

proportionality in sentencing and the concept of an independent judiciary.

Ashcroft's Machiavellian attacks on fundamental liberties under the pretext of combatting international terrorism are a betrayal of his oath to uphold the Constitution. President Bush should jerk Ashcroft's leash. Failing that, the judiciary committees of Congress should.

RECOGNIZING JOSÉ-LUIS OROZCO
FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO BILINGUAL
EDUCATION

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to José-Luis Orozco, whose commitment to bilingual education is being honored by the National Hispanic Caucus and the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) in Washington D.C.

Throughout the last quarter century, José-Luis Orozco has established himself as one of the premier bilingual educators in the United States. His accomplishments and hard work as an author, songwriter, performer and recording artist in the field of bilingual education will be recognized and commemorated in our nation's capital today.

Born in Mexico City, José-Luis Orozco discovered his love of music at a young age under the influence of his paternal grandmother. At age 8, he joined the Mexico City Boys Choir, traveling to 32 countries where he gained the cultural knowledge he shares with children through his wonderful books and songs.

At age 19, Orozco immigrated to California where he gained a bachelors degree at the University of California, Berkeley and a Masters in Multicultural Education from the University of San Francisco.

Originally a teacher, José-Luis Orozco found his true passion in sharing with children the songs and rhymes he picked up on his world travels.

Over his more than 30 year career as an author, songwriter, performer and recording artist, José-Luis Orozco has shared his work with millions of children throughout the country. He has recorded 13 volumes of *Lirica Infantil*, Latin American children's music, and written two award winning books, *Diez Deditos* (Ten Little Fingers) and *De Colores* and other Latin American Folk Songs for Children. These works have become an essential teaching tool used in tens of thousands of multilingual classrooms across the country.

José-Luis Orozco's determination to enrich the lives of children has made him a true legend in multilingual education. The world will forever remember José-Luis Orozco as the educator who has and will continue to make learning fun for millions of children through the medium of music.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a leader in the volunteer fire services community, Louis A. Rickards, of Lewes, Delaware. A tireless advocate, Mr. Rickards was a dedicated leader within the fire community. Tragically, on February 3, 2002, Louis Rickards passed away. This Sunday, October 5, 2003, Mr. Rickards' admirable life will be honored as part of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Not surprisingly at the time of his death, Louis was on his way to a Delmarva Volunteer Fireman's Association Executive Meeting in Virginia, a lasting example of the dedication Louis gave to the firefighting community throughout his 39 years of service. His level of devotion to the community is exceptional among individuals, and his record of service is exemplary.

Louis began his career with the Lewes Volunteer Fire Company at age sixteen as a volunteer firefighter, then rising in the ranks to serve as Fire Chief for seven years, and as the Company's President for thirteen terms until his death in 2002. His passion for the fire services extended beyond the walls of the fire house, and he shared this with others as the primary author of a book published on the 100th year anniversary of the Lewes Volunteer Fire Company. Louis further demonstrated his commitment to public safety as a member of the Delaware State police, retiring after 25 years of service.

This Sunday, Louis Rickards' accomplishments, along with those of 104 additional fallen firefighters will be memorialized at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, and their names will be added to the roll of fallen heroes. His commitment to public service has earned him a place in our Nation's fire services' history, and he remains in our memories as an example for those who wish to dedicate their lives to the safety of others.

THANKING SUPPORTERS OF THE
RAVENSWOOD LINE REHABILITATION

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to the members of the Transportation Appropriations Committee for their leadership in support of the rehabilitation and expansion of Chicago's Ravenswood Elevated Line.

Built more than a century ago, the Ravenswood Line, known by Chicagoans as the "Brown Line," is one of the City's fabled elevated trains and serves as a vital link between the area that I'm proud to represent—the northwest side—and downtown. Along the way, it winds through some of Chicago's historic neighborhoods: Ravenswood, North Center, Wrigleyville, Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and of course, the Loop.

With more than 60,000 commuters each day, ridership has increased approximately 73 percent since 1979. In the past year alone, the number of riders has increased by 10 percent, the highest rate of growth anywhere in the Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) rail transportation system.

Because of the Brown Line's age, it can only accommodate six-car trains, and not the eight-car trains used elsewhere on the CTA system. Thus, the Ravenswood Line is not able to handle the growing demand. In fact, it is not unusual for commuters to wait several full trains before being able to board a train in the morning rush hour. Clearly, the Brown Line renovation is necessary to keep pace with the rapidly growing demand for mass transit services in Chicago.

For these reasons, since arriving in Congress I have worked closely with the City of Chicago, CTA, and U.S. Department of Transportation to ensure that the Brown Line revitalization received the support it needed to continue. I was also pleased to appear before the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee to discuss why expanding the line is so important to ensure the safety of Chicago commuters and to improve its efficiency.

I am pleased that both Committees agree that the Brown Line rehabilitation is a critically necessary and worthwhile project. It was included in the original Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and I am hopeful that it will be included in the upcoming bill to reauthorize TEA-21. On behalf of Chicago's riders, I am deeply grateful that the members of the Appropriations Committee included this project in the Fiscal Year 2004 Transportation-Treasury Bill passed two weeks ago by this body. Because of this support, the Ravenswood Line rehabilitation project will be able to stay on schedule, benefiting my district, and indeed the entire City of Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally thank all the members who supported this project crucial to Illinois' Fifth Congressional District, particularly Speaker Hastert and Congressman Lipinski for their assistance, hard work and unyielding commitment to the project. Further, I look forward to working with them in support of this project as the bill moves into conference and onto the President's desk for signature.

REMEMBERING ARIE TAYLOR

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, Colorado is poorer this week because of the death of Arie Taylor. As the Denver Post accurately stated in a recent editorial, Ms. Taylor—the first Africa-American woman to serve in our Legislature—was one of the truly great figures in Colorado politics. An outspoken champion of equality and opportunity, Ms. Taylor exemplified the tradition of collegiality that was once the hallmark of Colorado's political debates. A role model for many Coloradans, Ms. Taylor also should be an example of how we as legislators and public figures should conduct ourselves.

The complete editorial from the Denver Post follows: