after 20 years in office, he announced he wanted to retire and would not seek a sixth term.

John was also a sports figure. He bought the Rising Sun Hotel from his father in 1955 and founded the Rising Sun Athletic Association in 1965. The association sponsored bowling, basketball and softball teams. The Sunners softball team won the national softball championship in 1975, and in 1976 the team became co-world champion.

In office and in politics, John Kramer valued loyalty. He enjoyed bipartisan support and was well respected by Republicans and Democrats alike.

He is a fine supporter of the Reading Phillies and Philadelphia Phillies and counts among his friends Mike Schmidt, Pete Rose and Gregg Luzinski.

John and his lovely wife, Doris, have been married for 47 years and reside in Reading, Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TILLIE FOWLER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a scheduling conflict last night, I was unable to join my colleagues in a salute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER), so today I join my colleague, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN), in saluting this wonderful advocate for the people of the great State of Florida.

The gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER) came from Jacksonville to not only be an integral part of this august body but she came to represent what is the best in America: She took care to make certain our military was well equipped, she made certain her home of Jacksonville was looked after, and she rose to the top ranks of this Congress as a member of the leadership team.

So as we prepare to adjourn the 106th Congress, I salute the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER), I salute her husband and family for allowing her to serve this great institution and our great State, and I know while her career may end in this House as we adjourn, hopefully this week, her sacrifice and her help for this Nation will continue long after this Congress adjourns. We all join Floridians everywhere in saluting her.

BRING OUR CHILDREN HOME

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, Uchechi Anyanwu is a U.S. citizen born of Nigerian nationals who were here with U.S. green cards. She had a younger sister, Ogechi, also born in the U.S. Because of marital problems, the family went back to Nigeria. When they arrived there, the father informed the mother that the marriage was over, took possession of the mother's passport and the children. He wanted to get a divorce in Nigeria to avoid having to pay child support.

The mother was able to escape with her family's help. When she came back to the United States, the mother immediately got temporary custody. The father came back to the U.S. without the children. The mother and father appeared before a judge in August of 1997 and the judge ordered the return of the children. He refused, and has been in jail ever since.

The children were allegedly with a paternal aunt and uncle in Lagos, Nigeria. In November 1997, the mother got word that the younger daughter, Ogechi, died of malnutrition. The uncle was jailed for 2½ months for the murder of his niece, but then was released.

Interpol has verified the child's death, but the burial site is unknown. Interpol has checked at the aunt's and uncle's home for the surviving child, but has not found her there. Uchechi's mom has hired an attorney in Logos, who took all her money and disappeared.

Mr. Speaker, do we have to wait until children die before this Congress takes notice of children being taken across our borders? It is time to bring our children home.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT IS IMPORTANT TO FLORIDIANS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be a strong supporter of the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. The Older Americans Act has been responsible for allowing millions of seniors across our country to remain in their own homes and living independently, allowing our aged citizens to keep their dignity and self-respect.

Florida is home to the Nation's largest senior population, and they rely on the many provisions of the Older Americans Act for nutrition, transportation and counseling. Josefina Carbonell, of the Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Center, reminds me of this each and every day. Gracias, Josefina.

There is a new and important authorization of the National Family Caregivers Support Program that gives help to family members who provide in-home care to older seniors. I am pleased that the funding formula has been reformed in order to ensure that States with large senior populations, such as Florida, will receive their fair funding formula.

The biggest winners, of course, are our seniors, who deserve to enjoy their golden years.

COLORADO SUPREME COURT MAKES POOR DECISION

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Colorado Supreme Court threw out the 5-year mandatory prison sentences for rapists and child molesters. Thus, over 100 rapists are now out on the street. Unbelievable. Naturally, many people are up in arms, and who can blame them.

If that is not enough to reward criminals, my colleagues, the victims of these creeps were not even notified. Not even notified. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. The Supreme Court of Colorado needs their heads examined by a proctologist.

I yield back all the victims of the Colorado Supreme Court. Think about that.

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTACK OF GOVERNOR BUSH'S SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN IS FALSE

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I heard again yesterday Mr. GORE's attack on Governor Bush; that he was spending over the next 10 years the same $1 trillion twice, once to start up an investment account so that retirees could end up with more money, and once on Social Security benefits. I just wanted to set the record straight.

Over the next 10 years, there will be $7.8 trillion coming in to the Social Security Trust Fund. Benefits, or the cost during the next 10 years, is going to be $5.4 trillion. That leaves a balance, a surplus, of $2.4 trillion, and $1 trillion out of that $2.4 trillion is what Governor Bush is suggesting to use during the transition to start setting up personal retirement savings accounts that will supplement Social Security and add to benefits. It will stay in Social Security.

I think our goal has got to be to deal honestly with this problem; to get a better return on investments than the 1.9 percent that the average retiree now gets from the money sent in from the employer and employee.

IMMIGRATION BILL DISCRIMINATES

(Mr. RODRIGUEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to appeal to the Republican side to look at the immigration law from 1996. The 1996 law on immigration took away all discretion. The 1996 law took away all due process. The 1996 law splits apart families. The 1996 law took away all compassion.