

to make recommendations to protect consumers from price gouging. This report is essential for putting the oil industry on notice and developing sound federal price gouging legislation.

Finally, my legislation establishes a Pricing and Economic Impact Commission to review the effect of oil supply and demand on the U.S. economy and national security. The Commission will be comprised of 23 members. The President will appoint 11 members total (including at least 1 each) from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce, the Council of Economic Advisors, and the Office of Science and Technology. There will also be 12 members appointed by the House and Senate.

Mr. Speaker, our economy depends on reasonable gasoline prices to produce and transport items we use everyday. Without some kind of protection, we all pay higher prices for everything from food to pharmaceuticals. Now that the bubble on fuel cost has burst, prices will only increase. Without action, the supply demands of this summer will soon give way to increased requirements for the winter heating. My legislation works to protect consumers from arbitrary price increases by gas retailers, make effective use of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and monitor price irregularities in the oil industry.

I ask for my colleagues' support and urge the House Leadership to bring it swiftly to the House floor for consideration.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING MAJOR STEVEN O'DELL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2005

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to recognize the long and distinguished career of Major Steven O'Dell who is retiring after serving our nation's military with distinction for 25 years.

Major O'Dell as born in St. Joseph, Missouri. Major O'Dell received a BS in Criminal Justice from Missouri Western State College and a Masters of Science Degree in Adult and Continuing Education from Kansas State University. Major O'Dell was commissioned in August 1980. He also attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Major O'Dell has received numerous decorations and badges for his outstanding efforts in the United States Army. These decorations and badges include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Southwest Asian Service Medal. Major O'Dell has not been able to achieve this level of distinction on his own, however, and I would be remiss if I did not recognize the support, love I and encouragement that his family has offered to him throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Major O'Dell for his exceptional commitment to his fellow soldiers, the United States Army, and the safety and security of America. As he prepares for the next stage in his life, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Major O'Dell, his wife Julia and their daughters Sarah, Amanda, and Katherine all the best.

IN HONOR OF THE POLISH VETERANS COMMITTEE OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Polish Veterans Committee of Cleveland, Ohio, as they commemorate the 85th Anniversary of The Battle of the Vistula River.

The people and leaders of Poland, determined to protect their newly reacquired independence, were poised and committed to defend their borders from foreign invaders. The invasion of Poland was a key component in Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin's strategy of forcing the spread of communism throughout central and western Europe. On August 13, 1920, the Soviet Red Army descended just outside the Polish capital of Warsaw. The Battle of Warsaw had begun, and raged on for the next fifteen days. Polish forces, commanded by Jozef Pilsudski, counter-attacked from the south, forcing Russian troops to withdraw east.

This unexpected Polish victory, known as "The Miracle at the Vistula" severely crippled the Soviet army. Both Polish and Soviet forces sustained tens of thousands of casualties, and thousands more were injured or missing. The Polish triumph stunned political leaders around the world, as most expected the Red Army to secure a swift collapse of Warsaw, and a complete communist takeover of Poland.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in tribute of the Polish Veterans Committee, as they honor the sacrifice, courage and heart of Polish veterans who bravely defended their homeland during the Battle of the Vistula River, 85 years ago. The Miracle at the Vistula continues to serve as a striking reminder that humankind's fundamental quest for freedom and justice is far stronger than a formidable army. The Miracle at the Vistula reflects our modern day hope of liberty, peace and justice rising for all veterans and civilians, in Cleveland, Ohio, in Warsaw, Poland, and throughout the world.

A TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS P. DEVORE

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2005

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude for the exceptional services which Encinitas Union School District Superintendent Douglas P. DeVore has performed for the students of San Diego City Schools and for our great Nation. Superintendent DeVore's leadership, commitment to excellence and vision for the future has inspired students in San Diego for the past 11 years. For the past 36 years, Dr. DeVore has dedicated his life to public education and I believe it is only fitting that he be recognized by this body.

Superintendent DeVore began his career as a middle school science and math teacher in Santa Barbara, California. Dr. DeVore moved

on to high school and became the Science Department Chair in the Fullerton High School District, where he also served as the football coach. Superintendent DeVore's commitment to education next took him to the Placentia Yorba Linda School District where he entered school administration as an Assistant Principal. It was not long before Dr. DeVore became Principal DeVore in the Centralia School District. In 1993, Superintendent DeVore completed his doctorate and in 1994 he made the move to Encinitas Union School District where he was selected as Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services. In 1997, Dr. DeVore became Superintendent.

Under Superintendent DeVore's leadership, the Encinitas Union School District has gained statewide recognition for excellence. With his dedication and inspiration, every school in the District became a California Distinguished School and two became National Blue Ribbon Schools. The ninth school in the District, El Camino Creek, was built under Dr. DeVore's supervision. Over the past 11 years, Superintendent DeVore guided the District in formulating an Asset Management Plan to safeguard District assets and ensure the District's vision for the future as well as the modernization of all schools in the district. He also worked on the development of a District Facilities Master Plan to ensure equity among all schools. Superintendent DeVore served as President of the Association of Low Wealth Schools, Board Member of the Classroom of the Future Foundation and sat on the Board of Governors for the North Coastal Consortium for Special Education.

Superintendent DeVore has continually gone above and beyond the responsibilities of his office. He has served as a teacher, a leader and an inspiration to all who know him. Dr. DeVore has taken the Encinitas Union School District into the 21st Century in terms of technology and student progress and provided a great example for its future leaders. One of his favorite sayings is "all about the relationships." I agree. In fact, that is what I will miss the most . . . the great relationship we shared. Doug's straightforward manner has always been helpful to me and I will never forget that. Dr. DeVore will retire as District Superintendent on July 30, 2005. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing him the very best success as he starts a new chapter in his life.

CONGRATULATING JEFFREY REISENAUER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2005

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jeffrey Reisenauer on his receipt of the Congressional Award Gold Medal. As you know, this distinction is the highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions, and Mr. Reisenauer is a well-deserving recipient of this award.

Through hard work and commitment, Jeffrey has become a leader in his community. Mr. Reisenauer, 19 years old, acknowledges the significant effect that the Boy Scouts has had on his life. Jeffrey has stated, "The skills and