

votes on H.R. 1606, the Online Freedom of Speech Act, H.R. 4061, the V.A. Information Technology Management Improvement Act, and H.R. 1691, the John H. Bradley Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation.

MONICA ARMENTA LEAVES KOB-TV CHANNEL 4

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional New Mexican and journalist, Monica Armenta. She will be leaving KOB-TV Channel 4 to become the new executive director of the Albuquerque Public Schools Foundation.

Ms. Armenta has worked at KOB-TV for over 20 years, beginning as a 19-year-old intern and she has been the morning news show anchor there for the past 15 years. She has always held herself and her colleagues to a higher standard and this has resulted in the exceptional quality of her news coverage.

She has been recognized by numerous awards throughout her career in broadcast journalism. She is the recipient of the Rocky Mountain Emmy Award 1986–87 for her spot coverage of the Global Hilton hot air balloon crash and she was also given the UNM Professional Achievement Award. Ms. Armenta has been selected as one of New Mexico's 40 top influential people under 40 by New Mexico Business Weekly as well as a YWCA Woman on the Move. Ms. Armenta has also been a notable speaker at conferences, awards dinners and schools.

Aside from being a famous and reliable TV anchor that thousands of New Mexicans welcome into their home every morning, Ms. Armenta has shown herself to be a vital leader in New Mexico and her new job with the Albuquerque Public Schools Foundation is a testament of her continued commitment to enhancing her community.

Ms. Armenta has shown her dedication to bettering education and was a former journalism teacher at West Mesa High School. I commend her for embracing her roots in New Mexico and working to improve the educational system that has been such a part of her life. Ms. Armenta told a reporter in July, "I'm a product of APS and I feel it's time for me to give back."

I have enjoyed appearing with Monica on her program "Eye on New Mexico" and have consistently found her news coverage to be smart, informative and reliable. I admire her exceptional ability to balance her roles as a mother, a wife, a journalist and an activist.

Although she will be greatly missed as a journalist, I am certain that she will be a wonderful addition to the APS community. Her energy, intelligence and enthusiasm have always translated into success and I anticipate that her career in the education community will not only be rewarding for her as an individual, but will provide the Albuquerque Public Schools Foundation with a wonderful new voice of leadership. Although the state of New Mexico is losing a valued journalist we are gaining a vocal and significant advocate for the school system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Monica and her family luck as they embark on this new chapter in their life. Thank you Monica, for your service and contribution to New Mexico.

HONORING C.J. ENTERPRISES

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor C.J. Enterprises, Inc., for a successful 25 years of service to Tennessee's 3rd Congressional District and our country. Founded in 1980, C.J. Enterprises was created as a consultant service by Mrs. Carolyn Jones, who now serves as the President and CEO. Mrs. Jones is a product of Chattanooga, TN and a graduate of Emory University where she received her degree in health information management. Along with her husband Edward G. Jones, Mrs. Jones has dedicated her career to service in the field of records and information services.

Within its 25 year span, C.J. Enterprises has become one of the premier minority and woman-owned companies in the country providing records and information management services to health care facilities, government agencies, and commercial businesses. C.J. Enterprises has provided exceptional services to customers in over 30 states. The company's growth and success is evident through the numerous awards and accolades for its highly professional and effective services.

C.J. Enterprises is a true example of how dedication, hard work, and commitment can pay off in our nation. Congratulations to C.J. Enterprises, for 25 years of remarkable service to our region, state, and nation.

ANNOUNCING JEWISH SOCIAL ACTION MONTH

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the goals and ideals of Jewish Social Action Month.

This first annual Jewish Social Action Month, which is being held in conjunction with the Jewish month of Heshvan, November 3–December 1, 2005, was conceived by Kol Dor, an international group of next-generation young leaders. It is as a result of their vision of encouraging community service and social action that this important initiative is being undertaken around the world.

This month and these days have been selected since they follow Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the holiest days in the Jewish year. Heshvan follows a time when all Members of the Jewish faith face ourselves, look inward, and cleanse ourselves of all our misdeeds. Then, it is during Heshvan that we look forward to the promise of the New Year.

There is no better way to begin our New Year than by launching into a month-long serious effort to commit to social action. This commitment being made today is not a one-

year-only event. Every year during the Jewish month of Heshvan, Jews around the world will renew our commitment to making this world a better place.

Minister Michael Melchior and Member of Knesset Colette Avital deserve special recognition for their early and strong support for this concept. My Jewish colleagues and Jewish people in many other countries are also launching similar plans in their respective countries from Brazil to Britain.

Additionally, I would also like to make special mention of Kol Dor and the co-chairs of Jewish Social Action Month: Adina Danzig, Executive Director of the Stanford Hillel; Rabbi Gidon Sylvester, assistant to Deputy Minister Michael Melchior; and Yosef I. Abramowitz, CEO of Jewish Family & Life.

I commend the people working to make this goal a reality and urge my colleagues and people of all faiths to participate in community service and commit themselves to the principle of Tikkun Olam, to repairing the world.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF U.S. MARINE LANCE CORPORAL ROBERT F. ECKFIELD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Marine Corporal Robert F. Eckfield of Cleveland, Ohio, who bravely and selflessly heeded the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Family, friends and service to others framed Corporal Eckfield's life. He gained personal strength and faith from those who knew him best and loved him most, especially his mother, Virginia Taylor; father, Robert Eckfield; stepfather, Norman Taylor; brothers and sisters, Nathan, Rachael and Norman; niece Makala; grandparents, Gerald and Doris Eckfield and William and Ruth Taylor; and his girlfriend, Beth Dunkle.

Corporal Eckfield's energetic spirit and expansive heart easily drew others to him. His steadfast focus on serving the public and his leadership abilities were evidenced throughout his life. He attended John Marshall High School and graduated from the Cleveland Christian Academy. Family, friends and service to others were the core components of his life. Corporal Eckfield honorably served three tours of duty.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Corporal Robert F. Eckfield. I extend my deepest condolences to his family members and many friends. The ultimate sacrifice, unwavering service and endless heart that framed his young life will be kept alive in the hearts and memories of everyone who knew and loved him best—his family and friends. Corporal Eckfield's courageous life and legacy of service will be forever honored and remembered by the Cleveland community and by our entire nation.