miami into the community while their asylum claims were pending once they passed their interviews demonstrating a credible fear of persecution. Yet, in December 2001, after 187 Haitians were brought to shore in Miami for safety reasons from a Haitian boat that the Coast Guard intercepted at sea, the INS, apparently at the behest of the White House, secretly directed the Miami District INS office to detain Haitians even if they raised a credible fear of persecution if they are returned to Haiti.

It was only in March of this year when Miami immigration lawyers went to Federal court to challenge the INS's racially discriminatory policies against Haitians that the INS reluctantly acknowledged that the Miami INS office had adopted a policy of indefinite detention of all Haitians then or thereafter in INS

custody, even Haitians with credible asylum claims. According to the Miami Herald, the President's brother, Florida Governor Jeb Bush, says that he was told about this change in policy immediately after it came into effect in December 2001. Yet Governor Bush didn't tell the people that he knew of this policy change until ten days ago!

Two weeks ago, after 211 Haitians arrived at Key Biscayne by boat, I asked Governor Bush to contact the President to ensure that these Haitians receive fair treatment, including fair consideration of their claims for asylum. While the Governor refused my request to contact the President, he said that he shared my belief that Haitians should be treated the same as all other asylum seekers. Just last week at his most recent press conference, the President himself said that procedures were being developed to ensure that Haitians were treated as all others except Cubans.

Apparently, what the President was referring to was a directive from the INS Commissioner announced late last Friday mandating that all persons arriving illegally by sea will be placed in expedited removal proceedings, and during their legal process will remain in detention unless released for humanitarian reasons at the discretion of the INS. What a cruel hoax. The Administration's idea of fairness for Haitians is simply expedited removal, coupled with indefinite detention!

In short, the policy is that Haitians who come to this country seeking asylum are being indefinitely detained by the Bush Administration, even when they demonstrate a credible fear of persecution if they are returned to Haiti. This policy is unfair. It's discriminatory. It's immoral. While the Administration denies that there is any racial element to this policy, the facts are that no group of asylum seekers other than the Haitians is treated this way.

Mr. Speaker, we can do better than this. We must do better than this. Let's give every asylum seeker their day in court and allow an Immigration Judge to decide whether an asylum seeker's release into the community on bond is warranted. I urge all my colleagues to support the Immigration Bond Fairness Act of 2002.

TRIBUTE TO FORT LEWIS MESA
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District of Marvel, Colorado for their service and dedication during one of Colorado's most formidable fire seasons. Last summer, the Fire Protection District played an integral role in containing the Missionary Ridge forest fire that burned over 70,000 acres in Southwestern Colorado. Today, I would like to pay tribute to their heroic efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When the Missionary Ridge fire first erupted last June, the citizens of Durango, Bayfield and the surrounding communities called upon the Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District to protect their loved ones, homes, and communities from what would become the worst fire

in area history. The fire began in a ditch beside Missionary Ridge Road just 15 miles northeast of Durango and grew to consume more than 70,000 acres, 56 residences, and 27 outbuildings.

Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District has served its citizens and community since 1982 and oversees a 250 square mile region. The district relies upon a personnel of 28 volunteer EMT's and firefighters to remain on call, prepared to fight fires or provide medical assistance on a moment's notice.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District of Marvel, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend the Chief and all of the Fire District's fire fighters for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District and others, the added devastation to our community, environment, and quality of life would have been unimaginable. Their tireless commitment throughout the fire season has served as an inspiration to us all and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

THE POEM "I AM A VETERAN"

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with you the words of Rabbi Paul Swerdlow, one of my constituents. Rabbi Swerdlow's poem "I Am a Veteran" conveys his love for his country. I am most grateful for his dedicated service to securing our freedom.

I AM A VETERAN

I am a veteran.

I shivered that cold winter in Valley Forge
And rejoiced at the glorious surrender at
Yorktown.

I wept at the flames that engulfed Wash-
ington

And said "never again."

I wore blue and bled red.

I wore gray and bled red.

The blood I spilled was to reunite a nation
Of the people, by the people and for the peo-
ple

I am a veteran.

I was at Little Big Horn and I prayed;

I was at Wounded Knee and I prayed;

I prayed that one day the old Americans

And the new Americans would be one people.

I was there to charge up the hill at San
Juan;

Knowing that my country was emerging

Beyond its borders.

I was prepared to make the world safe for de-
mocracy.

Young and idealistic, I came to France

To turn back the hordes in this war to end
all wars.

I am a veteran.

It was with disbelief that I became

A part of the day which will live in infamy.

Once more I said goodbye to those I loved

To protect my country.

Across the vast desert I met the enemy.
I met him on island after island.
I kept my promise to return.
I met him on the beaches of Normandy.
I repelled him from the gates of Bastogne.
I freed thousands from the shadow of death.
I am a veteran.

A small nation cried out for help
And I came because others had been there for
me.

A nation was saved.

I felt the agony of defeat in the jungles of a
distant land.

BUT I held my head high

When another people cried out,

I again put on my uniform to save them from
tyranny.

Today I remain ready to pledge my life,

My property, my sacred honor,

Until there will be peace and freedom on
earth

For everyone, everywhere.

I am a veteran.

THANKING MR. HENRY (BUD) COL-
LINS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of this year, we rise to thank Mr. Henry (Bud) Collins for his outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives over the past 27 years.

Over the years, Bud has made significant improvements to the Voice and Data Network programs of the U.S. House of Representatives. He began his career with the House on December 10, 1973, and has served this great institution in numerous capacities, most notably in House Information Resources (HIR) Communications positions within the Chief Administrative Officer. During the past three years, Bud has served as the Communications Infrastructure Team Leader. In this position, he has directed voice and data wiring installations to every entity of the House, Architect of the Capitol, and Congressional Budget Office. Bud's breadth of knowledge of the wiring standards and the House building construction has enabled rapid, effective wiring installations. These installations were fundamental in improving the information flow for Member and Committee operations.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Bud for his many years of dedication, and his outstanding contributions to the communications and wiring infrastructure installations for the House. We wish Bud and his wife Harriet many wonderful years in fulfilling their retirement dreams.

IN MEMORY OF CHANG-LIN TIEN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chang-Lin Tien for his lifetime of distinguished public service. He was a tireless community activist and educational leader for more than 40 years. As Chancellor of the University of

California, Berkeley, from 1990–97, Tien was an outspoken supporter of equal opportunity in higher education and preserved the campus's preeminence despite a prolonged State-wide budget crisis. He died Tuesday, October 29th at Kaiser Permanente hospital in Redwood City, California.

Tien was born on July 24, 1935, in Wuhan, China, and educated in Shanghai and Taiwan. With his family, he fled China's Communist regime for Taiwan in 1949. After completing his undergraduate education at National Taiwan University, Tien arrived penniless in the United States in 1956 to study at the University of Louisville. Supported by scholarships, he earned his master's degree there in 1957 and then a second master's degree and his PhD in mechanical engineering at Princeton University in 1959.

He joined the UC Berkeley faculty in 1959 as an Assistant Professor of mechanical engineering. In 1962, when he was 26 years old, Tien became the youngest professor to receive UC Berkeley's Distinguished Teaching Award, an award for which he was enduringly proud. Rising through the ranks, he became a full professor in 1968, later served as chair for seven years of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and, for two years, 1983 through 1985, was UC Berkeley's vice chancellor for research. In 1988, Tien left UC Berkeley—for his first and only time—when he was appointed executive vice chancellor at UC Irvine. He returned to UC Berkeley as chancellor in 1990.

One of the most popular and respected leaders in American higher education and an engineering scholar of international renown, Tien spend nearly his entire professional career at UC Berkeley. He was the campus's seventh chancellor and the first Asian American to head a major research university in the United States.

