

Eve, have for years been generous enough to provide juice beverage products to the nation's less fortunate through Rock and Wrap It Up! Inc., a nonprofit, nonpartisan hunger relief organization Bill helped to found.

Mr. Crane has been a true public servant in supplying nutritious food to those in need. He is the Cofounder and Executive Vice President of Apple & Eve, LLC a manufacturer of premium fruit juices, which donates heavily to Rock and Wrap It Up! to further their cause. This is just one area of service and philanthropy in Mr. Crane's life. He is also involved with many other charitable organizations, such as the Education Assistance Corporation, the American Diabetes Association, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Through his efforts, Mr. Crane is helping to advance the vision of my husband, Bill Emerson, for domestic food aid programs when he worked to pass the Good Samaritan Food Act, a law protecting these donations from liability. Bill's hopes for hunger relief in America were very high when he worked to make Rock and Wrap It Up! possible in 1990. Following in his dream, Mr. Crane is an ideal recipient of the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Award.

Rock and Wrap It Up! is a volunteer hunger relief charity, which has fed over 20 million since its inception. With over 4,000 volunteers in 500 cities across America, its dedicated supporters recover food in schools, colleges, music concerts, sporting events, and political and corporate functions. Rock and Wrap It Up! was adopted by resolution in 2003 by the United States Conference of Mayors to teach its successful strategies to cities to fill America's food pipeline to feed the indigent.

Cary Crane and Apple & Eve are a major reason the program continues to gain notoriety and grow. They are proof that our commitment to feed America's hungry can always use new initiative and better ideas. As long as there are men, women, and children who need the helping hand of other Americans, we are glad that there are gentlemen like Mr. Crane.

Thank you for your kind service to our nation, Mr. Crane. Congratulations on earning the 2005 Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Award. Best of luck to you as you continue your noble work helping to improve the lives of the less fortunate in our great nation.

IN MEMORY OF DONALD STATHOS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this week we mark the passing of a unique and important figure in Oregon politics and civic life. Donald Stathos was a small-business man, state legislator, and a creative and vibrant force in our community. He was best-known as the father of Oregon's Bike Bill in 1971 which created an allocation for cycling, long before the cycling craze hit this country. The bill was a typical act of foresight on behalf of an extraordinary man which led to our states leadership in promoting cycling for all ages.

Mr. Stathos was a creative legislator not bound by narrow ideology or partisan interests. When there was a rash of campus and other violence and bombings during his career he had the courage to sponsor legislation

dealing with the control of explosives and as a result had his office firebombed. Either a right-wing extremist or a printing error left his information out of the voting pamphlet in the state's most populous county. Had this not happened he might well have gone on to a statewide elected office; however, the man was not defined by the offices he held but rather by his beliefs.

Donald Stathos' zest for life and his friendship will be sorely missed.

HONORING PHYLLIS CIMINELLO UPON HER NINE YEARS OF VOL- UNTEERING FOR THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary community service of Phyllis Ciminello, a resident of Chautauqua County, Village of Fredonia, in recognition of her nine years of volunteering for the Foster Grandparent Program.

Ms. Ciminello works every day helping children to increase motivation, academic skills, daily living skills, and positive behaviors. Ms. Ciminello has served with the FGP since 1996 and is a vocal fan of this program. She is also involved with the Head Start program, where she volunteers in a Head Start classroom at Connections North in Dunkirk.

Ms. Ciminello has donated countless hours towards improving her community. She is hard working, and dedicated. Her leadership and generosity sets an example for us all. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor her today.

FREEDOM FOR JORGE LUIS GONZÁLEZ TANQUERO

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Jorge Luis González Tanquero, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. González Tanquero is a courageous pro-democracy activist and president of the Carlos Manuel de Cespedes Independence Movement. His pro-democracy activities have helped the world to learn the facts about the nightmare that is the Castro regime. Unfortunately, those who believe in truth are targeted by the tyrant's machinery of repression.

On March 19, 2003, as part of Castro's condemnable crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mr. González Tanquero was arrested. In a sham trial, he was sentenced to 12 years in the totalitarian gulag.

Mr. González Tanquero is currently languishing in the abhorrent gulag because of his belief in liberty for the Cuban people. According to CubaNet, Mr. González Tanquero's family has been harassed and threatened by the dictatorship's thugs. His wife, Marlene González, said that she had been threatened by the dictatorship's organized mobs and that her neighbors have been warned not to let their children play with her daughter Melisa.

Mr. González Tanquero is an excellent example of the heroism of the Cuban people. No matter how intense the repression, no matter how horrifically brutal the consequences of a dignified struggle for liberty, no matter how often their families are harassed and threatened, the totalitarian gulags are full of men and women of all backgrounds and ages who represent the best of the Cuban nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is as inconceivable as it is unacceptable that, in the 21st Century and only 90 miles from our shore, brave men and women are locked in dungeons because they believe that all people have basic human rights. It is a profound embarrassment for mankind that the world stands by in silence and acquiescence while political prisoners are systematically tortured because of their belief in freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. My Colleagues, we must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Jorge Luis González Tanquero and every political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

KRISTI CHRISTIANSON—SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the states along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one woman, her company and her donation. Kristi Christianson, from Town Place Suites by Marriott donated a case of shampoo for victims during hurricane Katrina.

Town Place Suites by Marriott is an extended stay hotel that takes pride in their friendly staff and neighborhood feel. Helping hurricane victims is certainly a good demonstration of the friendly staff.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Kristi Christianson for her donation. It is people like her that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through her contribution, she not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but she serves as an inspiration to others.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1461) to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes:

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Chairman, it is with some reluctance I rise now in