

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

to the betterment of communities around the world. As a result, Rotary is the largest private sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign.

Rotary is an exemplary professional, social and civic club. Its goals and ideals are noteworthy, compassionate, and are ones deserving of emulation. The members of the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn have worked hard for the past 75 years to uphold the motto of the Club's founder and continue to work to meet the needs of the communities in Chester County, their Rotary District, nation and the world. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn for its tremendous contributions to the individuals, organizations, and communities they have benefited for 75 years and to wish the Club's members continued success and good fortune in meeting Rotary's mission to serve others above themselves.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S "WAR ON HUNGER" CAMPAIGN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a group of students and faculty at Auburn University who are waging an important campaign to fight world hunger.

Known as the War on Hunger campaign, this groundbreaking initiative partners Auburn University with the United Nations World Food Programme, a first for any university worldwide.

Over the next several years this campaign will continue to develop a framework for addressing the problem of world hunger. Plans include developing an agenda that increases hunger awareness, and creating new academic initiatives at the university. Local organizers also hope to use their efforts to influence policymakers at all levels of government with regard to hunger initiatives.

Auburn University students will continue to work together, Mr. Speaker, and participate in several planned activities to help carry out their campaign, including holding benefit concerts and hosting a symposium on world hunger. Students will work to enlist the support of the Auburn community, and also sponsor a film series on world hunger and sustainability. In the true spirit of the Auburn Creed, this initiative aspires to feed Auburn students' minds and hearts with a sense of social responsibility and human well-being.

Ultimately, Auburn's goal is to develop and implement a War on Hunger model that can be replicated by other universities across the nation and around the world. On this important day, I salute the students and faculty of Auburn University for addressing this challenge, and applaud their efforts in helping end hunger around the globe.

TRIBUTE TO JUNE PICETTI SHEPPARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June Picetti Sheppard, who has been named the City of Sonoma's 2005 Alcaldesa, or Honorary Mayor.

Ms. Sheppard earned this honor from her community for a lifetime of volunteer work. She is a practitioner of the "little things" that can make such a difference in someone's day-to-day life. An avid early morning walker, this dynamic 88-year-old picks up newspapers at homes along her route when it is raining and places them on her neighbor's porches, just to help folks out. She is also well known around town for her trademark flower cups, or "Tussy Mussies," that she distributes when the mood strikes her, and the mood strikes often.

Ms. Sheppard has been a long-time volunteer with Friends In Sonoma Helping (FISH), which provides food and clothing for the disadvantaged. She helps gather surplus food from local markets and bakeries for the FISH clients and for community groups such as the Senior Center and Boys and Girls Club.

She also volunteers as a docent with the Sonoma League for Historic Preservation, providing tours of vintage homes in the community.

As Alcaldesa, Ms. Sheppard will preside over all ceremonial events in the town, from parades to grand openings to meetings. Since 1975, the City of Sonoma has bestowed the honor of Alcalde/Alcaldesa on a local resident or couple who demonstrates outstanding community service.

Mr. Speaker, June Picetti Sheppard's dedication to her community follows this tradition and it is therefore appropriate that we recognize her at this time as the 2005 Alcaldesa for the City of Sonoma.

RETIREMENT OF JAMES STEDMAN, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the long years of service which James Stedman has provided to the Congress. "Jim" as he is better known to his friends and colleagues retired this month after 31 years at the Congressional Research Service (CRS). His dedication, determination and spirit will be sorely missed. I know that I have relied on Jim on numerous occasions in the past and he has certainly made me a more effective legislator.

James Stedman began his career at the Congressional Research Service as an education policy analyst in 1973, after earning a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and a master's degree from Harvard University, both in history. Upon joining CRS, he reached the status of Specialist in Social Legislation in a very short period of time. From the beginning of his career, and continuing for

over 30 years, Jim has expertly supported Congressional work on education related legislation. Jim's most important contribution however has been his effective and unselfish mentoring of the next generation of CRS education analysts.

Jim has for decades been a nationally recognized expert on numerous major aspects of Federal education policy. One such area is elementary-secondary school reform. Jim has shown a boundless understanding of the complexities of standards-based reform, school choice (a topic on which he prepared pioneering policy analyses), and Federal programs to support the recruitment, development, and retention of elementary-secondary school teachers. Jim also excelled in his knowledge of Federal efforts to improve mathematics and sciences education; and all aspects of Federal policy to provide financial assistance to postsecondary students from low-to moderate-income families, including grant, loan, and tax-based programs.

Throughout his career, Jim has not only been exceptionally productive, but also innovative. He has provided ground-breaking analyses that have been especially useful to the Congress in its consideration of how best to provide financial aid for college bound students, through loans, grant, or tax-based methods. Jim has also undertaken pioneering work of broad significance on the process used to determine the amount of aid a college student receives, commonly referred to as "needs analysis." Jim was also the leading CRS analyst supporting congressional legislation and other activities in response to the Reagan administration's "A Nation at Risk" and the Clinton administration's "Goals 2000 initiatives."

In more recent years, Jim's work has been primarily devoted to providing strong leadership to teams of CRS staff assisting with higher education legislation during the 105th and 108th Congresses. He has coordinated a vast number of projects in support of committee deliberations on higher education legislation, serving as the primary liaison between the CRS higher education analysts and authorizing committee members and staff. Jim has also unselfishly devoted a great deal of time and effort to helping the relatively new CRS analysts to build expertise in legislation, relevant issues, and sources for data analysis.

Jim's contributions will be sorely missed. The leadership and knowledge he provided for over 30 years has greatly benefited the Congress and the American people. Jim's retirement now provides him the time to pursue a second career as a teacher. If he brings the same determination and spirit to teaching that he had for 30 years at CRS, he will be a success. This House should congratulate Jim on his retirement and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SANDRA L. SEENO FOR HER WORK WITH OAKLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity