

He received his law degree three years later from American University Law School in 1971. After working for several years in the Reagan Administration as Associate Undersecretary of Economic Affairs in the Department of Commerce, Barry began working for the Science Committee in 1989.

I met Barry when I came to Congress in 1993. Like many Congressional freshmen, I was eager to go to work on getting many of my ideas incorporated into Federal policy, but I had little understanding of the politics and processes of Capitol Hill. It was Barry who in many ways served as my mentor as I learned about policymaking in the House. He was always available to answer questions, and was an extremely patient and knowledgeable resource for members. He had the highest respect of members of Congress and his colleagues in the House. More importantly, Barry was a caring man and a great friend to all of us who knew and worked with him.

I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to Barry's wife Bonnie and their two children during this difficult time. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

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TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
LOLA SPRADLEY

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**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Lola Spradley of Beulah, Colorado is a dedicated public servant and a good friend. For years, Lola has worked to meet the needs of the citizens of the great State of Colorado through her work in the Colorado General Assembly, where she currently serves as Speaker of the House. For her dedication to Colorado, Lola is being recognized by Colorado State University—Pueblo with its Outstanding Service to the Community Award. She is a valuable public servant, and I am honored to pay tribute to Lola here today.

Lola is a true pioneer in Colorado politics, serving as the first female Speaker in the Colorado State General Assembly. For years, Lola has represented the needs of her district, working tirelessly to ensure that their voice is heard in the State Capitol. Before her term as Speaker, she served as the House Majority Leader from 2001 to 2002. In addition to her work in the State House, Lola has served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Technology and as Chair of the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Lola Spradley has dedicated many years of service to the great State of Colorado. As Speaker of the House and as Representative of District Sixty, Lola diligently meets the needs of her constituents. I am honored to join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to Lola Spradley here today. Congratulations on your recognition, Lola, and I wish you all the best.

AMI SEMICONDUCTOR INITIAL  
PUBLIC OFFERING

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate AMI Semiconductors on their initial public offering of common stock on the Nasdaq National Market. AMI Semiconductors began trading publicly on the Nasdaq on September 24, 2003, under the name AMIS.

AMIS is a leader in the design and manufacture of customer specific integrated mixed signal semiconductor products. The company focuses on the automotive, medical and industrial markets, which have significant analog interface requirements for real world applications.

Two years ago, AMI Semiconductors moved its headquarters from San Diego, California to Pocatello, Idaho, where it opened a new engineering and research center in the city. In 2001, the company appointed Christine King as its CEO and President. AMIS forged new territory by making Ms. King the first woman in the world to be named as the president of a semiconductor company.

While its headquarters are located in Idaho, AMIS maintains a global presence. It keeps sales offices and technical support centers throughout Asia, Europe and the USA. AMIS employs over 2,400 people worldwide, and about 1,100 of those employees work at their company headquarters in Pocatello. AMI Semiconductors has been a real asset to Idaho's local economy and business development. It is now the largest private employer in Pocatello, bringing new jobs and new economic growth to the area. In the past six months alone, they have created 130 new jobs in the region.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate AMI Semiconductors on their initial public offering. I look forward to following their accomplishments in the business world and working with them over the coming months and years.

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IMMIGRANT WORKERS FREEDOM  
RIDE

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express how thrilled I am to honor the immigrant workers for making their courageous journey across the country to fight for equality and civil rights. Modeled after the 1961 Freedom Rides of the U.S. civil rights movement, today's Immigrant Workers Freedom Riders are converging in Washington, D.C., after having visited cities and towns across America to raise awareness about the plight of immigrant workers.

This country was founded and built by immigrants. They are still the backbone of our country and we must continue to fight for their civil rights and immigration reform. Like countless Americans throughout our history, the Freedom Riders visiting our nation's capital today are seeking to fulfill their American

Dream. They work hard and contribute tremendously to our country, and to our economy. They deserve fair and equal treatment.

We must come together to continue to educate our communities about the plight of these workers, and to end the injustices and indignities these immigrants face daily.

The Immigrant Worker Freedom Ride is sponsored by a large coalition of religious groups, labor unions, immigrant advocates, and civil rights organizations. State legislators and political leaders across the country have endorsed the Freedom Ride, including the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the Congressional Black Caucus.