Both in the United States and overseas, Tien's expertise—in thermal science and engineering, as an educator and humanitarian—was called upon by engineers, scholars and government officials alike. In the field of thermal sciences, he was a visionary. Thermal radiation, thermal insulation and, most recently, microscale thermal phenomena were among the fields carved out by Tien. He also made important contributions to fluid flow, phase-change energy transfer, heat pipes, reactor safety, cryogenics and fire phenomena. In Japan, his basic formulas for "superinsulation" are used in the design of magnetic levitation trains. Both the United States and Hong Kong governments called upon Tien for technical advice. He helped solve problems with the Space Shuttle's insulating tiles and with the nuclear reactor meltdown at Three Mile Island in the late 1970s.

A man of great personal integrity and a fighter for justice and equal opportunity, Tien said his values and ideals were shaped, in part, by the racism and discrimination he encountered in America. To explain his support for affirmative action as a tool to level the playing field in college admissions, he often told the story, as a new immigrant, he confronted a South still divided along color lines.

"One day I got on a bus and saw that all the black people were in the back, the white people in front. I didn't know where I belonged, so for a long time I stood near the driver." Tien would recall. "Finally, he told me to sit down in the front, and I did. I didn't take

another bus ride for a whole year. I would walk an hour to avoid that."

In addition to successfully battling years of devastating state budget cuts on campus, Tien developed ways to counter the impact of the UC Regents' ban on affirmative action. In 1995, for example, he launched the Berkeley Pledge which was a partnership between UC Berkeley and California's K–12 public schools that now is called School/University Partnerships. Designed to improve the academic performance of hundreds of students in the Berkeley, Oakland, West Contra Costa and San Francisco unified school districts, the program was a model for Education Secretary Riley in creating a national program that today is active in almost every state in America.

As chancellor, Tien was beloved as a champion of students. He was famous for his frequent strolls to Sproul Plaza to greet students, bringing cookies to those studying late in the library, and yelling a heartfelt "Go, Bears!" at events. If he returned to UC Berkeley at night after a long trip, he'd frequently visit the campus to check in with students working in his lab before heading home.

Tien raised the profile of women in leadership at UC Berkeley by appointing the first woman Vice Chancellor and Provost—the second-in-command on campus—and the first woman Chief of the Campus Police Department. He also brought more ethnic diversity to the leadership of the university administration.

During his career, Tien's many honors included, in 1976, becoming one of the youngest members of the National Academy of Engineering, which awarded its highest honor to him, the NAE Founders Award, in September 2001. The award recognizes academy members who have made lifelong contributions to engineering and whose accomplishments have benefitted U.S. citizens.

Tien held 12 honorary doctorates, including degrees from universities in China, Hong Kong and Canada. One unique honor was when the Zi Jin Mountain Observatory in China named a newly discovered asteroid "Tienchanglin." Also bearing his name is one of the world's largest oil tankers—Chevron Corp.'s M/T Chang-Lin Tien.

He authored more than 300 research journal and monograph articles, 16 edited volumes and one book.

Chancellor Tien was a friend and supporter. I vividly remember many meetings with Chancellor Tien and being in awe of his intellect. Yet, his passion and compassion for students and the University of California permeated his existence. He was a unique individual, a true leader who led from his head to his heart.

I take great pride in joining Chancellor Tien's wife, children, grandchildren, and colleagues to salute the extraordinary Chang-Lin Tien.

HAITIAN IMMIGRANT EQUITABLE
ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2002

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing a bill in Congress which will

amend the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 to include Haitians as well.

My bill, the Haitian Immigrant Equitable Adjustment Act of 2002, will provide the exact same legal rights to Haitian immigrants that Cuban immigrants have enjoyed for almost 40 years.

Under my bill, the legal rights of Cuban immigrants would continue unchanged. But Haitian immigrants would finally have the same rights as Cubans, under the law.

Like the Cuban Adjustment Act, my bill would allow Haitians who have been physically present in the United States for at least one year to adjust to permanent residence status at the discretion of the Attorney General. Like Cubans, Haitians would have to be eligible to receive an immigrant visa and be admissible into the United States as a permanent resident. Also as in the case of Cubans, spouses and children of the Haitians applying for this adjustment are also covered.

Because there was no cut-off date or numerical limits for Cubans covered under the Cuban Adjustment Act, there would be no cut-off dates or numerical limitations for Haitians under my legislation.

Since the Cuban Adjustment Act became law, the Attorney General has used his discretion to allow over 600,000 Cubans to become permanent, lawful residents of the United States—making it possible for them to eventually become U.S. citizens. During that period, over 400,000 Haitians have come to the United States, but over half were returned to Haiti. Under my bill, these Haitians, like the Cubans, would be allowed to remain in this country.

What made the Cuban Adjustment Act provisions take effect was the U.S. Attorney General's willingness to use existing authority to allow Cubans to legally enter the country. Once they entered legally, the law took its course. I call upon the Bush administrations—both in Tallahassee and in Washington—to treat Haitians exactly the same way that Cubans are treated.

I have long sought to insure fairness for Haitians. In 1997, I introduced H.R. 3033, the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act. The provisions of my bill became law in 1998. It allowed Haitians who were in the country at the end of 1995 and who were paroled into the country, filed for asylum, or who were orphaned children to receive green cards.

I have also fought against the Bush administration's policy of indefinitely imprisoning Haitians who demonstrate a credible fear of persecution. This policy is, by any standard, unfair and discriminatory.

No other group of asylum seekers are treated this way. Non-Haitians are routinely released into their communities shortly following their initial asylum interviews and remain free throughout the adjudication process to meet with their counsels and prepare their strongest petitions.

There is no other group of asylum seekers to whom a blanket indefinite detention policy is applied. The Haitian people are the ones who suffer, and I will continue to do everything I can to end the unfair, unequal and discriminatory treatment they suffer at the hands of this administration.

HONORING ARTEMAS WARD

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERNOF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Thursday, November 14, 2002*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Artemas Ward, a true American hero. Mr. Ward was a resident of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts during the colonial era. The Shrewsbury 275 Committee and the Shrewsbury Historical Society are honoring his 275th birthday on November 26, 2002.

As my colleagues are aware, Mr. Ward was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army before George Washington was named to that post. Before leading the Continental Army, Mr. Ward was a colonel in the militia during the French and Indian War. During that war, Mr. Ward was recognized for his superior administrative skills. Like so many people in Massachusetts, Mr. Ward was an ardent anti-loyalist and was named Commander-in-Chief of the Massachusetts forces. In time, Mr. Ward became the highest-ranking major general in the 13 colonies. Following his retirement from the Continental Army in 1777, Mr. Ward went on to play a prominent roll in Massachusetts and American politics.

Mr. Ward was a graduate of Harvard College. After he passed away, Mr. Ward's estate was known as the Ward Homestead and the town of Shrewsbury administered it. However, Harvard University now operates the Ward Homestead and it is known as the Ward Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in extending a birthday wish to Artemas Ward and the Town of Shrewsbury. Moreover, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Ward for his bravery, patriotism, and commitment to the ideals of the American Revolution.

TRIBUTE TO LOS PINOS FIRE
PROTECTION DEPARTMENT**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Thursday, November 14, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Los Pinos Fire Protection Department for their service and dedication during one of Colorado's most formidable fire seasons. Last summer, the Fire Protection Department played an integral role in containing the Missionary Ridge forest fire that burned over 70,000 acres in Southwestern Colorado. Today, I would like to pay tribute to their heroic efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When the Missionary Ridge fire first erupted last June, the citizens of Durango, Bayfield and the surrounding communities called upon the Los Pinos Fire Protection District to protect their loved ones, homes, and communities from what would become the worst fire in area history. The fire began in a ditch beside Missionary Ridge Road just 15 miles northeast of Durango and grew to consume more than 70,000 acres, 56 residences, and 27 out-buildings.

Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest

fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The Los Pinos Fire Protection District has served the citizens of Colorado since 1985 and oversees a 217 square mile region. The district relies upon its five member staff and 10 volunteers to remain on call, prepared to fight fires or provide medical assistance on a moment's notice.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Los Pinos Fire Protection District before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend all of the Fire District's fire fighters for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District and others, the added devastation to our community, environment, and quality of life would have been unimaginable. Their tireless commitment throughout the summer's fire season has served as an inspiration to us all and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS ROYCE

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge Mr. Nicholas Royce, a dedicated American and Southern Californian, who has spent more than fifty years as an advocate for the Eastern Orthodox religion and its inclusion as an integral part of American religious life.

Mr. Royce's first experience with religious discrimination was when he entered the Armed Forces and found the service had limited religious choices—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. Through Mr. Royce's encouragement and a prolific letter writing campaign, U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall introduced and had passed legislation in 1955 which recognized the more than 500,000 Orthodox Catholics who had fought and died in uniform. Today, service men and women are able to wear name tags designating Eastern Orthodoxy and they have access to Orthodox chaplains. In addition, thirty-three states now recognize Eastern Orthodoxy as a major religion.

Having retired from a successful show business career that began at the age of 14 as a dancer, Mr. Royce has devoted his time to fighting for AIDS victims, the homeless and abused women and children. Breaking down gender barriers, Mr. Royce has been an active member of the Hollywood Women's Press Club. Women in Film and American Women in Radio and Television.

I am pleased to be able to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Nicholas Royce on the occasion of his birthday and wish him many more years of successful activism.

CHRISTIAN DIOR'S "ADDICT" CAMPAIGN MARKETS ADDICTION TO YOUNG PEOPLE

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I am extremely dismayed by the continued public silence by fashion design house Christian Dior to repeated requests from outraged citizens asking Dior to stop marketing addiction to our young people.

As a grateful recovering alcoholic, I believe it is vitally important for us to condemn the glamorizing of addiction for profit by Christian Dior.

The Dior ad campaign for its new "Addict" line of fragrance, lipstick and nail polish shows a complete disregard for the millions of people who suffer from the disease of addiction and their families.

Mr. Speaker, Dior's massive new ad campaign is the ultimate in corporate irresponsibility. Dior's abuses trivialize America's No. 1 public health problem—alcohol and other drug addiction.

The Dior ads portray addiction as "bold, daring and totally sexy." Young women targeted by this ad campaign are told "every day a new temptation." Ad copy urges them to "follow your cravings."

Dior's outrageous and irresponsible ads claim that becoming an addict is hip, daring and sensual. Dior needs to hear there's nothing hip about the disease of addiction—a disease that killed 150,000 Americans last year.

Mr. Speaker, there's nothing hip about a disease that afflicts 26 million Americans, including 2.1 million teens. In Minnesota alone, more than 18,000 young people ages 14 to 17 are in need of treatment for their addiction.

The visuals of the "Addict" campaign are shameful. One example from the internet site is something called the "Addict Film." The music is hypnotic. The visuals pulsate with jarring quick cuts. A model, clad only in skimpy underwear and sweat, brushes her hair back as she leans forward. She's wide-eyed and anxious.

Her finger dips into something on a shiny mirror-like surface. She brings her finger up beside her nose. Later she grabs a blue bottle out of the air and settles down with half-closed eyes and an open mouth. Under the music a seductive voice whispers, "addict, addict, addict."

The ad asks, "Will you admit it?"

Mr. Speaker, Dior is part of LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy), a Fortune 500 company based in France. LVMH talks about corporate responsibility. Company documents say the principles of protection, prudence and care must be applied if the company is to "reconcile economic development with the overall well-being of humanity."

But their own annual report says the "Addict" marketing visuals are "the perfect illustration of the possible connotations of the word 'addict.'"

Mr. Speaker, they obviously don't tell the real truth of addiction. This ad campaign shows callous disregard for parents who have lost a child to addiction. It trivializes a critical public health issue and cheapens the hard work of recovery from addiction.

Magazines like Rolling Stone, Elle and Glamour carry these ads. People around the country are getting samples in the mail. These ads are appearing in newspapers that are in the homes of families, families with children. Faced with a multi-million dollar ad campaign that glamorizes addiction, how can parents teach their children it is not cool to try drugs?

Mr. Speaker, we need a tremendous public outcry against Dior's campaign to glamorize the disease of addiction—the same public outcry that would result if Dior tried to glamorize other deadly diseases like cancer or AIDS.

We need to put public pressure on Dior to pull the "Addict" campaign and rename the product.

We need to let Dior know their "Addict" campaign shows careless disregard for families who have lost a child to addiction.

Dior needs to know they are doing great harm to parents trying to each their children not to use drugs or alcohol.

Dior needs to know they are doing a tremendous disservice to people in recovery. Dior's marketing campaign is a slap in the face of each and every brave young person in recovery.

Mr. Speaker, the frequency and intensity of these ads will increase as we enter the Christmas shopping season. The city Council of Detroit has just condemned this marketing campaign. There are diverse coalitions working from coast to coast to protect the health and safety of our children and retain the dignity of people who are doing the hard work of recovery.

We must expose Dior's outrageous and irresponsible marketing campaign.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope this body will join me in condemning this ad campaign which attempts to glamorize addiction. Please join me in using our leadership to send a clear message that addiction is not fashionable.

CELEBRATING THE EFFORTS OF
THE MACOMB COUNTY INTER-
FAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR
10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the efforts of the Macomb County Interfaith Caregivers as they celebrate their 10th Anniversary on November 19, 2002.

This celebration will bring together a variety of local support agencies, faith-based congregations, and residents to provide information on their programs and services available to the citizens of Macomb County and recently added areas in Oakland County.

The Macomb County Interfaith Caregivers was started in 1990 by a group of religious leaders from southeast Michigan who saw a need for a program that could reach out to a rapidly growing population of older and disabled adults. These older residents of our communities were struggling to maintain their independence and preserve their health and safety in their own homes. By 1994 the program was an independent, community-owned charitable organization.

The agency's mission is to provide essential support services like transportation, household

assistance, meal preparation, home repairs and yard work. They also provide an important emotional support system through a respite program for full-time family caregivers, socialization visits, and ongoing communication with the participants.

The work of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers has touched the lives of more than 850 residents in the last ten years and has been made possible through the work of hundreds of volunteers, eighty local businesses and seventy local congregations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the passion and hard work of all of the individuals involved with the Macomb County Interfaith Caregivers. It has been my pleasure to work with them and to see first hand the value of their efforts. They have improved the lives of the elderly and strengthened the fabric of their community.

TRIBUTE TO DURANGO FIRE &
RESCUE AUTHORITY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority for their service and dedication during one of Colorado's most formidable fire seasons. Last summer, the Fire & Rescue Authority played an integral role in containing the Missionary Ridge forest fire that burned over 70,000 acres in Southwestern Colorado. Today, I would like to pay tribute to their heroic efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When the Missionary Ridge fire first erupted last June, the citizens of Durango, Bayfield and the surrounding communities called upon the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority to protect their loved ones, homes, and communities from what would become the worst fire in area history. The fire began in a ditch beside Missionary Ridge Road just 15 miles northeast of Durango and grew to consume more than 70,000 acres, 56 residences, and 27 out-buildings.

Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The newly formed Durango Fire & Rescue Authority consolidated the efforts of the Hermosa Cliff Fire District, Animas Fire District, and the City of Durango Fire Department to serve the citizens in the Durango area and oversees 440 square mile region with a population of 29,700. The Durango Fire & Rescue Authority relies on a host of volunteer firefighters, paramedics, and support staff prepared to fight fires or provide medical assistance on a moment's notice.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority of Durango before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend all of the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority's firefighters for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority and others, the added devastation to our community, environ-

ment, and quality of life would have been unimaginable. Their tireless commitment throughout the summer's fire season has served as an inspiration to us all and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

HONORING JEAN WORTHAM

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jean Wortham, who was recently honored for her commitment to public service and her continuous efforts to better the communities of Harris County. Jean Wortham has been a community activist for well over 40 years, and her dedication and enthusiasm have energized both the Democratic party and the people of Harris County. For this reason, she has been recognized at a special event entitled "Salute to Jean Wortham," and I believe that this distinction could not be bestowed on a more deserving individual.

Jean Wortham maintains strong family roots in Oklahoma, but has resided in Pasadena, Texas for over forty years, during which time she began a distinguished career in public service. She was employed for fourteen years by State Representative Erwin Barton, who represented District 144, a constituency that included Pasadena. From there, Jean Wortham went on to work for Justice of the Peace Mike Parrott, where she demonstrated outstanding service, upholding the constitutional laws of Texas relating to the Transportation Code as well as the Texas Penal Code in misdemeanor cases, and Small Claims and Justice Court. Her professional public involvement then expanded to the labor movement when she moved on to work as Secretary to the International Vice President of the Boilermakers, where she has been employed since 1996.

Although Jean Wortham has had a notable professional career in public service, volunteer efforts have proved to be a major outlet for much of her community involvement. Her desire to further the Democratic cause is reflected in her years of fervent political activism, which began in 1976 when she took over as the Area 5 Democratic Headquarters Manager in Pasadena. While actively volunteering as a leader in the Area 5 Democratic Club, Jean also took on the position of Manager for Erwin Barton's campaign. Her energetic dynamic continued even after these positions ended. In 1984, she became involved in national politics as the coordinator for Walter Mondale for President in Texas' State Senate District 11.

Jean's public service stretched to many areas other than politics, as she became a driving force behind the success of the American Red Cross when she was appointed as Chair of Volunteers for the organization's Pasadena Service Center. During this same time, Jean Wortham kept up her political involvement, serving as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from State Senate District 11. More recently, Jean Wortham continued her drive to better the lives of others by establishing the first-ever Native American Caucus at the Texas State Convention in El Paso earlier this year.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the tireless devotion that Jean Wortham has pledged to the advancement and success of our community. Jean's extensive volunteer endeavors combined with her exceptional professional political career have distinguished her as a committed individual, who is extremely deserving of such a salute.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Family Week and the importance of strong families to the future of our communities and our country.

The purpose of National Family Week, November 24–30, 2002, is to recognize that Connections Count when it comes to strengthening families and communities. Strong families are at the center of strong communities. Everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, non-profits, policymakers, and, of course, families themselves.

Families thrive when they are connected to the opportunities, networks, support, and services that enable them to succeed. This includes everyday access to high-quality transportation, technology, education, and child care; opportunities to build solid financial foundations; and positive social relationships within and among families, as well as quality support from community networks and institutions.

National Family Week is a great time to honor the connections that support and strengthen families year-round. These connections can be as simple as the neighbor who watches the kids while parents work; the placement center that connects parents to new jobs; the place of worship or neighborhood organization that connects the family to others in the community; the community leader or policymaker who initiates policies, practices, and resources to better benefit families, and the parents who listen to their children and always have time for big hugs.

For 32 years, the Alliance for Children and Families and its non-profit members have promoted National Family Week throughout the nation. Every day these child- and family-serving organizations make a difference for families of all shapes and sizes.

National Family Week is a great time for all of us to recommit to enhancing and extending all families' connections. As we gather with our families this Thanksgiving, let us remember the special connections that help our families thrive, and encourage one another, our neighbors, our businesses, and our organizations to reach out to families in new ways, and honor the special gifts each can bring to our communities and to one another.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, when the process of creating a Department of Homeland Security

commenced, Congress was led to believe that the legislation would be a simple reorganization aimed at increasing efficiency, not an attempt to expand federal power. Fiscally conservative members of Congress were even told that the bill would be budget neutral! Yet, when the House of Representatives initially considered creating a Department of Homeland Security, the legislative vehicle almost overnight grew from 32 pages to 282 pages and the cost had ballooned to at least \$3 billion. Now we are prepared to vote on a nearly 500-page bill that increases federal expenditures and raises troubling civil liberties questions. Adding insult to injury, this bill was put together late last night and introduced this morning. The text of the bill has not been made available and the only place members and their staff can access a copy of the bill is on the Rules Committee's website. Unfortunately, the location of the bill is not widely published: thus, many members and staffers are unaware of how to access a copy.

The last time Congress attempted to similarly ambitious reorganization of the government was with the creation of the Department of Defense in 1947. However, the process by which we are creating this new department bears little resemblance to the process by which the Defense Department was created. Congress began hearings on the proposed Department of Defense in 1945—two years before President Truman signed legislation creating the new Department into law! Despite the lengthy deliberative process through which Congress created the new department, turf battles and logistical problems continued to bedevil the military establishment, requiring several corrective pieces of legislation. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the Goldwater-Nicholas Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-433) was passed to deal with problems steaming from the 1947 law! The experience with the Department of Defense certainly suggests the importance of a more deliberative process in the creation of this new agency.

H.R. 5710 grants major new powers to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by granting HHS the authority to "administer" the smallpox vaccine to members of the public if the Department unilaterally determines that there is a public health threat posed by smallpox. HHS would not even have to demonstrate an actual threat of a smallpox attack, merely the "potential" of an attack. Thus, this bill grants federal agents the authority to force millions of Americans to be injected with a potentially lethal vaccine based on nothing more than a theoretical potential smallpox incident. Furthermore, this provision continues to restrict access to the smallpox vaccine from those who have made a voluntary choice to accept the risk of the vaccine in order to protect themselves from smallpox. It is hard to think of a more blatant violation of liberty than allowing government officials to force people to receive potentially dangerous vaccines based on hypothetical risks.

While this provision appears to be based on similar provisions granting broad mandatory vaccination and quarantine power to governors from the controversial "Model Health Emergency Power Act," this provision has not been considered by the House. Instead, this provision seems to have been snuck into the bill at the last minute. At the very least, Mr. Speaker, before Congress grants HHS such

sweeping powers, we should have an open debate instead of burying the authorization in a couple of paragraphs tucked away in a 484 page bill!

H.R. 5710 also expands the federal police state by allowing the attorney general to authorize federal agency inspectors general and their agents to carry firearms and make warrantless arrests. One of the most disturbing trends in recent years is the increase in the number of federal officials authorized to carry guns. This is especially disturbing when combined with the increasing trend toward restricting the ability of average Americans to exercise their second amendment rights. Arming the government while disarming the public encourages abuses of power.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5710 gives the federal government new powers and increases federal expenditures, completely contradicting what members were told would be in the bill. Furthermore, these new power grabs are being rushed through Congress without giving members the ability to debate, or even properly study, this proposal. I must oppose this bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

TRIBUTE TO FARMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Farmington Fire Department for their service and dedication during one of Colorado's most formidable fire seasons. Last summer, the Fire Department played an integral role in containing the Missionary Ridge forest fire that burned over 70,000 acres in Southwestern Colorado. Today, I would like to pay tribute to their heroic efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

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Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The Farmington Fire Department has served its citizens and community since 1924 and serves the entire Farmington area. The department relies upon a personnel of 72 firefighters who remain on call, prepared to fight fires, conduct rescue operations, or provide medical assistance on a moment's notice.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Farmington Fire Department before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend the department's fire fighters for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the Farmington Fire Department and others, the

added devastation to our community, environment, and quality of life would have been unimaginable. Their tireless commitment throughout the fire season has served as an inspiration to us all and I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone in the department.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4546,
BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on H.R. 4546, The Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2003. I believe that this year's Defense Authorization package is a compromise that does many good things. In particular, I was extremely happy to see that the Committee would offer its full support for restoring the original schedule for CVNX-1.

