

Mr. Speaker her plan includes: Transferring long-term housing from FEMA to HUD, the people who understand housing; settling the elderly and disabled into long-term government housing; and developing affordable rental housing while repairing the battered homes of survivors.

We cannot turn a blind eye to survivors. The victims of these natural disasters and their needs cannot be ignored. They need their government to finally help them find the calm after the storm.

That's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT VINCENT
FISCELLA

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Vincent Fiscella a 17-year veteran of the Delaware State Police and the 2006 recipient of the Legacy of Honor Award presented by the Ronald G. Williams Foundation.

In 2003, The Ronald G. Williams, Jr. Foundation instituted the "Legacy of Honor" Award to recognize Delaware law enforcement officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary integrity and devotion to character. Sergeant Fiscella is a very worthy recipient of this award and I'm proud to honor him today. Sergeant Fiscella also serves as the President of the Delaware State Troopers Association.

The Legacy of Honor Award was created in memory of Delaware State Trooper Ronald Williams who was dedicated to the ideals of honor, duty, loyalty and service to others. Sergeant Fiscella joins two other distinguished individuals who have received the Legacy of Honor Award: Chief Kevin McDermby of New Castle County Police and Major Joseph Papili of the Delaware State Police.

Sergeant Fiscella's desire to become a Delaware State Trooper was born out of a will to be a part of an organization with rich tradition and history. Since 1923, the Delaware State Police have been serving the people of Delaware and now more than ever, the importance of effective law enforcement is apparent. Thankfully, there are officers like Sergeant Fiscella serving and protecting our communities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to once again, commend Sergeant Fiscella on his achievement and thank him and all law-enforcement officials for all the tireless work they undertake to make our streets and communities safe places to live. I'm sure Sergeant Fiscella is and will continue to be an inspiration to his colleagues and future law-enforcement officers.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
JIM EMFINGER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim Emfinger of Mobile, Alabama,

for his dedicated, inspiring work as an umpire at Mobile Municipal Park. For over 25 years, Jim, affectionately known as "Big Blue," has given his own special touch to the game of baseball and the development of little boys and girls who are learning at a very young age the rules of America's pastime.

All across America, baseball is an important part of our lives, full of history and tradition. From little league games in small towns, to enjoying a box of Cracker Jacks and a hot dog at a major league ballpark, there is no other sport that is as American as baseball. Jim Emfinger has enriched this tradition with a sense of kindness and humanity for which we should all strive both on and off the field.

Jim is well known for helping out the young girls and boys at Mobile Municipal Park, calling a time out if a player needs help or lending a hand if someone gets hurt while sliding into home. On more than one occasion, Jim has pretended to help tie a youngster's shoe while secretly telling him how to hold the bat. I have heard nothing but praise for Jim from the countless parents, coaches, and players who have been lucky enough to be a part of one of the many little league games that Jim has umpired. As the father of a little slugger myself, I can say I have witnessed first-hand the numerous times Jim Emfinger's love of children and love of baseball have come together to make a positive difference.

With a remarkable sense of patience and class, Jim Emfinger is a man who not only honors the game of baseball, but he is a role model to all of the parents and children he meets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. I know Jim's family and friends, along with past and present ball players, join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of the city of Mobile and all the future "Hall of Famers" who live there.

TRIBUTE TO REV. JOSEPH CALVIN
NEAL

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Rev. Joseph Calvin Neal, from Carroll County in my district in Georgia.

Rev. Neal began life in Carroll County as one of 12 children of a single mother. As a young teen, he took a job at the Green Front, a locally owned restaurant, and was renowned for his ability to take the orders of multiple patrons with no notes and never missing a beat.

Rev. Neal became so beloved by key community leaders that they got him a job at Sunset Hills Country Club and eventually encouraged and supported him at Paine College in Augusta, where he received a degree in music.

The Lord called Rev. Neal to the ministry, and after his training was complete, he began serving as the pastor of several Methodist churches in west Georgia.