There are many members of Congress like myself, who support efforts for meaningful and long overdue reforms such as: Providing a "Road to Citizenship" for immigrant workers, reuniting families in a timely fashion by streamlining our outdated immigration policies, and protecting and restoring workplace rights for immigrants.

Together, we will ensure that our message of equality and human dignity is heard. We will educate other members of Congress, and convince them to join our efforts.

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HONORING DISTINGUISHED LATINO  
WRITERS

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the National Book Festival sponsored by the Library of Congress and First Lady Laura Bush, I rise today to honor three distinguished Latino Writers.

Jose-Luis Orozco is in many respects a multi-cultural teacher and musician and is recognized across the country for his contributions to bilingual education and literacy. His recordings and books share and transmit Latin American traditions and culture to millions of children. As a children's author, songwriter, performing artist, he has recorded 13 volumes of *Lirica Infantil*, Latin American Children's Music. He has also written two award winning books, *De Colores* and *Other Latin American Folks Songs for Children* (Dutton 1994) and *Diez Deditos, Ten Little Fingers*. (Dutton 1997).

Mr. Orozco was born in Mexico City. At the age of ten he traveled the world with the Mexico City Boys Choir. In 1970 after graduating from Mexico City School of Music, he moved to the United States. Initially, on a two week visit, Orozco permanently stayed and completed his master's degree in Multi-cultural Education from the University of California, Berkeley.

Jose-Luis Orozco continues to perform for children around the country at concert halls, libraries, and schools. He is a recognized expert in children music is a featured speaker and presenter at numerous educational conferences for teachers, parents, and librarians. Mr. Orozco is a valued resource for all who seek to use music as a multi-cultural learning tool. His passion and dedication to multi-cultural education through music has impacted countless of individuals throughout the country.

Pam Munoz Ryan is the author of the novel *Esperanza Rising*, winner of the Pura Belpre Medal, a the Jane Addams Peace Award, and the American Library Associations' Top Ten Books for Young Adults and the Americas Award. In addition, her novel *Riding Freedom* has also gained wide recognition winning the Willa Cather Award and the California Young Readers Medal. Pam Munoz Ryan is also recognized for her picture books for young and older readers, such as the award winning *Amelia and Eleanor Go For A Ride* and also her work, *When Marian Sang*, is a recipient of the American Library Association's Sibert Honor, including the National Council of Teachers in English's *Orbits Pictus* Award.

Pam Munoz Ryan was born and raised in California in the San Joaquin Valley. She is the oldest of three sisters. She grew up surrounded by her aunts, uncles, and grandparents. During her childhood many hours were spent at the local library where her love of literature was cultivated. After receiving her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from San Diego State University, she became a teacher, an administrator, and after the encouragement from a friend a writer. Through her life's passion, as writer Pam Munoz Ryan has touched many lives.

Judith Ortiz Cofer is an English and Creative Writing Franklin Professor at University of Georgia. A native of Puerto Rico, her lectures center on biculturalism and the creative processes. She is driven by a deep belief in freedom of expression and the necessity to disseminate the literature and art of the many people contributing to the culture of the United States.

Her literary work is respected through the country being awarded The Anisfield Wolf Award for The Latin Deli, a collection of essays, short fiction, and poetry. In addition, she was awarded the first Pura Belpre Medal by Reforma of the American Library Association (1996) for her book, *An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio*, which also garnered the American Library Association Best book of the Year 1995-96. She also is the author of *Line in the Sun*, a novel, a collection of personal essay and short stories, and her work *Silent Dancing* was awarded a PEN/Martha Albarnd Special citation for nonfiction.

Judith Ortiz Cofer has been awarded several fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and Witter Bynner Foundation For Poetry. In 1998 Judith Ortiz Cofer was awarded Paterson Book Prize for her work, *The Year of Our Revolution: New and Selected Stories and Poems at Passaic County Community College*; additionally, she was the recipient of Christ Janner Award in Creative Research from the University of Georgia. The Rockefeller Foundation also awarded her residency at the Bellagio, Italy Conference Center in 1999.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and The National Book Festival, I hope we take time to recognize the contributions of these and many other fine Hispanic authors. America's people come from rich and diverse cultural backgrounds. Literature is at the root of America's culture. These three authors have added tremendously to our diverse American cultural fabric

NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS  
REDUCTION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 1, 2003*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2608. This bill is the result of excellent bipartisan work by my colleagues on the Science Committee. I commend my colleagues, Congressmen SMITH and BAIRD, and Congresswoman LOFGREN for their leadership on this important issue.