However, Mr. Speaker, I must point out that I am disappointed at the lack of progress that we have made on the issue of concurrent receipt. Yes, this legislation would allow some of our retired veterans to receive both their VA disability and retirement pay. However, in a real sense, this is not true concurrent receipt as payments are authorized through the Special Stipend for the Severely Disabled Retirees. It is a step, but quite frankly, it is not enough.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to reemphasize my support for inclusion and passage of a full version of concurrent receipt in future years. It is something our veterans deserve and is owed to them. I am fully aware of its costs. The Administration, simply put, should either add the money and program for it, or request that this be made a mandatory spending measure.

Mr. Speaker, I am aware that many members do not fully support this and see it as simply "pork". However, let's look at what this is for. VA disability payments, in a very real sense, are earned. The military life is a job unlike any other profession. That's why it is often referred to as a calling. The risks associated with this profession are higher than most and often result in injury that years later becomes debilitating. That is why we have disability payments for our service members.

Mr. Speaker, as we hold this debate, we stand on the cusp of another war, one which will surely cause more casualties and more debilitating injuries to our young servicemen. We should do the right thing and grant concurrent receipt to our current and future veterans.

TRIBUTE TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of school psychologists in Suffolk County, NY, during the week of November 4, 2002.

The children of Suffolk County, NY, have a natural desire and propensity to learn and the inalienable right to an education. It is imperative that our society supports the needs of children and youth and invest in education as our top priority.

Children's mental health is closely linked to their successful learning and development. Schools must apply sound psychological principles to instruction, learning and oversight, cultivate children's intellectual, social and emotional development, meet the educational and developmental needs of culturally diverse student populations, and promote prevention and early intervention to ensure students' achievement.

Suffolk County schools must ensure a safe, healthy learning environment for all children and be able to recognize and respond to their emotional and psychological difficulties.

Suffolk County school psychologists help parents and educators foster healthy child development and are the school-based experts in children's learning and development.

Suffolk County school psychologists and other trained school-based professionals have the opportunity and ability to help parents identify and access needed community resources to help their children.

Suffolk County school psychologists are leaders in delivering mental health services to children. It is appropriate that Americans recognize the important and vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our nation's children.

HONORING MR. MIKE ALLEN, DIRECTOR,
HOUSE RECORDING
STUDIO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of this year, we rise to thank Mr. John Michael Allen for his exemplary service to the U.S. House of Representatives. The following statement by Robert F. Kennedy truly defines the caliber of work that Mike has provided to the House during the past 23 years: "Few of us have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of those acts will be written the history of this generation." Mike's strong commitment to providing professional and flawless broadcast coverage of the House floor proceedings has made history. Every day that this House of the People is in session, Mike has guided a professional and dedicated team to provide flawless daily coverage to the country. We who are here and can just cross the street to watch history being made, may not appreciate what Mike has been helping to "make happen" for 23 years. Mike is to be admired and praised for providing this notable service to the House.

Mike is currently leading the House Recording Studio from operating in an analog environment to operating in a digital environment and to providing broadcast coverage of Committee Hearings. He continues to lay the groundwork for these technological transitions as he approaches the end of his career with the House. The strength and commitment of the team he has developed will ensure the

success of these efforts even after he moves on to his new job of "retirement."

On behalf of the entire House community, we commend Mike for his dedication and long, selfless service to the House of Representatives. We wish Mike and his wife Sheila many wonderful years in fulfilling their retirement dreams.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM THIEBAUT,
JR.

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a man that has selflessly devoted his time and energies towards the betterment of the state of Colorado. A member of the Colorado State Legislature, the hard work and dedication of William Thiebaut, Jr., known as Bill, is a testament to the Western pride and character of my state and its citizens. Bill is now leaving the Colorado State Legislature after serving since 1993, and I can think of no better way to celebrate Bill's retirement than to honor his many achievements before this body of congress, and this nation.

Educated in Canon City and now living in Pueblo, Bill has not only experienced the best the state has to offer but also has been inspired to give back to the state and its people. He has served in both the House and the Senate as both an appointee and an elected official. During his time in the Colorado General Assembly he has served on countless committees and dedicated countless hours to improving the lives of Coloradans. Most notably he has diligently served as the Senate Majority Leader and has selflessly given his time to the Legislative Councils Subcommittee on Sexual Harassment, the Criminal Justice Commission, the Governor's Job Training Coordination Council, the Federal Budget Task Force, and the Task Force on Worker's Compensation Premium Rate Increases. In addition he has worked on the issues of election reform, worker's rights, and children's rights. When Bill is not working in the General Assembly he is serving in his other roles as loving husband and devoted father of an amazing fifteen children.

Mr. Speaker, it's clear that Bill Thiebaut is a man of dedication and commitment to his state and its citizens. He has achieved many things in his distinguished tenure in the Colorado General Assembly, and I am honored to be able to bring his hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of congress. It is my privilege to be able to express to him, and to this country, my gratitude for all that he has done for our wonderful state, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING WORCESTER COMPREHENSIVE CHILD CARE SERVICES

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Worcester Comprehensive Child

Care Services, Incorporated, WCCCS, Inc. Since its inception as Great Brook Valley Child Care in 1972, the agency has been serving the after-school needs of children who live in the Great Brook Valley. Building upon its success with that first class of school-age children, WCCCS, Inc. has grown into an agency that serves nearly 300 low-income Worcester children in 5 locations. In order to reflect its mission, the agency changed its name to Worcester Comprehensive Child Care Services, Inc.

WCCCS, Inc. employs 65 staff members and is proud that its national association has accredited all of its teaching personnel and centers for the Education of Young Children, NAEYC. Some of the staff have been working with the agency since its inception, and many of the staff have 10, 15, and 20-plus years of experience. Many of the staff members are themselves WCCCS alumni, and many of their own children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren participate in the program.

WCCCS, Inc. is proud of its policies of providing entry-level jobs for a culturally and ethnically diverse staff, paying for their education and professional development, and offering excellent pay and benefits. The agency is a 501-C3 not-for-profit, and a volunteer board of directors leads it.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the WCCCS, Inc. Board of Directors and staff for 30 years of dedicated service to the children of my hometown, Worcester, MA. I congratulate them as they celebrate the 30th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

CONGRESSMAN SONNY
CALLAHAN'S RETIREMENT

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our distinguished colleague, SONNY CALLAHAN, as he retires from Congress after 18 years of representing Alabama's first district.

Chairman CALLAHAN has dedicated most of his life to public service. In addition to his long and noteworthy career in the House of Representatives, he served in the Alabama legislature for 12 years and he has served his country in the Navy. I congratulate him on his remarkable record of service. I commend him for his proven dedication to his constituents and his countrymen.

Most recently, SONNY has served as the chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee. In this role, he has had a direct, lasting, and positive impact on the basic infrastructure that enables America's economic might. Nearly every congressional district represented in the House, Mr. Speaker, has directly benefited from SONNY's leadership of this committee.

I have personally benefited from SONNY's leadership. His office in the Rayburn Building is next to mine. Because of his proximity, he has provided me with guidance and support in my first term in Congress. I am grateful, Mr. Speaker, for direct and positive impact Mr. CALLAHAN has had on me in his final term.

