

The Tancredo amendment is a veiled attempt to paint immigrants as terrorists and security threats. These immigrants contribute to our economy. They harvest our food, work in our factories and only want to realize the American dream for themselves and their families.

I quoted it the last time I came to the floor, and I will quote it as often as necessary to make my point.

As is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, we need to remember here in Congress the generous invitation that the United States has always extended to the world: "Bring me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to be free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores. Send these, the homeless tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the Golden Door."

I fully understand that we need a responsible immigration policy that enhances and ensures our national security. However, the Tancredo amendment is divisive and will, in fact, reduce our security. I strongly encourage my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL MENDRICK

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the notable accomplishments of Paul Mendrick. This remarkable gentleman merits both our recognition and esteem as his impressive record of leadership and invaluable service have improved the lives of countless people.

Paul Mendrick has devoted much of his time, skill and energy to making our State and our community a better place. Born to Joseph and Alice Mendrick in Pueblo, Colorado on October 23, 1948, he graduated from Pueblo South High School and attended classes at Southern Colorado State College. Paul enlisted in the United States Navy in 1970 and served as Yeoman to the Chaplin aboard ship until 1972.

Paul has been a labor leader, political activist and has remained in the vanguard of those dedicated to economic and social justice. During his distinguished career with the United States Postal Service, Paul served in various capacities with the Denver Metro Area Local of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU). He served as President from 1976 to 1992 and again from 1995 until his retirement in 2003. Under Paul's leadership, the Denver local became one of the most progressive locals, and he worked diligently to ensure that Postal Workers were represented fairly and their voices were heard in the United States Congress.

Those who know Paul know that fairness for the working people matters. He is well known for being forthright and a skilled leader not only within the APWU, but in the Labor Movement. For Paul, solidarity has meaning. In 1980, when the Air Traffic Controllers (PATCO) were on strike, Paul and other labor activists opted to travel to the APWU National Convention in Miami, Florida, by motor home rather than cross picket lines to travel by air. As a board member of the Denver Postal Credit Union, Paul was instrumental in lob-

bing Congress against a proposed tax levy on credit unions which still stands today. In 1986, he was among the delegates selected by the AFL-CIO to travel to South America to be part of a grassroots movement to build a worldwide Labor movement.

Paul has also dedicated his life to his family and recently became a grandfather. But for all of life's demanding pressures, Paul has found the time to give back to the community, and he has supported numerous charitable causes. He has spent endless hours working on behalf of the Special Olympics in Colorado and for Muscular Dystrophy. The APWU in Denver has always been a yearly participant in the March of Dimes Walk and, under Paul's leadership, the APWU has continually raised money to feed the homeless and take care of those less fortunate.

It comes as no surprise that Paul was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado AFL-CIO and continues to lobby for worker rights and a decent workplace. He has dedicated his life to working people and has brought both respect and dignity to the Labor Movement. He has used his inestimable skills and talents to advance the public good and the well-being of all our people.

Please join me in commending Paul Mendrick, a distinguished citizen. It is the strong leadership he exhibits on a daily basis that continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all Americans.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE W. DAVIS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of George W. Davis, a longtime member of the Watsonville community, who passed away June 7th, 2004 at the age of 83. George is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mildred Davis, his daughter, his sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

George served in the Navy as a blimp pilot in 1941 during World War II. He transferred to the Watsonville airport following the war, starting his own construction business in 1948. Throughout the next decades, George built more than 100 area schools, including facilities at Cabrillo College, University of California at Santa Cruz, Aptos High School, Salesian Sisters and Moreland Notre Dame School. He also built numerous churches and other public buildings, including the Watsonville Youth Center. George's dedication to the youth of our community is outstanding, a commitment that we will cherish always. His accomplishments have shaped the Central Coast into the strong community it has become today.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely grateful for the tremendous gift George gave to our community. His legacy will be cherished for countless generations. I would like to extend my condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING JERRY WHYATT
MONDESIRE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of journalist, former Congressional staffer, Pennsylvania State NAACP Vice President, Philadelphia NAACP President, and activist Jerry Whyatt Mondesire. Mr. Mondesire has consistently proven himself to be a proponent of civil rights and an agent of social activism here in the United States and around the world.

