

TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS AND  
STAFF OF THE YOUTH ACTION  
YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, as our country approaches the second anniversary of 9/11, I rise today to honor the students of the Youth Action YouthBuild program from New York City, New York. On the day after this horrific act of terror, this group showed dedication, character, and courage in a time of national crisis in the United States and for that, they deserve our recognition and thanks.

On September 12, 2001—one day after the tragic events of September 11th—the city of New York called for the assistance with recovery and cleanup. More than sixty-five YouthBuild students and staff organized themselves to respond to that call. Without regard for their own personal safety, the students marched themselves downtown to see how they could help. YouthBuild was among the first organizations to act in response, as most of the nation still sat in stunned silence.

The remarkable students and staff of YouthBuild selflessly donated themselves to the 9/11 cause for more than a month—volunteering their labor and helping to raise money for the cause. The generosity shown by these young people was both magnificent and exhilarating. Thank you, YouthBuild students and staff, for your contributions to America in her hour of need.

J. STEPHEN HORN POST OFFICE  
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2309, designating the J. Stephen Horn Post Office Building in Signal Hill, California. I cannot think of a better tribute to our former colleague and my friend for his dedication and commitment to his community and his country.

As my colleagues will agree, former Representative Stephen Horn served the people of his district as one of the hardest-working Members during his ten years in Congress. He played a key role in obtaining funds for the Alameda Corridor, the underground rail and freeway connection from the port to the main-east-west links, and secured \$25 million in 2000 to clean up contamination of the underground water supply that extends to South Bay.

Mr. Horn's former constituents may remember him most for securing a single ZIP code for the City of Signal Hill, California. Often considered a part of Long Beach, California, residents of Signal Hill were neglected by the Postal Service. For years, the city and its 9000 residents had higher insurance rates, misreported sales taxes and misapplied utility taxes by long distance companies. Upon his election to Congress in 1992, Congressman Horn made acquiring a single ZIP code for the

city one of his top priorities. Despite a lack of cooperation from the Postal Service and the Postmaster General, Stephen Horn refused to take no for an answer and succeeded in getting Signal Hill its own ZIP code in January 2002.

I am honored to have worked with Stephen in Congress and to have had the opportunity to bear witness to his drive, dedication and devotion to his home State and his constituency.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with my colleagues in support of this resolution and appreciate the opportunity to express my thoughts and gratitude for Stephen Horn.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,  
AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Chairman, I ask that a letter from the National Association of State Park Directors in support of my amendment to H.R. 2989 regarding the transportation enhancements program (voted on September 4, 2003) be included in the RECORD.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF STATE PARK DIRECTORS,  
*September 4, 2003.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PETRI: The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) is the organization that comprises the leadership of the State Park Systems in all fifty (50) States. We are writing to support your amendment to strike section 114 from the 2004 Transportation Appropriations Bill, H.R. 2989.

Transportation Enhancements (TE's) help to provide environmentally sustainable infrastructure and fund critically important and popular projects in all jurisdictions represented by NASPD. TE's help to enhance the street-scapes of communities throughout the Nation and to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections for both transportation and recreational purposes, thereby, reducing congestion, protecting air quality, enhancing public health through exercise and improving the quality of life for millions of Americans.

As stewards of the State Park Systems Nationwide, we can attest to the popularity of the projects funded by TE's and utilized by so many of our patrons, constituents of all members of Congress. While section 114 of the bill would still allow States to use highway funds for Enhancement projects, in our opinion, this provision would threaten the integrity of the program and we applaud your efforts to remove it from the final legislation. We urge all members of Congress to support your amendment.

Sincerely,

PHIL MCKNELLY,  
*President.*

HONORING EBRI'S 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Employee Benefit Research Institute on its twenty-fifth anniversary. Since coming to Congress, one of my ongoing legislative priorities has been to ensure that America's workers will enjoy retirement security when they end their careers. When I think of those who have helped educate me and my colleagues—and the public—about the issues and challenges facing workers, the Employee Benefit Research Institute is high on the list. Indeed, without their high quality research and analysis, few would fully comprehend the problems we face and the viable options for solving them.

EBRI has provided this service for a quarter century, and it has established an impressive track record on issues ranging from Social Security to health benefits, as well as a panoply of private pension issues. EBRI's data is reliable and its analyses helpful. Their reports are uniquely useful because rather than recommend approaches, EBRI simply lays out the options for policymakers.

In today's often partisan atmosphere, EBRI's focus on the facts is particularly welcome. By doing so, they often provide common ground where those with differing ideological stances can reach compromise. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating EBRI on its 25 years of service, and I look forward to relying on its counsel in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CECILE DICKEY

**HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual who I feel fortunate to call my friend, Ms. Cecile Dickey. She was recognized on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, for her 28 years of unwavering dedication and service to the Head Start Program in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey.

During her long and distinguished career as the Executive Director of Concerned Parents for Head Start, Ms. Dickey has maintained responsibility for the overall administration and operation of a program that includes Early Head Start, teenage student mothers, and an adult education program for welfare recipients that prepares its students for gainful employment. It is only fitting that Cecile Dickey be honored for her commitment to improving the quality of life in Paterson through education in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Cecile Dickey began her career with Head Start in the summer of 1965 when, after registering her son in Project Head Start, she volunteered her services as a Parent/Volunteer. Over the next 7 years, Cecile, progressed from volunteer to assistant teacher to teacher and, in 1973, she was named the Director of