Our Nation is better off because of SONNY CALLAHAN's long and distinguished career. We

in Congress are better off for knowing him. I wish him well in his future endeavors, and I thank him for his accomplishments.

HONORING VIJAY MITAL

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Vijay Mital, the City of Auburn, New York's Director of Planning and Economic Development. Vijay, who retires next month, has been a dedicated public servant in the Auburn community for 32 years. Having worked with this exceptional individual for 14 years, I can say he will be missed by all those who have come to know and respect his work.

If anyone can attest to living the American dream, it is Vijay Mital. He grew up near New Dehli, India before immigrating to the United States in 1970 at the age of 30. While visiting his sister in my hometown of Syracuse, Vijay came across an employment ad for an opening in Cayuga County's planning department. He applied for the job, was hired five days later, and as they say, the rest is history. He has worked for the county for 20 years and spent the last 12 years with the City of Auburn in his current position.

A humble and modest man, Vijay is the only Director of Planning and Economic Development the city's ever had. Here are just some of the extraordinary accomplishments of his career. Vijay and his staff have diligently worked to bring over \$50 million in state and federal aid for local projects. At one point, the Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the city 19 consecutive grants. This is record at the agency that still stands today.

Upon learning SnyderGeneral, now McQuay International, was going to close its local plant and move elsewhere, Vijay led a city delegation to the company's headquarters in Texas. There, he convinced the company to stay open in Auburn saving 350 jobs. Since that time, the company has more than doubled its workforce, adding a new marketing division. Vijay has also been instrumental in developing the Stryker Homes and the Boyle Center senior citizen complexes, the Holiday Inn, and the new Falcon Park minor league baseball field.

As everyone can see, Vijay is truly an extraordinary person. I join his wife Nisha, daughter Seema, and son Mansha in saluting his lifetime of work for the people of Cayuga County and the City of Auburn. Vijay Mital has made a difference in his community and I wish him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY T.
MATSUNAKA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Stan T. Matsunaka and thank him for his contributions to the State of Colorado while serving as a

state senator. After serving his state for eight years, Stan is leaving the Senate Assembly to continue his political career in other arenas. It is with a great deal of respect that I pay tribute to him today, in front of this body of Congress, and thank him for his hard work and dedication while in office.

Born and educated in Colorado, Stan has long held an interest in politics. As a student at Fort Morgan High School, Stan was elected student body president. He is known as a devoted father of three, and a loving husband. Stan has gone beyond the walls of the Capitol to serve his fellow citizens as a valued member of the community. He has led Boy Scout troops, Odyssey of the Mind teams, and coached his children's athletic teams for years. He has also served as a member and chairman of the Namaqua School Accountability Committee, the Thompson Valley Preschool, Hospice, Loveland Daycare Center and the Loveland Sertoma Club. Stan also acts as a deacon and elder in his church, and is well respected by his community.

Stan was elected to the State Legislature in 1994 and again in 1998 and has dedicated countless hours to his work. He currently serves as President of the Senate, chair of the Education Committee, and a member on the Public Policy and Planning and Senate Services committee. During his time as a state senator, Stan has worked on the issues of education, housing and government finance.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to bring to the attention of this body of Congress, the service of Stan Matsunaka. His contributions to his state and constituents through his many years of public service are an example for our state. His service and commitment should serve as serve as an example for us all, and I wish him the best of luck in the future.

REMEMBERING UKRAINE'S
FAMINE

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, Ukrainians around the world will honor the millions that died in the man-made famine created by Josef Stalin's Soviet government. In 1932-33, citizens of Ukraine, the northern Caucasus and the lower Volga River regions died as a result of Stalin's implementation of forced collectivization. The heaviest losses occurred in Ukraine, where an estimated 7 to 10 million people perished.

This artificial famine was instituted to break the spirit of the Ukrainian farmer and force them into collectivization. Stalin was determined to crush Ukrainian nationalism and to do so required an ethnic cleansing of the most horrific nature. The task took the form of a man-made famine where the quota for grain from Ukraine was brutally increased. The extraordinarily high quota resulted in a severe grain shortage, effectively starving the Ukrainian people.

Additionally, the peasants were threatened if they did not perform the work expected of them and the Soviet government issued a decree stating that anyone found hiding food products or produced materials would be shot.

The end result was a demoralized and depleted Ukrainian ethnic population. Stalin covered up this genocide so effectively that little

was known of this horrific event. However, the Ukrainian Government has exposed Stalin's atrocities by issuing a decree stating that the fourth Saturday of November is designated as the national memorial day for the millions of victims of the 1932–33 famine. This day of observance reminds us that freedom does not come easy.

I join those in mourning and aid their cause in expanding the world's acknowledgment of this horrific event in Ukraine's history. Furthermore, I support the Ukrainian community's action to erect a monument to the victims of the 1932–33 Ukrainian Famine-Genocide in Washington, D.C.

This monument will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices the Ukrainian people endured for their freedom and the knowledge of this horrible crime will spread and stimulate the fight for freedom all over the world.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN BOB
CLEMENT

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, as the 107th Congress comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a dear friend of mine.

For the past two years, Congressman BOB CLEMENT and I have had the privilege of working together as Chairman and Ranking Member of the Transportation Subcommittee on Railroads. I affectionately describe BOB as my partner on the Subcommittee because we have worked so well together and approached every situation in a bipartisan way. Our relationship embodies the true spirit of bipartisanship, the type of open and honest discussions that other committee heads should envy. This level of cooperation is a direct result of BOB's admirable character and collegial personality.

Always the gentleman, BOB has been a pleasure to work with and his presence will be sorely missed on the Subcommittee next year. He has been a champion of a national passenger rail system and was instrumental in securing the passage of legislation to increase the pensions and benefits of retired railroad workers and their widows. His commitment to providing the necessary resources for mass transit is second to none and his overall passion for improving our country's transportation systems is irreplaceable.

I congratulate BOB on a distinguished career in the U.S. House of Representatives and I wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING NAN SHELBY
WELLS

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Nan Shelby Wells on her retirement after 26 years with Princeton University.

In 1979, Nan founded the University's Office of Government Affairs and later moved it to

Washington as one of the first university offices to be located there. For more than two decades, Nan made friends for Princeton in Washington and has represented the University on a broad range of issues, always ready to be helpful to Members of Congress and their staffs, as well as officials in the executive agencies.

A champion of higher education, especially graduate education, Nan played a central role in the creation and funding of the Education Department's Jacob Javits Fellowships, and she has been a leader in strengthening the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For her entire career at Princeton, Nan has been an advocate for research and development and especially for the national fusion energy research program, and particularly for the excellent work that has been done at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. She has worked hard to educate policy makers and to establish and maintain strong support from the U.S. Congress and the Department of Energy for the Laboratory's mission.

When I was with the Plasma Physics Laboratory, I worked closely with Nan for ten years and know her to be a great advocate for education, for investment in our country's future prosperity, and for a compassionate humane society, and especially for Princeton University.

I know that all members who have worked with Nan join me in wishing her all the best as she retires from Princeton University and undertakes other activities.

TRIBUTE TO ABEL J. TAPIA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of a true statesman from the State of Colorado, Abel J. Tapia. Abel has given four years of his life to the Colorado State Legislature as a Representative, a position that is simply his most recent in a long line of service to his state and fellow citizens. Abel is now leaving the State House, and I am honored to take this opportunity to thank him for his service.

