

From 1997 through 2004, CFIUS received notices for 451 proposed or completed acquisitions. The committee initiated only eight investigations during that period.

Enforcement of assurances provided during CFIUS review is the responsibility of the agency requesting those assurances. It is not clear whether sufficient resources are devoted to ensure parties to a transaction live up to their commitments.

Congress is only notified when a full 45-day investigation and Presidential decision are completed. The lack of notification has led to the situation where the concerns of senior Administration officials, Members of Congress and the general public cannot be expressed until after a deal is done. This lack of transparency must change.

Possible long-term CFIUS reforms to consider include the following:

Elevate the Secretary of Homeland Security to serve as co-chair of CFIUS (the Secretary of the Treasury is the current chair) to increase emphasis on security issues;

Abolish the current statutory interpretation by CFIUS by imposing a standard 75-day review, rather than the two-tiered 30/45 day structure, providing additional time for review and removing the negative stigma associated with an investigation;

Expand Congressional notification and oversight with respect to CFIUS reviews;

Revise the statutory factors to be considered in CFIUS national security reviews to include critical infrastructure concerns; and

Require vigorous agency oversight and enforcement of letters of assurance provided by parties to a transaction.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my Ranking Member, Mr. Thompson, for his support in developing this legislation, and I look forward to working with him to ensure that our national security is not undermined by the proposed DP World acquisition. I urge the Administration to be diligent in investigating this transaction and to recognize Congress' important role in safeguarding our national security.

HONORING AIRMAN ALECIA GOOD FOR HER AIR FORCE SERVICE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Miss McMORRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize Senior Airman Alecia Good for her bravery and heroism while serving to protect our freedoms. Airman Good was recently deployed from the 92nd Communication Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base to the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. On February 17, 2006, Airman Good gave her life with eight Marines and another Air Force Airman when two U.S. Marine Corps helicopters crashed into the Gulf of Aden off the coast of northern Djibouti.

Airman Good was known to her family and friends at Fairchild for her positive outlook on life. She loved her country and was proud to serve it. In December, she volunteered to deploy to Africa. Her mission was to provide satellite communication support for United States military personnel training allied countries how to defend themselves against terrorism. The Joint Task Force also worked with families in

humanitarian efforts such as drilling wells, vaccinating herds, or raising crops.

Today, her family, friends, and country say their final goodbye to Airman Good. She leaves a daughter, Tabitha, who has her mother's magnificent smile.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Senior Airman Alecia Good for fearlessly sacrificing her own life in order to protect our freedoms from the evils of terrorism. I invite my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence for Airman Good as well as all of the men and women who lost their lives in the recent helicopter crash while serving in the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa mission.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF LIBBY JOHNSON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Libby Johnson for her tremendous service to Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District while working in my Washington, D.C., office.

After serving as my executive assistant, the Sumner County native is moving on to greener pastures. Her last day is today, and although my staff and I are sad to see Libby go, we are glad she has taken a job that will further her career and is worthy of her incredible abilities.

Libby's conscientious work ethic and incomparable enthusiasm have served her well in the fast-paced world of Congress. Those same abilities also have gained her the respect of her colleagues. Now, she will share her tremendous abilities and experience with a new employer, who should be ecstatic over having found such a fine person.

As busy as she has been, Libby always took time to say a kind word to those around her. It seems she has never met a stranger during her time on the Hill. With her vivacious personality and contagious smile, she certainly has made a lasting impression on virtually everyone she has met.

Libby, you have endeared yourself to me and my staff. We will miss you and wish you well in your future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEKAHA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Kekaha Federal Credit Union on winning the 2005 Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award.

Chartered in 1938 to serve the employees of the Kekaha Sugar Company, the Kekaha Federal Credit Union has expanded its membership to include all businesses and individuals throughout the island of Kauai. It also acts as a Community Development Credit Union, catering to the financial needs of low-income individuals. The Kekaha Federal Credit Union has over 1,500 members.

In January 2004, the Kekaha Federal Credit Union initiated a partnership with the Kekaha

Elementary School to support and encourage student achievement and raise school-wide standardized test scores. Kekaha Elementary School serves a community of 3,700 residents, dominated by low-income, native Hawaiian and immigrant families. At the school, 11 percent of the student body speak English as a second language, 49 percent are Native Hawaiian (a historically disadvantaged group), and 62 percent qualify for free or reduced lunches due to low-income status. Many students live in single-parent homes or face situations that are not conducive to learning.

As part of their partnership, the credit union and the school established the Maximum Communication Journal program, also known as the MAX Program. The MAX Program has become the cornerstone to learning at the school, as students must keep a journal of class activities and homework, including notes and notices from teachers and the school. Each student is then required to have his/her parents or guardians read and sign the MAX notebook each week. This ensures communication between the students, parents, teachers, and the school.

With the incentive of prizes that include boogie boards, movie passes and bicycles, students are instructed to write in their MAX journals and have their parents read and sign it every week. In order to earn a chance to win a prize, students have to write in their MAX journals and have their parents read and sign it every week. Prizes were also given to the class with the highest percentage of completed and signed journals. Prizes are given at the school's monthly assembly. Often, parents and guardians attend these assemblies.

By all measures, this program has been a great success. The program's goal of 80 percent student participation has been achieved for the past four semesters and, more importantly, Kekaha Elementary School has achieved passing levels in the State of Hawaii standardized tests each of the last two times the tests have been administered.

Students and parents alike are excited and have a sense of accomplishment. Billy Smith, the principal of Kekaha Elementary School, explained: "The celebration assemblies are fun and crazy. Parents are invited to attend and the kids are happy and excited." Students have become more responsible as they see tangible results for their MAX participation.

Dora Maxwell is recognized as one of the original pioneers of the credit union movement. This award was created to promote social responsibility among credit unions by formally recognizing and celebrating their social achievements. The Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Recognition Award is awarded to credit unions, based on seven asset-size categories, and to specific chapters for outstanding social responsibility projects in the community in which they are located.

I want to recognize and commend Kekaha Federal Credit Union not only for sponsoring this important and innovative program, but for receiving this national recognition by the Credit Union National Association. This award is just another example of the great work and strong personal relationships that our credit unions provide their respective communities, and represents a perfect union of the very best of credit unions and community service.