

that translate into productivity, innovation, and leadership.

Hiring former servicemembers is good for business, it's good for veterans, and it's good for America. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. XXXX, providing for a 3-year extension of the President's National Hire Veterans Committee.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
THOMAS C. SHORT, INTER-
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF IATSE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Thomas C. Short, President of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists, and Allied Crafts of the United States, its Territories and Canada (IATSE), as he was recently awarded the "The Actors' Fund Medal of Honor" by the Actors' Fund of America.

Mr. Short's commitment to the rights and welfare of workers in the entertainment and broadcasting industries spans more than thirty years. In 1968, Mr. Short first became a member of the Stagehands Local No. 27, located in Cleveland, Ohio. Ten years later, Mr. Short was elected to the office of President of Local No. 27.

In 1988, Mr. Short was elected by IATSE members to the position of Eleventh International Vice President, following the path of his father, who served as International Vice President for many years. Since 1994, Mr. Short has served as International President of IATSE. Because of his vision, leadership, and ability to energize others, every facet of the union has been fortified and enhanced. During his tenure, membership has increased from 65,000 to 103,000, with more than 75 national term agreements. Mr. Short also restructured IATSE into five departments: Stage Craft, Motion Picture and TV Production, Organizing, Trade Show, and Canadian Affairs.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Thomas C. Short, for his outstanding service as member, leader and International President of IATSE. Mr. Short's dedicated focus and tireless efforts on behalf of all members of IATSE serves as an agent of strength and shield of protection for the heart of this nation—the American worker.

INDIAN SCHOOL BUS ROUTE SAFE-
TY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF
2003

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Mexico. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise to introduce companion legislation to a bill being introduced by Senator JEFF BINGAMAN in the Senate today. I am extremely pleased to be joined in introducing this legislation, the Indian School Bus Route Safety Reauthorization Act of 2005, by Congressman JIM MATHESON of Utah and

Congressman RICK RENZI of Arizona, both of whom represent portions of the Navajo Nation in their Congressional districts.

This bill is very similar to legislation Senator BINGAMAN and I introduced during the 108th Congress, also joined then by Mr. MATHESON and Mr. RENZI, to benefit the children and residents of the Navajo Nation, and the counties into which the Navajo Nation's boundaries extend. In New Mexico these counties are McKinley and San Juan Counties, and prior to 1998 they were responsible for maintaining the roads used by county school buses that stretch into the reservation to transport the children of the Navajo Nation to and from the county schools. Although there is nothing unique about counties funding and maintaining the roads in their jurisdiction, this particular case of the counties being responsible for the upkeep of the roads that ran into the Navajo Nation was extremely rare, and seems to be the only situation of this kind throughout the United States. This put an enormous burden on McKinley and San Juan County officials, and oftentimes resulted in impassable roads, which, in turn, resulted in children missing school because the buses were unable to pick them up.

In 1998, however, Senator BINGAMAN was successful in acquiring funds through the Indian School Bus Route Safety Act for the counties in New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona to assist them in facing this particularly burdensome responsibility. Today, we are proud to introduce the reauthorization of this legislation to provide further assistance to the counties and children of the Navajo Nation. This bill authorizes funds totaling \$10.8 million for fiscal years 2005 through 2010—\$1.8 million for each of the fiscal years—to be divided equally among New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona.

These critical funds will provide much-needed assistance to the counties, and will help put an end to the shameful situation of children missing school simply because of impassable roads due to lack of maintenance. I am extremely hopeful that we can either pass this measure, or include it as part of any transportation reauthorization bill Congress considers this session, to provide further assistance to the children of the Navajo Nation and our respective states. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING CAROL HOTALING

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor an extraordinary citizen. Carol Hotaling of Saratoga County, New York, along with help from friends and family, has devoted an immeasurable amount of time and effort to support our troops and has strove to promote unity in our great Nation.

Ms. Hotaling has shown her ability to bring together communities in support of our troops. She has worked tirelessly to distribute hundreds of yellow ribbons to citizens around the state in recognition of our service men and women. These ribbons help foster a spirit of unity and help convey respect and support for those who protect our freedom.

In recognition of Ms. Hotaling's continued work and support, the State of New York designated September 2004 "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Month". To help encourage all citizens to follow the example of Ms. Hotaling and to express their appreciation for the nation's armed forces, New York State has shown its encouragement for the continued display and distribution of yellow ribbons.

At this time, it is important that we honor individuals for fostering support and practices in tribute to the nation's armed forces. The actions of those, such as Ms. Hotaling, serve as examples to the citizenry of the United States.

I ask that the House of Representatives send its gratitude to Carol Hotaling for her praiseworthy work.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF
PAOLI-MALVERN-BERWYN

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn, Chester County, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

The Rotary Club is unique in that it is the world's first service-oriented club. The very first Rotary Club was formed in Chicago, Illinois on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris. Mr. Harris was an attorney who wished to recapture, in a professional organization, the friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns and communities of his youth. Mr. Harris' forward-thinking concept of community and service has gone on to become one of the world's foremost and most respected civic and humanitarian organizations.

Rotary became extremely popular in the coming decade as clubs were chartered across the country from San Francisco to New York City. In 1921, the Rotary took their ideals of service and community to the international community. The Rotary Club was given its first opportunity to expand abroad and, in doing so, spread to six different continents around the world. Today, the Rotary Club has 31,000 international chapters in 166 different countries.

As Rotary grew in popularity and membership, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of its members. Rotarians, such as the members of the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn, began pooling their personal resources and contributing their talents to help serve area communities in need. It was during this great time of exemplary community service that the Rotary Club adopted its singular motto, "Service Above Self," and each of its members throughout the world strives to implement that motto today.

In the following years, Rotarians became deeply involved in many different important causes. Rotary has made many significant contributions to the international community through working with the United Nations and was a leading advocate of the establishment of United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. In 1985, Rotary made a historic commitment to immunize the world's children against polio, further proving their extraordinary commitment to public service and