Mr. Speaker, the reauthorization of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program will promote good science and intelligent planning, and it will save lives. It is a smart investment in the future of this nation. This program rallies all the resources available in the federal government with expertise in earthquake response and damage mitigation, and focuses them on the task of readying ourselves for the next "big one." It brings together FEMA, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the OMB, in a concerted effort to assess our needs and to make preparations.

The bill will enable us to develop effective measures for hazards reduction, and will encourage implementation of those hazard reduction measures by Federal, State, and local governments through grants, standards development, and information sharing. This is a solid approach.

I was particularly pleased that an amendment I offered in Science Committee markup was accepted unanimously and is in the bill before us today. That amendment will ensure that the research that stems from this program taps into the great expertise and resources at this nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as those that serve predominantly Hispanics, Native Americans, and other populations under-represented in the sciences. This will also ensure that our federal programs are inclusive of all Americans, not exclusive as they have been too often in the past.

Again, this is an excellent bill that resulted from strong bipartisan work. I was pleased to be a part of that process, and am pleased to support it today.

RECOGNIZING OF NATIONAL FIRE  
PREVENTION WEEK

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the observance of National Fire Prevention Week beginning Sunday, October 5, 2003. Celebrated every year since President Calvin Coolidge's official proclamation dedicating this week to educating the public on the benefits of practicing basic fire prevention measures, National Fire Prevention Week has undoubtedly given many the informational tools essential to saving lives and preventing unnecessary fire damage.

This week begins with the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg,

Maryland to honor those heroes that lost their lives in the line of duty. To honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice, I authored legislation, that became public law in 2001, to lower all flags on federal buildings to half staff on this day of remembrance.

During National Fire Prevention Week we must all educate and learn to protect ourselves and others. I urge all individuals to take the proper steps to ensure the safety of their families and loved-ones by installing and routinely checking smoke detectors, developing and practicing home evacuation plans, and identifying potential fire hazards throughout the home.

This year's National Fire Prevention Week theme is "When Fire Strikes: Get out! Stay out!" As a member of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I know the vital importance of this message. In the United States nearly 6,000 people die each year in their homes, nearly 80 percent of all fire fatalities. Tragically, many fires and can be prevented if only individuals practice the proper preventative measures.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the National Fire Protection Association for their work each year in commemorating Fire Prevention Week. I also would like to thank the fine men and women of our fire and emergency services teams for the outstanding job they do in fighting fires and saving lives. I ask my colleagues to join me in urging all Americans to take the basic precautions that could save their lives.

WHITE HOUSE RECERTIFIES AN  
ILL-DESERVING GUATEMALA

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, a memorandum on Guatemala's many problems from the highly respected Washington-based Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA) was placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The following timely memorandum authored by William McIntire, a research fellow at COHA, is a continuation of COHA's analysis of the ominous situation in Guatemala. COHA, a non-partisan organization that has long been committed to addressing issues associated with human rights, democracy and economic justice throughout the Western Hemisphere, has been referred to by Senator EDWARD KENNEDY a number of years ago as "one of our Nation's most respected bodies of scholars and policymakers."

WHITE HOUSE RECERTIFIES AN ILL-DESERVING  
GUATEMALA

(By William B. McIntire, COHA Research  
Fellow)

On Monday, September 15, the White House recommended to Congress that their certification of Guatemala, which was previously revoked due to failure of that country's authorities to be faithful allies in Washington's war on drugs, be renewed. This move, a stunning reversal of a Bush administration decision made last January to decertify for reasons of non-performance, qualifies the country to receive U.S. financial aid to fight drug traffickers. Applied to Guatemala, however, U.S. recertification remains a largely symbolic action as Washington waived all sanctions against Guatemala last January and