

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 1298, UNITED STATES  
LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS,  
TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA  
ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to applaud Chairman HENRY HYDE and the International Relations Committee on their Herculean efforts to save lives in the developing world. As of last year, an estimated 42 million individuals were infected with HIV worldwide. Seventy-five percent of those individuals live in developing nations in Africa and the Caribbean. As the leading cause of death in sub-Saharan Africa, AIDS has killed more than 20 million people in that region alone. This global pandemic shatters families and wrecks any potential for prosperity in developing nations. Indeed, AIDS has nearly annihilated entire segments of society in Africa.

Like some of my colleagues, I have had an opportunity to visit some of the nations hit hardest by AIDS. Just months ago, I visited a small town just outside of Capetown, South Africa. There, I was told that at least 30 percent of the town's residents were infected with HIV. The nearly incalculable costs associated with such widespread suffering almost certainly damn South Africa's children to poverty.

Notwithstanding this horrific situation, I was struck by the success of some heroic efforts to fight back against HIV. In the same town, the international aid organization Doctors Without Borders, has been running a small clinic devoted to treating pregnant victims of HIV. In treating these women, Doctors Without Borders has also prevented the spread of HIV to the unborn children of its patients. Efforts like this one have effectively saved the lives of hundreds of those who might otherwise face death as a result of AIDS.

Perhaps one remarkable aspect of this effort is that it shows what a small investment in public health can do to alleviate mass suffering in the developing world. Imagine what organizations like Catholic charities and Doctors Without Borders can do with a multi-billion dollar commitment by the United States of America. Today's legislation shows leadership and it demonstrates our resolve in the fight against AIDS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations to the International Relations Committee on a job well done.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROARING  
SPRING LIONS CLUB

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 6, 2003*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 10, 2003, the Roaring Spring Lions Club will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. I rise today to congratulate the members of this exceptional club for such a momentous occasion. The current members have continued a long standing Lions Club tradition of excellence.

They should be proud of their commitment to assisting their community and fellow citizens through numerous service activities.

The Roaring Spring Lions Club is one of many thousands of local clubs located in 190 countries across the globe, with a world wide membership of more than 1 million members. As an internationally known organization, the many local Lions Clubs make up a large web of community service projects that range from improving the environment, to helping local youth through outreach projects, to assisting the disabled in the community. Lions Club members are truly exceptional people and prove their commitment to the Clubs' motto "We serve" each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to have had the opportunity today to pay tribute to and recognize the members of the Roaring Spring Lions Club for their 50th anniversary. I encourage the members to continue in their efforts to better their community through service oriented projects and I wish them each the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
AUSTIN DOUGLAS PICKRELL

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 6, 2003*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Austin Douglas Pickrell has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Austin Douglas Pickrell has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Austin Douglas Pickrell has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Austin Douglas Pickrell must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 126, the residents of Zainesville, and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Austin Douglas Pickrell as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING MAX HALLMAN

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 6, 2003*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Max Hallman. Max Hallman has dedicated his life to education and the community of Merced has benefited greatly from his efforts.

Max Hallman was instrumental in starting the Honors program at Merced College thirteen years ago, bringing the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society to the campus. Max was a founding member of the California/Nevada Region of the Honors Society, and has received several awards recognizing his achievements. Max Hallman has been named Merced College Instructor of the Year, is the recipient of the National Institute for Staff and Organiza-

tional Development's Teaching Excellence Award, six different Phi Theta Kappa recognitions and is prominently featured in the directory, *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Max Hallman has spent his life teaching the young to think, to question, to aspire for something greater. Max Hallman has become an expert in the works of Frederick Nietzsche, who once wrote, "Out of damp and gloomy days, out of solitude, out of loveless words directed at us, conclusions grow up in us like fungus: one morning they are there, we know not how, and they gaze upon us, morose and gray. Woe to the thinker who is not the gardener but only the soil of the plants that grow in him!" Professor Hallman has long been teaching his young students to garden—to be responsible for their minds and lives, and many of them are the better for it.

It is my honor and privilege to recognize Max Hallman for his service to the community. Throughout his career, he has distinguished himself as a leader and mentor. I am delighted to recognize his service and his retirement as I wish him the best in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF MARY BALL  
WILLIAMS MIDDLETON

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 6, 2003*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Mary Ball Williams Middleton for her lifetime achievements and continued involvement in the community. Born in Charleston, South Carolina on March 26, 1901, Mrs. Middleton turned 102 this year. Since moving to Harlem at the age of 16, she has demonstrated her commitment to bettering society. Mrs. Middleton has been an active member of her church, the Cathedral of United Methodism in Harlem, NY for over 40 years. Over the years she served as a member of the Stewardess Board No. 4 and the United Methodist women, and as chairperson of Dignity Channel. Her community involvement is also demonstrated through her involvement at the A. Philip Randolph Senior Citizens' Center, the Harlem Council on the Aging, and the New York City Senior Citizen Volunteers. I commend Mrs. Middleton on her lifetime of community involvement and sincerely hope that she will continue to impart her wisdom and love on the community for the benefit of today's youth.

HONORING CHIEF CAMERON  
PHILLIPS

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 6, 2003*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Cameron Robert Phillips, of Garden Grove, California.

Chief Phillips, a native of California and a man who has dedicated his time to the City of Garden Grove, will be retiring this month as fire chief of the Garden Grove Fire Department.