

participants, including U.S. delegation members led by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros, to maintain links and support for groups they worked with during Habitat II. As human rights issues and the further advancement of civil society in Turkey have important implications for bilateral relations, this Congress should continue to closely monitor developments in Turkey after Habitat II.

EILEEN PECH RECEIVES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONORS

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding journalist in my district who was recently honored for her contributions to her community.

Ms. Eileen Pech, of Berwyn, IL, was recently named Woman of the Year by the Morton Township Women's History Month Committee. The committee recognized Ms. Pech, a reporter for the LIFE newspapers, for her working toward the betterment of the community.

Ms. Pech is widely respected in her community for her fair-minded, thorough, and often entertaining coverage of local events. She shuns the spotlight herself and in accepting the award, said she is "much more comfortable" sitting in the audience writing about the accomplishments of others.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Pech on receiving this prestigious award, and extend to her my best wishes on continued success.

THE IMPORTANCE OF AERONAUTICS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation to the distinguished chairman of the House Science Committee for his help in providing adequate funding levels in the area of aeronautics research and technology. In these times of severe budget constraints there was undoubtedly a strong temptation to slash spending in these critical programs, but the chairman demonstrated a real willingness to listen to and accept my vigorous defense of aeronautics at NASA, especially in high-speed research and advanced subsonics technology. I want to take this opportunity to thank the chairman for his commitment and foresight.

Aeronautics research and technology helps promote a high-technology industry, one that is of critical importance to our national economy and international balance of trade. Even conservative estimates show that the aerospace industry has annual sales of over \$60 billion and produces a positive balance of trade of \$25 million. In Ohio alone, the aerospace industry is responsible for approximately 300,000 jobs and injects \$13.5 billion into the State's economy.

But it's not just a question of dollars and jobs. Aeronautics research and technology

helps address safety, fuel efficiency, and environmental impact concerns. Anyone who has ever expressed concern about air travel can fully appreciate the importance of this scientific work. Research and development in the areas of aging aircraft safety, air traffic management, advanced technologies, and wing and engine icing are just some of the ways in which aeronautics directly touches our lives. Moreover, scientific work in aeronautics has also led to the development of thousands of spinoff technologies that we see every day. The NASA Lewis Research Center in my district in northeast Ohio, along with Wright Labs at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, are responsible for developing or refining many everyday conveniences such as medical equipment, orthopedic advances, microwave ovens, automotive brake discs, high-temperature paints, fire-resistant fabrics, and graphite composite sporting goods.

Despite all of the industry's successes and contributions to our way of life, the future of America's preeminence in aeronautics is threatened. Our trading partners continue to pour billions into their domestic research and development programs, while our national effort, led by the extraordinary work of the men and women at NASA, has suffered from declining levels of investment. The President's budget request for NASA, in fact, recommends a cut of \$4.9 billion over the next 4 years when compared to this year's funding. Although I take a back seat to no one when it comes to battling our budget deficit, I have serious reservations about making such deep cuts in an agency that is at the forefront of technology research and development on which our Nation's future competitiveness depends. The House Budget Resolution, by contrast, represents some \$2 billion more than the President over the same time period by making responsible choices in establishing agency priorities, and targeting resources to where they will best be utilized.

While there might be a temptation to cut aeronautics research and technology resources in the pursuit of short-term budget savings. I believe the long-run interests of our Nation require that an adequate level of investment be made in aeronautics. That is why it is so important that the funding levels recommended in the House Budget Resolution be honored.

CELEBRATING THE EDWARDS/WARD FAMILY REUNION

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, family reunions are an important part of the American fabric. I recently sent a letter to Ms. Allene Farmer Hayes concerning the reunion her family has planned for July. Many of the family members live in my congressional district, and I want to share with my colleagues the text of my letter to Ms. Hayes.

It is my understanding the Edwards/Ward family will hold its sixth family reunion during the weekend of July 4th, in Washington, D.C.

As you gather to celebrate, remember the ties that bind you. Your theme, "Family

Matters" is an excellent one. I am convinced that you cannot move ahead in life if you do not know from whence you came. All too often, we forget those who came before us, their struggles, and even their achievements, even though it is they who have helped mold the future of those in attendance.

This occasion at this time in our Nation's history reminds us of the rewards of toil and hard work. Your family reunion marks yet another step in your commitment to continue to build upon a strong and solid foundation. It also reflects the value of loving husbands and wives, devoted fathers and mothers, attentive grandfathers and grandmothers, dutiful sons and daughters and loyal uncles, aunts, cousins and other family members. This reunion is but another stepping stone in a brilliant path that the family has blazed, leaving a legacy from which all can learn.

At this special time, permit me to borrow from the words that are found in Saint Matthew 16:18, "And I say also unto thee . . . upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We face difficult and uncertain times as many are challenging the very foundations that have made this Nation strong. It is important, now more than ever, that the family stand together and assert your rightful role. Ecclesiastes 4:12 is instructive, "And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken." This reunion should be a time for rekindling the spirit, reigniting the energy and reestablishing the unity that has made your family a pillar of strength.

I am a strong believer that family is one of the most precious gifts we have; a gift that we must treasure. So, as you gather together, reflect into the history of the Edwards/Ward Family, and learn from that history. And remember, that it is the past which brought you together, but it is the future generations that will keep the Edwards/Ward Family together.

Please know that as a member of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, I am proud to be of service to such celebrated citizens and to have the opportunity to greet you and the distinguished members of your family. May you be richly blessed as you strive to perfect that which God has bestowed upon you.

Congratulations on this event. I wish for each of you many years of health, happiness, and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE CORWIN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are honored to pay tribute to our good friend Bruce Corwin, whose company, Metropolitan Theaters Corp., is this year being given the H.E.L.P. Group's Corporate Philanthropy Award for ongoing dedication to children with special needs everywhere. Anyone who knows Bruce and his work knows that he is an ideal choice for this award. We can think of few others who have done so much for children and the larger community.

This is the second time Bruce has been honored by the H.E.L.P. Group; in 1988, he received its humanitarian award. Indeed, the