Mr. Mondesire's career as a journalist began in college, where he discovered that each of his school's four student newspapers intentionally overlooked the concerns and affairs of the school's African-American student minority. In response to this negligence, and to address the diverse needs of the student body, he helped found an Afrocentric magazine. Within a year, Mondesire took control of one of the campus' weekly papers and set up a fully integrated staff.

Mr. Mondesire's post-collegiate journalistic career was further marked by the activism that had so deeply characterized his years in college. After a decade in mainstream journalism, he concluded that the "glass ceiling" that denied African-Americans to work and excel to their full potential was present in that field. He left his editorial position at a major Philadelphia newspaper in order to become Chief of Staff for the Majority Whip of the U.S. Congress; there he was able to utilize his talents to combat both foreign and domestic social inequities. After spending 12 years in the most prestigious Congressional staff position, he rekindled his passion, revitalized his journalistic career and sought to address the issue of the journalistic glass ceiling by helping start The Philadelphia Sunday Sun.

In the past twelve years, Jerry Mondesire has become the host of a radio public affairs program on WDAS FM, the host of a cable television program called "Freedomquest", President of the Philadelphia National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Vice President of the Pennsylvania state NAACP. This gentleman is clearly an example of social activism at its best.

It is a privilege to recognize someone whose ambition, motivation, and desire for social equality are an inspiration to all Americans. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Mondesire for his lifetime of activism, journalistic integrity, and perseverance.

COMMERCIALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (HEALTHY IT ECOSYSTEM)

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Government's vital role in developing a healthy and growing information technology sector.

A variety of national and international studies indicate that the broad-based deployment

of information technology can have a substantial impact on our nation's economic productivity and growth as well as the educational and social success of our citizens. Accordingly, it is our task to ensure that the Government formulates policies that foster the continued development of the IT sector while also providing for citizens' access to technology and opportunity for economic advancement.

Among the most important ways that the Government can assure the robustness of our information technology sector and broad deployment of technology are by continuing to fund IT research and development and by adhering to technology-neutral policies that support market-based innovation, including by enabling firms to capitalize on the intellectual property they add to government-funded technologies. Private firms are generally willing to commercialize publicly funded research only if they can protect the intellectual property they contribute to the development process in a manner that allows them to secure a return on their investment. Thus, for example, it is vital that the government licenses software developed with public research funds under terms that enable private resources to develop such software into commercially viable products.

Over the years, U.S. businesses and industry have proven extremely adept at developing successful new products from cutting-edge technologies. Many of the private sector's most successful products and technologies have been developed in no small part due to sound public policy that fosters innovation. This is especially true in the information technology sector. With the support of the Federal Government—both through funding and through technology-neutral policies that promote commercialization—we can ensure that the information technology sector remains robust and continues to innovate for the benefit of our economy and the health and welfare of our citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MILES STOTTS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to Miles Stotts of Pitkin County, Colorado. Recently, Miles announced his retirement from his position as Director of Natural Resources for Pitkin County. As he moves on in his career to undertake new challenges, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

In 1996, Miles came to Pitkin County, when he accepted a position as Manager of Construction overseeing the remaking of the county's landfill. Upon successfully creating one of the most ecological landfills in the state, he took a job as the county's Director of Natural Resources. This job required managing a wide variety of responsibilities for the county. During his tenure, he has been responsible for accrediting restaurants, preventing the spread of the West Nile virus, and monitoring septic systems, water quality and wildlife. One of his most significant achievements was overseeing the successful passage of the Wildlife Protection Ordinance, a mandate for bearproof garbage cans.

Mr. Speaker, Miles Stotts has shown his commitment to the citizens of Pitkin County in his care for the environment. Miles leaves behind a legacy for his work as the Director of Natural Resources, and his oversight and leadership in developing the county's new landfill. Thanks for all your hard work Miles, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO KEITH ALEXANDER GLASCOE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Keith Alexander Glascoe.

This weekend a street in New York City will be dedicated and named in honor of Keith Alexander Glascoe. This is a fitting tribute to an honorable man.

In his life, he traveled down many streets and by-ways. The message of his life was to always keep moving down the road and to never be sidetracked by any obstacles.

As we know, he played football from the time he was a child. He had the rare ability to be both a team player and an outstanding individual player. He not only contributed to several championships on his high school and college teams, he also had the rare opportunity to try out for the New York Jets and played professional football in Italy.

As a testament to his ability to move between many arenas, this athlete was also an actor. And I think that the fact that he was able to accumulate so many acting credits in such a short period of time, not only speaks to his talent, but also his perseverance. Few people have this kind of uncommon versatility coupled with determination. But Keith was not only a determined person, he was a concerned person. He wanted to make things better for others.

So this athlete and actor, added public servant to his list of credits. This is why he worked at New York City's Child Welfare Agency and this is why he went to work for the New York City Fire Department.

And this is exactly the right street to name in honor of Keith because it is situated between Adam Clayton Powell, Jr Boulevard and Malcolm X Boulevard. Keith's street belongs between these two streets that are named after two African-American men who devoted themselves to improving the lives of ordinary people.

Keith Glascoe was the kind of man who saw a problem and wanted to find a solution. He was the kind of man who saw a need and sought to fill it. He was the kind of man who helped others. And gave his life in the process of doing so. That is why it is fitting that we name this street after this great public servant.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLINICAL RESEARCH ACT OF 2004

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join with my colleague from

Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE to introduce the "Clinical Research Act of 2004." This bill will address many of the problems confronting our Academic Health Centers as they attempt to leverage the enormous biomedical research gains made in the past century.

Breakthroughs in basic biomedical sciences, including human genomics, biomedical engineering, molecular biology, and immunology, over the past five decades have provided an unprecedented supply of information for improving human health. As a member of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee I am proud to say that the remarkable strides that have been made in basic science would not have occurred without the support of Congress and the general public. While we realize that research may not produce results overnight, we, as stewards of the taxpayers' dollar have every right to expect that the fruits of that research will result in better treatments for patients. This requires a clinical research infrastructure capable of translating, in a systemic and rational way, the fruits of basic research into improved patient care.

I, along with many of my colleagues in the Congress and the public in general, have become increasingly concerned that we have been too slow in getting improved patient therapies and interventions from the enormous investment we have made in basic research. Many in this Congress have expressed concern about the apparent disconnect between the promise of basic science and the delivery of better health care for the citizens of this country. Without strong Academic Health Centers capable of conducting clinical research the promise of improving the health of the American people will continue to elude us.

Unfortunately, the clinical research environment in the Academic Health Centers is encumbered by rising costs, inadequate funding, mounting regulatory burdens, fragmented infrastructure, incompatible databases, and a shortage of both qualified investigators and willing study participants.

This bill, through its clinical research support grants, infrastructure grants, and partnerships in clinical research grants will provide our Nation's Academic Health Centers with the resources they need and the opportunity to meet the public's expectations. This bill is specifically aimed at improving the translation of this new medical science knowledge to directly benefit those suffering from a wide array of diseases that impact all too many lives.

If we are going to fully benefit from the enormous investment of taxpayer dollars in biomedical research it is important that we move this legislation forward.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4787

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, over the years, the safety of vehicles and passengers in a funeral procession have been of significant concern to both funeral directors and law enforcement officials. Various means have been utilized to alert the public to a funeral procession and to protect its integrity.