

Vincente Fox of Mexico and President Torrijos of Panama to discuss issues of mutual importance to our countries. It was a wonderful experience for me to see firsthand the respect that leaders around the world have for Mr. HYDE.

Chairman HYDE has been a mentor and a friend and I will miss his leadership in the U.S. House. I thank him for his service to the 6th District of Illinois, the country and the world, and wish him the very best in his retirement.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LEGAL AID
SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee.

Since 1916, this non-profit organization in my district has provided invaluable legal services to low-income people and other vulnerable members of society. Now serving over 8,000 people a year, the Legal Aid Society specializes in advocating for children, people living with HIV/AIDS, the elderly, immigrants, those with mental illnesses, prisoners, and victims of domestic abuse. As a result of their work, thousands of people in my district have been protected from exploitation and discrimination, and many others have received redress when their basic human rights were violated.

The Legal Aid Society has been a pioneer not only in representing vulnerable people, but also in developing mechanisms to ensure consumer relief, protection against discrimination, and equal access to legal representation. The Legal Aid Society took the lead in establishing the first small claims court in Milwaukee and together with the Milwaukee Bar Association, set up the state's first lawyer referral service. In 1957, the Legal Aid Society initiated the state's first public defender system.

Widely recognized throughout the State for these innovations, the Legal Aid Society is one of the foremost organizations in Wisconsin working to make sure that the law serves everyone. Several current and former Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justices worked at the Legal Aid Society before ascending to the high court, a testament both to the quality of legal representation this organization provides and to the role it plays in ensuring that attention to consumer law and the issues that affect low-income people are considered throughout the legal system.

I am very grateful to the Legal Aid Society, and its current and former employees, for their commitment to ensuring that everyone has a voice in the system. It is a privilege to thank them for their dedicated service and salute this impressive progressive record.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, due to a medical treatment, I was

not able to attend votes on December 8th and 9th, 2006. Had I been present and had there been a rollcall vote, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 6407, legislation to reform the postal laws of the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I missed two Rollcall votes late in the night on Friday, December 8, 2006. I would like to enter into the record how I intended to vote on the missed Rollcall votes:

On Roll #542, On a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3718, the Pool and Spa Safety Act, I would have voted YES.

On Roll #543, On a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3546, the Dietary Supplement and Nonprescription Drug Consumer Protection Act, I would have voted YES.

IN RECOGNITION AND REMEM-
BRANCE OF THE LIFE OF U.S.
ARMY SERGEANT BRYAN T.
MCDONOUGH

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and courage of U.S. Army Sergeant Bryan T. McDonough.

Sergeant McDonough was on patrol near Fallujah, Iraq when a bomb exploded near his vehicle, killing him and fellow Minnesotan Spec. Corey Rystad, and injuring two others, on December 2nd, 2006.

A graduate of Roseville Area High School, SGT McDonough, 22, was enrolled in classes at St. Cloud Technical College before he was deployed to Iraq in March 2006.

Sergeant McDonough's father, Tom, shared how after learning more about the families left behind by the many men and women who were injured or killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, McDonough decided to enlist in the Minnesota Army National Guard in September 2003. He was assigned to B Company 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 136th Infantry, based out of Crookston, Minnesota. As testimony to his leadership and dedication while in the Minnesota Army National Guard, he was posthumously promoted from the rank of Specialist to Sergeant.

The McDonough family lovingly describes Bryan as an avid sportsman who enjoyed spending time bass fishing and hunting with his family at their cabin in Wisconsin. They cherish their memories of a considerate, generous young man who always tried to make sure that those he was with were happy. Perhaps the most poignant example of SGT McDonough's concern for others was his stated desire that his family and friends not worry about his safety during his deployment.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Sergeant McDonough for his brave and honorable service to the United States and his commitment to protecting our freedom. He

possessed great courage, love of our country and a strong sense of duty toward his fellow Americans. Sergeant McDonough's parents, Tom and Renee, his brother and sisters, Shannon, Katie, and Kevin, and his many friends have my deepest sympathies for their profound loss.

U.S. SAFE WEB ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1608, the "Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers Beyond Borders Act", also known as the SAFE WEB Act. Mr. Speaker, my Committee dealt with this issue in the 108th Congress because it is a growing problem. The issue is important because fraud perpetrated against our citizens increasingly originates or is committed outside the United States: the Federal Trade Commission reports 20 percent of the complaints it received are "cross-border" fraud complaints. Under current law, there is little the FTC can do to stop or prosecute a perpetrator outside the United States.

The Safe Web Act will make two significant changes to help stop the fraud and protect consumers. First, it amends the FTC Act definition of "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" to include acts or practices involving foreign commerce. Second, it allows the FTC to share information and cooperate with foreign governments to investigate and take action on fraud complaints consistent with existing law enforcement practices.

I am pleased to see that S. 1608 reflects and codifies the interagency agreement reached in 2004. We have an amendment that will make a few minor changes to S. 1608. The Amendment strikes the findings, eliminates the gift provision to the FTC, and sunsets the legislation after 7 years.

This is good consumer protection legislation and will help law enforcement agencies find and prosecute criminals outside our borders committing fraud against our citizens.

I would like to thank FTC Chairwoman Majoras as well as Jeanne Bumpus at the FTC for their efforts to help make this legislation a law.

I urge my colleagues to pass the bill so we can continue to protect consumers and prosecute criminals.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ROBERT
LEE "BOBBY" HOLLAR, JR. POST
OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I would like to respectfully recognize and thank Senator CHAMBLISS for his efforts with Senator ISAKSON to have S. 4050 passed in the Senate. Both Senators played an important role in seeing that S. 4050 was promptly passed in