After a successful engineering career, including graduate work at the Graduate School of Business and John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Abel switched gears, and embarked upon his political career. He ran for the Pueblo School District 60 School Board and he served there for eight years, helping the people of Pueblo drastically improve their public school system. He took on leadership positions on the board, serving as vice president for three years and as president for two years. In 1998 Abel took his service to the state level. As a member of the Colorado State House of Representatives, Abel has continued his long-standing dedication to the Pueblo area and its people. He is a member of the Legislative Council and is the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, and also serves on the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Abel is also a valued member of the Colorado community, both as a person and as an

entrepreneur. He has long served Colorado through his engineering firm, Abel Engineering Professionals, which has been honored numerous times for its dedication to excellence and service. Abel is also known throughout his community for being a devoted husband and loving father of three, as well as a grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite sure that Abel's leadership and hard work will be sorely missed in the State House of Representatives, and I thank him for all that he has done for the great State of Colorado. I am honored to bring his accomplishments to the attention of this body of Congress, and wish him all the best in the future. His hard work and dedication truly embodies the spirit of the State, and it is with a great deal of pride that I thank him for his many years of public service.

IN HONOR OF EUNICE BREAZEALE

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Eunice Breazeale, a lifelong Texas resident celebrating her 100th birthday this week on November 17th.

Over her lifetime, Eunice has seen America and the world change around her again and again. Yet, through it all, one constant in her life has been her love of education. I know of very few people who have two high school diplomas—but Eunice does! Due to the demands of World War I, Eunice's high school dropped its senior year, and she graduated as a junior. She later returned to complete one last year—thus earning her second diploma.

All that education must have lured her into teaching, because she enrolled in Baylor Female College in September 1922 to become a certified teacher, and subsequently obtained a position in the Mt. Olive CSD of Mills County, Texas. So began her 29-year-long career as an educator.

Yet, as she taught, pursued a higher education for herself, and raised a family of her own, Eunice found time to lend her talents to service, and quickly became a leader in her community. Among her accomplishments, Eunice helped start the Teachers' Retirement in Texas, served as Adult Sunday School Superintendent for 10 years and Children's Sunday Coordinator for 2 years. She also worked in the Baptist W.M.U. for 27 years while holding a number of offices, worked in the PTA for 25 years, and played piano for the Kamay Baptist Church for 10 years. Even today, Eunice is active in her community and church.

Mr. Speaker, as Eunice's friends and family gather this weekend in Lampasas, Texas, I know my colleagues will join me in honoring this remarkable woman. I salute Eunice Breazeale today, and wish her a very happy 100th birthday with many more to come.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY AMENDMENT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on the day when we have elected the first even, highest-

ranking woman in Congress, NANCY PELOSI, I issue a challenge to my colleagues and to the incoming freshman class: Pass the Women's Equality Amendment, also known as the Equal Rights Amendment in the 108th Congress!

We are in a new millennium, and we cannot continue to leave women behind. Times have changed, but the purposes of the Women's Equality Amendment remains the same. It's simple concept: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

On March 22, 2001, I was joined by a group of my male colleagues from the House and Senate as we re-introduced the Women's Equality Amendment with over 160 original cosponsors. At the end of the 107th Congress, we have a record 210 cosponsors. We have worked too hard and too long to see these advances dashed as we enter a new legislative session. We must use the momentum we've established to launch an full-fledged campaign to pass the Women's Equality Amendment. We cannot wait another thirty years. For the sake of our daughters, we should not wait. Now is the time.

Thirty years ago, the Women's Equality Amendment passed the House, but a time limit was added. It was eventually ratified by 35 states, just 3 states shy of final ratification. This is why House Judiciary Chair Rodino re-introduced the Women's Equality Amendment in 1982. We have been trying to pass this legislation ever since. Don't get me wrong. Progress has been made. There are now 61 women Members of Congress and 13 women Senators compared to 1972's grand total of one woman Senator and 10 women Members.

In modern America, after five decades of legal and legislative advices for women, it may seem to some that the Women's Equality Amendment is not needed. But the fact is women do not enjoy full, and equal protection under the law.

Yes, we have a patchwork and piecemeal set of legal protections that try to ensure equality under the law; the Equal Protection Clause, Title IX, the Equal Pay Act, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act. However, laws can be changed, repealed or swept away. It is a glaring gap in our body of laws that women do not enjoy the full force of constitutional protection. Gender must have the same level of judicial review as the other protections that combat the many forms of discrimination.

Women are paid less than their equally male counterparts in the workforce, just seventy three cents for each dollar the man earns.

In fact, many of you may know, that last January, Congressman JOHN DINGELL and I released a report title "A New Look Throughout the Glass Ceiling." The results were truly astonishing. Our study, based on data generated by the General Accounting Office, showed that women managers were actually losing ground to their male counterparts. In all ten industries studied, which employ 71 percent of U.S. women workers and 73 percent of U.S. women managers, full-time women managers earned less than men in both 1995 and 2000.

But I was truly shocked that in seven of the ten industries, the earning gap between full-time women and men managers actually widened between 1995 and 2000.

As this report shows, when our nation was at its strongest. We didn't spread the wealth, we grew the disparity.

The Supreme Court did not advance the protections for women in sex discrimination cases, however women still have a stricter burden of proof to prove discrimination than do racial minorities. Ironically, a white male claiming race discrimination has a stronger legal standing than a black female claiming sex discrimination by the same employer or action.

In some states, a group of women cannot joint together to rent a home, While several men could, because ancient state laws consider women a greater risk of using that group home for illicit sexual activities.

Overriding all of these examples is the simple fact that equal protection for men is guaranteed by the Constitution, and equal rights for women are secured at the whim of politicians and jurists. Any Congress or legislature or judge could roll back the gains women have secured in the last half century without risk the ultimate Constitutional penalty.

Across America and in this Congress, that simple reality is being recognized more and more. The 210 co-sponsors of the Women's Equality Amendment is the highest for any Congress since 1983, the last time it reached the floor of the House.

It will not be long before an overwhelming majority of this House, and then this Congress, will endorse the Women's Equality Amendment once again, and repair a travesty in our nation's history.

Within this short, but essential, statement, women will be on their way to enjoying equal status in society. We must gather together, men and women on both sides of the aisle and pass the Women's Equality Amendment once and for all.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINNESOTA VISITING NURSE AGENCY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great honor to recognize the vital contributions to public health made by the Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency throughout its 100 years of service. Founded in 1902 by women in the Minneapolis community, the MVNA has grown from a single Public Health Nurse into an indispensable public health organization serving thousands of patients every year. Today the MVNA provides crucial public health services to the Twin Cities community including care for families and children, care for adults and the elderly, and hospice care for the terminally ill. It is my great pleasure to extend congratulations to the Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency on its 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO GRANDMASTER
GEORGE A. DILLMAN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Grandmaster George A. Dillman on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

George A. Dillman, a 9th degree black belt in ryukyu kempo tomari-te, was honored by Black Belt Magazine in 1997 as "Instructor of the Year." He is one of the USA's best-known and well-established martial arts personalities. There are many who believe Mr. Dillman has contributed more to the body of martial arts knowledge available to the public, than anyone else in the 20th century.

Mr. Dillman came to the attention of the martial arts press when he began competing in the early 1960's. By the middle of that decade, he had started running his own tournament, called the Northeast Open Karate Championships. This competition was held annually for many years.

Official Karate Magazine (Nov. 1982) described Dillman as "one of the winningest competitors karate has ever know." Dillman was four-times national karate champion (1969-1972) and during this period was consistently ranked among the top ten competitors in the nation by major karate magazines. During his nine-year competitive career, Dillman claimed a total of 327 trophies in fighting, forms, breaking and weapons.

Dillman began serious martial arts training in 1961 with Harry G. Smith. He went on to study with Daniel K. Pai, Robert Trias and Seiyu Oyata. Dillman has always considered himself a student, never a master of the martial arts. To this end he and his students have traveled throughout the United States to meet and train with various martial arts experts.

