

million upgrade. Due to lack of funding availability, this project has already been broken into six phases in the hope of completing it. But where are funds for these phases?

In Wyoming County, \$1 million is needed for a water project to serve 200 customers in the Crouch Farm area who presently have no water service at all. Where is their money?

The Cheney-Bush bunch wants to rebuild the oilfields of Iraq and expect the coalfields of West Virginia to pay for it. West Virginians are told by this Administration and this Congress that we can't afford to meet our wastewater needs, not when we're investing in other countries rather than our own.

What in the dickens is going on here, Mr. Speaker? I recall our not too distant history, when this Nation was able to fight and win a world war, rebuild the western European continent, and Japan to boot, and college educate a generation of Americans who fueled the greatest economic boon to which the world had never laid witness.

Now the Cheney-Bush bunch and the House leadership tell us again and again, there is no room for investment in America, and that the American people must take a back seat to the citizens of Baghdad.

I say no more. This Administration continues to show indifference to our Nation's infrastructure needs, including threatening to veto a highway bill that will bring over \$2 billion to my home State of West Virginia, money we need to build roads in a mountainous terrain.

Mr. Speaker, I recall—shortly after the bombs fell in Baghdad and the President pledging that America would rebuild Iraq—on a trip back home, folks in an economically hard hit county in West Virginia, in all seriousness, asked me to tell the President to send the bombers to them, so then they could apply for help from America.

It was a sad moment for me, Mr. Speaker, even sadder for America.

COMMEMORATING DR. DAVID WERNER'S LONG CAREER IN EDUCATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Werner's 36 years of service to students and colleagues at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

David Werner first came to SIUE as a faculty member in the School of Business. He would go on to serve as Dean of the School of Business, and eventually, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Effective September 1, 1997, Dr. Werner was named Chancellor of SIDE.

In addition to his position at SIUE, Dr. Werner serves as an advisor and board member for groups such as the Southwestern Illinois Higher Education Consortium and the Board of Governors of the Illinois Council on Economic Education.

On June 30 of this year, Dr. Werner will retire as Chancellor of SIUE, bringing an end to nearly four decades of devotion to higher education in southern Illinois. As an educator, I share the same passion for teaching and nurturing the next generation, and I wish to not

only commend Dr. Werner for his dedication, but to thank him for his commitment to excellence through education.

RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL J. ATTARDI IN APPRECIATION FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION AND FRIENDSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY OF LONG BRANCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the late Michael J. Attardi, a dear friend to the sixth district of New Jersey. Mr. Attardi, a resident of Long Branch, was a well-known figure throughout his community. He will be sorely missed by family, friends, and neighbors.

Michael Attardi was a truly remarkable neighbor for Long Branch. While he was born in Neptune, he lived within the neighborhood of Long Branch for the past sixty-eight years. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Attardi was well regarded for his prowess on the football field. His greatest high school success was to lead the "Green Wave" of Long Branch High School to a state football championship. Known as "Iron Mike" to his close friends and family, Mr. Attardi was named to the first team All-State and All-County football teams quite an honor for any athlete.

Not only was Mr. Attardi triumphant on the field during high school, he also was a star football player at the Valley Forge Military Academy. His attendance at this academy allowed him to be named to the All-American Football team in 1954. After years had passed, the City of Long Branch and the State of New Jersey honored Mr. Attardi by electing him to the Long Branch Athletic Hall of Fame for his star abilities on the football field.

Aside from being an accomplished athlete, Mr. Attardi honorably served his country in the United States Army. He was well decorated in his eight years of service and received four medals as a Military Police officer. Perhaps his greatest accomplishments were his family, his marriage of forty-five years to Frances Tortoretti, their three children, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I am proud to acknowledge a truly great man for his dedication to family, community, and country. I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Michael J. Attardi. He will sorely be missed by everyone whose lives he touched.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ANTHONY CHUNG-YI HO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Anthony Chung-Yi Ho has provided outstanding service and contributions while serving as the Senior Officer with the Taipei Economic Council and Cultural Representative and Senior Assistant to the Honor-

able C.J. Chen, Taiwan's chief representative in the United States; and

Whereas, Anthony Chung-Yi Ho graduated from the National Taiwan University and joined Taiwan's foreign service in 1994; and

Whereas, Anthony Chung-Yi Ho has worked diligently during his time in Washington, D.C., to improve the understanding of Taiwanese-American relations held by Members of the United States Congress and their staff; and

Whereas, Anthony Chung-Yi Ho's service has served his country loyally and worked to establish a lasting friendship between officials in the Taiwanese and United States government; and

Whereas, Anthony Chung-Yi Ho will be greatly missed once he returns to Taiwan with his family next month;

Therefore, I join with members of Congress and their staff in recognizing Anthony Chung-Yi Ho for his exceptional work and immense contributions, and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF DR. MARY JO OLDHAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished educator from Southern Illinois on the occasion of her retirement. Dr. Mary Jo Oldham served the residents of Southeastern Illinois for 40 years, as an instructor, a division chair, a vice president and then President of Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg.

Dr. Oldham began her career as an instructor at North Gallatin Community Unit High School in 1964. She moved on to Harrisburg High School, before taking a job at Southeastern Illinois College. Dr. Oldham has been deeply committed to the philosophy of the comprehensive community college, and has always been a strong advocate for the Illinois community college system. She has worked with a variety of grant projects, most of which were focused on curriculum development and the use of alternative delivery systems at SIC. In 2000, she became the fourth President of Southeastern Illinois College.

Dr. Mary Jo Oldham is a native of Shawneetown, Illinois. She resides in Shawneetown with her husband, Larry Morgan, a farmer. It is an honor to pay tribute to Dr. Oldham for her years of service to the people of Southeastern Illinois. She will be missed, but I want to wish her and her family a very happy and well-earned retirement. Dr. Oldham's career will serve as a model for community college administrators for years to come.