

personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Vote No., description, vote: 557, Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Post Office Building, "yes"; 558, Albert Harold Quie Post Office Building, "yes"; 559, Online Freedom of Speech Act, "no"; 560, VA Information Technology, "yes"; and 561, John Bradley Outpatient Clinic, "yes."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) on their 30th anniversary. Throughout their 30 years, this group of dedicated students has been the primary advocates for fellow undergraduates in the State of Missouri. Known as the student voice in the Missouri State government, the organization has been essential to craft and advance legislation that has benefited higher education in Missouri. In addition, ASUM has been the training ground for students interested in entering public service, the political arena, and is responsible for producing some of today's top government employees serving the State of Missouri.

ASUM encourages students to become educated about the political process, and by doing so increases awareness, concern, and participation of young adults in democracy. ASUM's political action began on the campus of University of Missouri-Columbia in 1975. After successful participation by the students at the campus in Columbia, the student leaders expanded the organization to the other campuses within the University of Missouri System: Kansas City, St. Louis, and Rolla, where participation among the students exceeded expectations.

Serving as the student voice in the federal government, state government, and on the various campuses of the University of Missouri, ASUM is responsible for the creating a student representative position on the University of Missouri Board of Curators. The student representative affords the opportunity for the Board of Curators to truly hear and value the students' perspective on issues affecting the University System. Keeping the student views in the forefront of Universities' agenda, the Board of Curators passed a policy allowing the ASUM student representative to attend closed board meetings. The over-arching impact of the policy addition was to remind the Board of Curators that every institutional change had to be in the best interest of the students.

As the primary advocate of students in Missouri, the ASUM established through legislation the Bright Flight Scholarship, the most important source of financial aid for scholars from the State of Missouri. The annual \$2,000 scholarship was created to encourage top ranked high school seniors to attend approved Missouri postsecondary schools. The program is geared to the top 3 percent of all Missouri high school students who have a minimum ACT score of 30 or a minimum SAT score of 780 math and 780 verbal. By requiring the student to maintain satisfactory academic

progress and full time employment, this scholarship program helps the student to learn how to effectively manage their time and balance priorities. In addition to the Bright Flight Scholarship Program, the ASUM created Missouri State law to exempt sales taxes on textbooks, which has saved students in Missouri \$6 million dollars every year since its enactment in 1999. Finally, the student political activists created a loan forgiveness program for teachers, medical doctors, and veterinarians who serve in high need areas of Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the dedication of the Associated Students of the University of Missouri and their relentless efforts in extending their voices to represent all of the students of Missouri. It is essential for the members of the ASUM and other student organizations to be celebrated for their good works, for the students of today are truly our leaders of tomorrow.

HONORING SPC DERENCE JEFFREY W. JACK AND SSG WILGENE T. LIETO

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the two soldiers from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands who became casualties of Operation Iraqi Freedom on October 31, 2005 in Iraq. Specialist Derence Jeffrey W. Jack and Staff Sergeant Wilgene T. Lieto made the ultimate sacrifice in support of the global war on terror, and in doing so, helped to preserve our freedom. SSG Lieto served in Iraq as a Sergeant—the U.S. Army awarded him a posthumous promotion to Staff Sergeant. These soldiers left their homes and their families to answer the call of duty as members of the E Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army Reserve. On behalf of our communities in the Northern Marianas and Guam, I join with our local leaders in offering our sincerest condolences to the family of Derence Jeffrey W. Jack, especially his wife Melissa Jack and their daughter, and to the family of Wilgene T. Lieto, especially his wife Tiara Lieto and their son and daughter. The service and sacrifice of these soldiers will always be remembered and I join our Pacific island community in honoring the patriotism of these Army reservists. Derence Jeffrey W. Jack, from Gualo Rai, Saipan, was a manager at the Bank of Guam branch in Saipan. Wilgene T. Lieto, from Tanapag, Saipan, was a police officer. SPC Jack and SSG Lieto were part of the "Go For Broke" Battalion, serving with fellow soldiers from Guam, the Northern Marianas, American Samoa, and Hawaii. Although their loss brings great sadness to the people of the Northern Marianas and Guam, we take comfort in knowing that these soldiers served with honor. May God bless them and their families.

DEMOCRATS' CLIMATE PUSH MAY SQUEEZE GOP MODERATES ON SCIENCE PANEL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit this article from InsideEPA to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A novel effort by 150 House Democrats to require that the White House turn over documents showing what it knows about climate change effects on U.S. coastal regions may force key Republican moderates to choose party loyalty over their environmental records, or risk leaving themselves open to attacks from conservative opponents in upcoming primaries, sources say.

Rep. DENNIS KUCINICH (D-OH) has initiated a rare House procedure with the backing of 150 of his Democratic colleagues that seeks information from the executive branch on how climate change has affected U.S. coastal regions. If H.R. 515, a "resolution of inquiry," (ROI) passes with the support of key GOP moderates on the House Science Committee and the full House, it would require the president within 14 days to turn over documents related to climate change impacts on coastal areas. Relevant documents are available on InsideEPA.com.

KUCINICH's resolution does not specifically mention hurricanes, but congressional staffers familiar with the effort say Congress is growing more concerned that climate change may have increased hurricane severity in light of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. "This has been a brutal hurricane season and many think climate change will be the defining problem of our generation. We want to know what [President Bush] knew," according to one staffer. The effort comes as Republican environment committee senators are quashing suggestions that increased sea surface temperatures could be linked to the recent spike in hurricane activity.

Observers say the ROI will present House Science Committee Chairman SHERWOOD BOEHLERT (R-NY), Rep. VERNON EHLERS (R-MI) and Rep. WAYNE GILCREST (R-MD) with a critical choice between siding with their party in deflecting attention from the president's climate policies and their environmental records, which have won them praise and endorsements from environmental groups. Their decisions on the matter may prove crucial during their 2006 primaries, where at least one is expected to face a tough fight against a more conservative GOP candidate.

Although the ROI measure has no Republican co-sponsors, BOEHLERT has a track record of backing efforts to address climate change that is adding to Democrats' optimism that the measure may make it to the House floor for a vote, sources say. "Boehler's support [for previous efforts to allow more open scientific debate on climate change] makes us hopeful," according to one source.

For instance, BOEHLERT last summer sharply criticized efforts by House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman JOE BARTON (R-TX) to investigate the findings and funding sources of three prominent climate scientists. In a July 14 letter, BOEHLERT characterized BARTON's requests as "pernicious" and