Because of his perseverance, Dillman's martial arts talents have earned him widespread U.S. media coverage. He has appeared on 34 national TV shows, including, Real People, Mike Douglas, PM Magazine, Evening Magazine, and NBC's Sports Machine. Dillman has also been featured five times in Ripley's Believe it or not, and has been the subject of over 300 newspaper and magazine articles. Dillman, who was a professional boxer for three and one half years, is the only person known to have trained with both Bruce Lee and Muhammad Ali. In May of 1988, Dillman was inducted into the Berks County Sports Hall of Fame. He was the first martial artist to be so included. Currently, Dillman travels the world teaching seminars on pressure points and tuite (grappling) hidden within the traditional movements of the old martial arts forms. It is his research and scientific dissection of the old forms that is earning him his most notoriety.

Never one to shy away from controversy, Dillman has rediscovered a formerly secret level of meaning for kata movements, and has made that interpretation understandable to all. He has produced a video tape instructional series on the pressure points, and has written six books with Chris Thomas, and Grandmaster Kimberly Fritz Dillman, herself a two-time U.S. National Champion: Kyusho-Jitsu: The Dillman Method of Pressure Point Fighting; Advanced Pressure Point Fighting of

Ryukyu Kempo; Advanced Pressure Point Grappling; Tuite; Pressure Point Karate made easy; Little Jay Learns Karate; and Humane Pressure Point Self-Defense.

The books have been said to be, "the definitive martial arts books of the century," and "unparalleled among current martial arts literature."

Mr. Dillman is the chief instructor for Dillman Karate International, an organization of over 85 schools worldwide, with an enrollment of nearly 15,000 students. He has studied under five 10th degree black belts from Okinawa and is currently furthering his personal study through research, practice, and the sharing of techniques.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a great honor to pay tribute to this extraordinary man. George A. Dillman is a genius of the martial arts world.

USS "RONALD REAGAN"

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, next year, an important event takes place for the U.S. Navy. It is the commissioning of the aircraft carrier, USS *Ronald Reagan*.

Since leaving office, President Reagan has been honored in many ways for his remarkable legacy as our Nation's 40th President. Across the Potomac River is Ronald Reagan National Airport and down Pennsylvania Avenue stands the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Throughout the Nation there are a number of other buildings and structures honoring the man credited with bringing down the Berlin Wall. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to world peace, contributions that will manifest themselves for many years to come.

But, Mr. Speaker, I can only assume that few honors means as much to President Reagan as the naming of a naval vessel as mighty as this one that will navigate the oceans protecting the ideals and values that he embraced and cherished.

Mr. Speaker, I hope to attend the commissioning next year, the final ceremonial exercise before the ship begins her long and, what will certainly be, illustrious voyage. As much as I look forward to this event, I am equally disappointed that I cannot attend a special ceremony today in Newport News, VA, aboard the USS *Ronald Reagan*.

A close friend and former constituent of mine, Chas Fagan, will present to the ship a bust of President Reagan. A highly talented artist and native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Fagan was commissioned to create the artwork of the former President, which will be placed in the ship's museum room located in the quarter-deck. The likeness is strikingly clear, capturing the President's confident expression that came to epitomize America's renaissance as the defender of the free world.

The bust, itself, is a profile of the President affixed to a piece of the Berlin Wall. The juxtaposition of the bust and Berlin Wall symbolize President Reagan's greatest legacy: the collapse of the Iron Curtain and reunification of Europe. It is a legacy matched by few individuals throughout the course of human history.

Mr. Speaker, the work of Chas Fagan covers many mediums and genres. As you know, each year in Washington, 2,000 national fire and emergency services leaders assemble together in Washington for the annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. Mr. Fagan has often been commissioned to do a painting of the fire service, capturing the essence of heroism in this country. His work is without equal, receiving accolades for its realism and emotional energy. His latest title, "Protecting Our Nation," was recently featured on the front cover of Firehouse Magazine, the largest fire service publication in the world.

Art plays such a vital role in recording human history, and Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Chas Fagan for doing his part in perpetuating the legacy of a truly great American icon, President Ronald Reagan. And to the sailors serving abroad the USS *Ronald Reagan*, I bid them good luck and God speed.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL "DAN"
GROSSMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the achievements of an outstanding member of the Colorado State Legislature, and thank him for all that he has done for the state. After three terms in the Colorado House of Representatives, Dan Grossman is leaving the House in order to pursue other opportunities, and I can think of no better way to thank Dan for his many years of service, than to bring his many accomplishments to light in front of this body of Congress.

A Colorado native, Dan was born in Denver, where he also attended high school. He then received his Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Kansas, and his Jurist Doctorate from Denver College of Law. Dan is currently a corporate attorney for Tele Tech Holdings, Inc.

Dan was first elected to the house in 1996, and has since served on countless committees, working to improve the lives of those in Denver and in Arapahoe County. He has served diligently on the Judiciary, Agricultural, Livestock and Natural Resources Committees and is currently serving on the Executive Committee and the Veterans and Military affairs committee. Dan also served as the House Minority Leader for the 2001 and 2002 legislative sessions. During his time in the House, he has passionately dedicated himself to the issues of growth management, the environment, education and crime reduction.

Dan's compassion and philanthropic spirit goes beyond the walls of his office, and has touched the lives of many Coloradans. He is a member of the anti-defamation League, the Civil Rights Committee, Colorado Common Cause, is a former board member of the Democratic Leadership Council, and is also involved in his temple, Temple Emanuel. A true Coloradan, Dan spends his free time outdoors, running, skiing, and biking.

Mr. Speaker, I am positive that Dan's colleagues and constituents will sorely miss the leadership and compassion that he consistently gave to the State of Colorado, and I

thank him for all that he has done for the state. I am honored to bring his accomplishments to the attention of this body of Congress, and wish him all the best in the future. His hard work and dedication truly embodies the spirit of the State, and it is with a great deal of pride that I thank him for his many years of public service.

TRADE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member would like to highlight the important work of the Trade Development Agency (TDA). The TDA is an independent U.S. Government Agency that promotes U.S. exports in long-term, commercially sustainable projects in developing countries. Additionally, the TDA is unique because it is small, flexible, and can respond quickly. As a result, TDA is one of the first agencies to enter new markets. Moreover, TDA also makes the host country an important part of identifying priority developmental needs.

The TDA funds various forms of technical assistance, training grants, feasibility studies, orientation visits, and business workshops. To illustrate their work, in September of this year, TDA signed a grant with the National Bureau to Combat Desertification, State Forestry Administration in the People's Republic of China for \$244,200. The Grantee selected Valmont Industries, Inc., a Nebraska company, to be the contractor for this study. The goal of the study is to help prevent and reduce desertification in Western China, thereby improving the air quality in Beijing and other Western areas and improving the areas immediately surrounding the desert. The study will examine Valmont's pivot irrigation technologies and how they can be utilized to best prevent the desert from expanding.

Furthermore, under the administration of President Bush, the Director of the TDA has refocused its priorities so that program activities support important policy initiatives and objectives, such as reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan. For example, TDA continues its cooperation with Afghan officials to address infrastructure, pipeline, airport, hotel development and telecommunications initiatives.

Another priority of the TDA is to support program activities in Africa. To demonstrate this, in October 2001, President Bush announced the establishment of an Africa Regional Trade Development Office under TDA. In July 2002, TDA opened an office in South Africa, which will help develop infrastructure and trade opportunities for the continent. For instance, in Nigeria, TDA allocated funds for the development of fertilizer production, power generation and agricultural irrigation.

It has come to my attention that the demand for TDA's services during FY2002 has been tremendous. Moreover, in light of priorities such as Afghanistan, the demands on TDA are expected to increase in FY2003.

Mr. Speaker, a little money goes a long way at TDA. As a result, this Member urges his colleagues to continue to support TDA.