But his service at his churches wasn't his only job. During his time as pastor, he also

worked for the Douglas & Lomason Company, one of the major producers of car parts in the country. Even after the plant in Carrollton closed down, the company trusted Rev. Neal with the oversight of the company property for years afterward.

But even in working two jobs, Rev. Neal never lost sight of his ministry. Normally, a Methodist pastor serves one church and is moved from church to church every five or so years. But Rev. Neal was so beloved by his congregations that he served as the pastor of 3 churches simultaneously—in Newnan, Georgia for 32 years. These churches are Smith Chapel UMC, Wesley Chapel UMC, and Clark Chapel UMC. During those years, his churches were recognized twice as "church of the year" by the North Georgia Methodist Conference, another testament to his leadership and skill. Rev. Neal also continued his education by receiving a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

But Rev. Neal also lived out what he preached regarding the importance of family—he cared for his mother until she passed away, and he continues to live in her house with an older brother.

He has also been invaluable to the community in Carroll County. He has served on the planning commission for the city of Carrollton, the Carroll County Water Authority, and on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to name a few. Even while working two full-time jobs, Rev. Neal still found time to serve his community.

Rev. Neal has earned the respect and love of the people of Carroll County. Even today, when Rev. Neal does something as simple as go out to a restaurant to eat, people know him and come speak to him about their lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring a life of service like that of Rev. Neal before the House. He is an example to young people across this Nation of the type of spirit we need in our citizens—he looks beyond what it means to gain notoriety for himself, and focuses on serving others. Servant leadership. Something we would do well to practice here in Washington, and something that Rev. Neal exemplifies by his life. We all wish him the very best in his retirement and continued service to my State and our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DIANNE EDWARDS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dianne Edwards of Santa Rosa, California, who is retiring after ten years as Director of Human Services for Sonoma County,

Dianne's job required overseeing one of the largest departments in County government. Human Services provides essential services to one in nine residents including cash aid, medical assistance, and food stamps to low income individuals and families; employment and training services; assistance to the elderly, disabled and veterans to maintain quality of life; and child welfare and child protective services. Dianne managed the 600 staff and their supervisors responsible for these activities at 8 locations.

Children are among our most vulnerable populations, and during Dianne's tenure the County, with the assistance of other organizations, built the Valley of the Moon Children's Home, an emergency center for child victims of abuse. The department also manages the Redwood Children's Center for a safe, supportive environment for child victims of sexual abuse.

Dianne holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and has spent the last 34 years in social services in California at both county and state levels. She began her career as an eligibility worker, worked 2 years as State Chief of AFDC and Food Stamps Policy for all 58 California counties, and served as Director of Adult and Employment Services for Orange County just before moving to Sonoma.

Locally, Dianne has shared her expertise with the community including the Board of Directors of United Way, commissioner on the Children and Families Commission, and member of the Mayor's Gang Task Force for the City of Santa Rosa. She has also participated, as a member and officer of the County Welfare Directors Association of California, the National Association of Counties, and the National Association of County Human Services Administrators.

Mr. Speaker, Sonoma County has been fortunate to have Dianne Edward's leadership for the Human Services Department, a department which is responsible for the welfare of many of our community's most vulnerable citizens. We appreciate the skill, proficiency, and dedication with which she has guided these crucial services for 10 years.

FOURTEENTH DALAI LAMA CON-
GRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 2784, which authorizes the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest expression of national appreciation for exceptional service and for lifetime contributions. The medal has been awarded to individuals from all walks of life. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Pope John Paul II, the Navajo Code Talkers, Rosa Parks, Frank Sinatra, and Elie Wiesel are among those who have been honored. The Dalai Lama is well qualified to join the list of individuals who have received this most distinguished of honors.

Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama is recognized in the United States and throughout the world as a leading figure of moral and religious authority. He is the unrivaled spiritual and cultural leader of the Tibetan people, and has used his leadership to promote democracy, freedom, and peace for the Tibetan people through a negotiated settlement of the Tibet issue, based on autonomy within the People's Republic of China.

This Dalai Lama has led the effort to preserve the rich cultural, religious, and linguistic heritage of the Tibetan people and to promote the safeguarding of other endangered cultures throughout the world.

