

after the hurricane forced the campuses to close. The San José Recovery Center is providing interim shelter and services for evacuees at a former student housing complex at San José State University. So far, the Center has served sixty-six people.

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority responded as well by providing free bus passes to individuals and families, assuring mobility to access the medical services, education, and jobs.

United by the Santa Clara County CADRE (Collaborating Agencies Disaster Relief Efforts), many local community organizations have provided ongoing evacuee support. The Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley forwarded 900 housing offers while coordinating occupational opportunities for evacuees. Local businesses and individuals have also contributed generous cash, food, and supply donations to the recovery effort.

I commend the many individuals, organizations and agencies of Santa Clara County that contributed to the relief effort. I know that these donations and others from across the country have made a meaningful impact on the lives of the thousands of Gulf Coast residents still living in a state of uncertainty.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, the House has voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), a historic measure first passed in 1994. It marked when our country finally recognized that domestic violence is not a private family matter, but a national problem that requires a national response. Since VAWA passed, victims of domestic violence have more options to leave abusive relationships, local communities have developed critical programs to assist victims, and our criminal justice system has become better trained in prosecuting these unique crimes.

However, it is always the incident that happens in your backyard that will highlight the scope of a problem, such as domestic violence. In 2003, the state of Washington State became the focus of a national tragedy. Many have read in the papers the heartbreaking story of how, on April 26, 2003, Crystal Brame was shot in a grocery store parking lot by her husband, David Brame, chief of police for the city of Tacoma. Crystal Brame died one week later, and David Brame committed suicide at the scene.

In response to this tragedy, people in the state of Washington swiftly formed a statewide task force of domestic violence, law enforcement, and criminal justice system experts to determine the best practices for law enforcement agencies, focusing on prevention, training, enforcement, and response. Crystal's death and the state's response, illustrated that despite the progress since VAWA passed in 1994, tragedies of domestic violence live in our communities today, and that we must continue to work towards new solutions.

I think we can do a better job helping people like Crystal, whose abuser happened to be in a profession that responds to crimes of domestic violence. I have hopes that my col-

leagues will help put a stop to such tragedies and work with Mr. Norm Dicks, Mr. Adam Smith, and Mr. Dave Reichert, and me to commission a study by the Department of Justice to learn more about such incidences and the best response to officer-involved domestic violence. Ending domestic violence is an ongoing effort, and I have seen great improvements to this end. I would like to see an even stronger commitment so that other communities can prevent tragedies—like that of Crystal Brame from happening in their backyard.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 40th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities and to offer my congratulations to its chairman, Bruce Cole.

In 1965, Congress discovered that the most successful democracies consist of the most informed, the most curious, and the most creative citizens. When the 89th Congress created the National Endowment for the Humanities, it declared that "Democracy demands wisdom and vision in its citizens."

For 40 years, the NEH has promoted "wisdom and vision" by advancing the study and understanding of history, literature, languages, archaeology, philosophy, and other humanities subjects, throughout the United States.

As Chairman Cole has so profoundly observed, "The humanities are the study of what makes us human: the legacy of our past, the ideas and principles that motivate us, and the eternal questions that we still ponder. The classics and archeology show us whence our civilization came. The study of literature and art shape our sense of beauty. The knowledge of philosophy and religion give meaning to our concepts of justice and goodness."

Today, the role humanities play in education is increasingly important. Of all the learning disciplines, they tap and expand the human imagination the most. In a world of exploding options for individuals and families, it is imperative that history provide reference points, and when there is no experience to serve as guide, that the imagination be stimulated, and perspectives applied and values brought to bear. Without reference to the guide posts of the humanities, society loses its soul. It becomes rudderless in the seas of societal change.

TENNESSEANS COME TOGETHER TO AID THE LOUISIANA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Tennesseans have a long tradition of volunteerism. In times of need, the Nation is able to count on our state.

In the aftermath of a truly devastating hurricane season, we've seen our state and our

country come together to assist the gulf coast region. Tennesseans are opening their hearts and homes to evacuees and assisting with what will be a very long recovery. Our own Nashville Symphony will host a benefit concert on October 4, 2005 for the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO) as it struggles to survive. Nashville area businesses and the community have come together to reunite the LPO in our city for a benefit concert.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Executive Director Alan Valentine, his team at the Nashville Symphony, and the many local businesses and supporters who've come together to aid the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra.

TRIBUTE TO LAXMAIAH MANCHIKANTI, PH.D

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Laxmaiah Manchikanti, Ph.D of Paducah, Kentucky. Dr. Manchikanti has been practicing medicine in my Congressional District for the last 24 years. I have known Dr. Manchikanti for several years and have found him to be a man of incredible integrity who is devoted to helping others. He is an active member of the community as well as a forceful leader in the field of pain management. Dr. Manchikanti, an immigrant from India who is a naturalized citizen of the United States, exemplifies the fulfillment of the American dream.

Dr. Manchikanti is a well known physician with interests in many aspects of medicine, both in patient care, as well as academics. He specializes in anesthesiology with a sub-specialty in interventional pain management and is well known in the circles of interventional pain management. Apart from his interest in the clinical practice of anesthesiology and interventional pain management, he is also proficient in administrative medicine, patient advocacy, the economics of healthcare, medical ethics, and various other aspects of the profession.

Dr. Manchikanti is an avid clinical researcher with numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals with original contributions, along with book publications. He is also an internationally known teacher who has conducted multiple seminars. As President and founder of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP), Dr. Manchikanti has participated in the development of various guidelines, published on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) web-site. Apart from this, he also functions as a consultant to companies which assess evidence including ECRI (formerly the Emergency Care Research Institute), which is in charge of the AHRQ web-site and others. He also serves as a member on the Carrier Advisory Committee of Kentucky.

Because Dr. Manchikanti is a specialist in pain management, many of the drugs he prescribes have the potential to become addictive. During a conversation I had with Dr. Manchikanti a few years ago, we discussed Kentucky's efforts to combat prescription drug abuse through the Kentucky All Schedules