For his efforts on behalf of humanity, this Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. His efforts to promote peace and non-violence throughout the globe, and to find democratic reconciliation for the Tibetan people through his "Middle Way" approach has won him world-wide acclaim.

This Dalai Lama has significantly advanced the goal of greater understanding, tolerance, harmony, and respect among the different religious faiths of the world through interfaith dialogue and outreach to other religious leaders and, perhaps most important, he has used his moral authority to promote the concept of universal responsibility as a guiding tenet for how human beings should treat one another and the planet we share.

For these reasons, I strongly support S. 2784 and urge my colleagues to join me in voting to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama.

FOURTEENTH DALAI LAMA CON-
GRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2784 to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding.

I am honored to support the Dalai Lama to receive the Congressional Gold Medal. He has dedicated himself to the Tibetan people and the pursuit of freedom. He is the head of state and spiritual leader of the Tibetan people—the epitome of strength and courage, revered around the world for his commitment to the cause of human rights and religious freedom—a man who wants only to be able to return to his country in peace and to lead his people in the practice of their religion. He had led the effort to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the Tibetan people.

I traveled to Tibet in 1997 and saw with my own eyes the suffering the Tibetan people endure. I visited monasteries and talked with many people. Several monks spoke to me in secret and shared with me the horrors taking place in Tibet. I heard stories of monks and nuns who were dragged away to prison and tortured.

These monks and nuns are not alone. Religious persecution is spread across China. Catholic bishops are in prisons and labor camps. Protestant House Church leaders are routinely harassed and detained. Large numbers of Muslims in China are in prison because of their faith. Young Muslim Uighur boys and girls are not even allowed to enter a mosque until they are 18-years-old.

I have been standing on the floor of this House talking about human rights in China and the Dalai Lama for two decades. The world is now looking for resolutions to the human rights problems in China and Tibet. There has been a dialogue taking place between the Dalai Lama's envoys and the Chinese, and that is good. But we now need to see some concrete results from these talks. The Tibetan people deserve to live in peace.

I am proud to support the Dalai Lama for the Congressional Gold Medal. He has kept the cause of human rights alive in Tibet and in other places around the globe. He is a true hero to me and many others throughout the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF MARK
MOCZULSKI FOR HIS 29 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE ANTIOCH
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Chief Mark Moczulski who is retiring from the city of Antioch Police Department after 29 years of serving Antioch and the entire region.

Mark Moczulski began his distinguished career with the city of Antioch Police Department in 1977. In 1985, he was promoted to police corporal, and in 1987 received the ranking of sergeant. Three years later he became a lieutenant, and in 1996, he was promoted to captain.

In 2000, Mark Moczulski was promoted to police chief for the city of Antioch. As chief, he has been instrumental in helping the police department expand in size and quality of service and supporting community-wide efforts to maintain a high quality of life for city of Antioch residents during the region's punctuated growth.

During his tenure, Chief Moczulski oversaw the completion of several projects to support the department's expansion. Some of these accomplishments include managing the completion of the build-out of the police department's main facility and the establishment of a sub-station at the Prewett Family Water Park.

As Chief, Mark Moczulski was also responsible for several technology improvement projects including the implementation of a new state-of-the-art information and records system as well as acquiring important safety equipment including portable radios for all officers and automated external defibrillators. These expansion projects were important for the police department and even more invaluable for residents of the Antioch community, who now receive more value-added police services than ever before.

Chief Moczulski also worked to improve the quality of department services during his tenure at the Antioch Police Department. His work included the creation of a professional standards and training bureau as well as the development of a continuous testing process for hiring new employees.

As a resident of Antioch with his wife Robin, Mark Moczulski is both a member and leader of the community. Mark has one daughter, Jennifer, who is 24 and a son, Eric, who is 24.

For 29 years, Chief Moczulski has served the Antioch Police Department and surrounding community. His hard work has improved the safety of the city and the community as a whole, and has ensured an enduring legacy of public service in Antioch. Today, I am proud to commend him for his service to the community, his dedication to duty and his commitment to the people of Antioch.