

to my beeper malfunction. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ON H.R. 5857, AND H.R. 6051, NAMING POST OFFICES FOR REPRESENTATIVES MORRIS UDALL AND JOHN F. SEIBERLING

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my thanks to Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. TIM RYAN, for introducing these bills; to their colleagues in the Arizona and Ohio delegations, respectively, for cosponsoring them; and to the leadership on both sides for scheduling them for consideration by the House.

H.R. 5857 would designate a Post Office in Tucson, AZ, as the "Morris K. 'Mo' Udall Post Office Building," while H.R. 6051 would designate a Federal building in Akron, OH, as the "John F. Seiberling Federal Building."

With every bill we debate and every vote I cast, I am conscious of the many years during which my father served here in the House of Representatives. He was truly a "man of the House," and I know that to him no honor could be greater than the bipartisan—non-partisan, really—support of our colleagues for a measure intended to recognize that service.

And I think it is very appropriate that at almost the same time the House will extend similar recognition to my father's longtime friend and colleague, former Representative John Seiberling of Ohio. I think nobody could be more deserving of such recognition.

My father and John Seiberling not only served at the same time, they worked closely together on many measures that came before what was then the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs—now known as the Resources Committee. Examples include the legislation dealing with strip mining—the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act—finally signed into law by President Carter after President Ford had vetoed an earlier version, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act—ANILCA—also known as the Alaska Lands Act, which was signed into law on December 2, 1980.

President Clinton later awarded John Seiberling the Presidential Citizens Medal, which is awarded in recognition of U.S. citizens who have performed exemplary deeds of service for our Nation.

In making the award, the President rightly explained that "An ardent advocate for the environment, John F. Seiberling has demonstrated a profound commitment to America's natural treasures. Championing numerous bills during his 17 years in Congress, including the Alaska Lands Act, John Seiberling safeguarded millions of acres of parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas." And, in recognition of John Seiberling's work as a member of the Judiciary Committee, President Clinton went on to say that "working in a spirit of bipartisanship, he also promoted civil rights and worker rights, always striving to improve the quality of life in America."

Truer words were never spoken of any Member of Congress.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I want to express my strong support for the bill recognizing the service of Representative Seiberling, and my heartfelt thanks for the honor bestowed on my father and our family by the bill to name a post office in Tucson in his memory.

MORE BORDER PATROL AGENTS NOW ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6160, the More Border Patrol Agents Now Act of 2006.

This legislation takes an important step toward making our borders more secure and our country safer. More agents along our Nation's borders will lead to better enforcement of our immigration laws. The President's commitment of 6,000 more Border Patrol agents in the next 2 years is a good start to enhancing border security, but if these agents cannot be easily hired, or if current Border Patrol agents are lost to other employment, this enhanced security cannot be maintained.

Personnel concerns should not be a factor limiting the effectiveness of the Border Patrol.

H.R. 6160 addresses some of these concerns. By streamlining the hiring process and offering recruitment and retention bonuses, H.R. 6160 takes steps to ensure that the Border Patrol will be an effective first line of defense at our borders.

Numerous times, I have met with Border Patrol agents in and around my district in Southern California. On several occasions, the issue of the age limit for new hires has been brought up. Currently, the Border Patrol is covered under law enforcement retirement provisions, meaning new hires must be under the age of 40, unless they presently serve or have previously served in a position covered by federal civilian law enforcement retirement.

This precludes retired members of our armed forces from employment by the Border Patrol if they are 40 years of age or older. Because of this arbitrary provision, the Border Patrol is unable to hire extremely qualified individuals, many of whom would need little further training to be effective Border Patrol agents. It is my hope that Congress will address the age limit issue so even more qualified agents can be hired.

I want to thank Mr. ROGERS for his leadership on this issue. I would also like to thank Chairmen KING and DAVIS and both the Homeland Security and Government Reform Committees for responding to the needs of the Border Patrol Agency so it can better secure our Nation's borders.

IN HONOR OF TENANTS RIGHTS ADVOCATE MICHAEL MCKEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary advocate and

organizer, Michael McKee, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of New York City tenants for over three decades. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the reception honoring him, so I hope to honor him now.

A veteran housing activist, Mr. McKee has made fighting on behalf of tenants his life's work. His combination of committed leadership and innovative organizing has grown the tenant movement into the important force it is today. Few activists have proven as forward-thinking and savvy as Mr. McKee.

When the state legislature began phasing out rent control and rent stabilization in 1971, Michael joined with housing activists statewide to begin a lobbying campaign on anti-tenant legislators. The groups called not only for the restoration of rent laws that would protect tenants in New York City, but also for reforms that would benefit tenants in parts of the state without rent regulation.

The tenant movement became firmly grounded in legislative action, and gave birth in 1974 to Tenants & Neighbors, an advocacy organization that has been at the forefront of tenants rights since its inception. Under the leadership of Mr. McKee, the leaders of Tenants & Neighbors focused on the warranty of habitability law and the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption. They urged passage of the Emergency Tenant Protection Act, which restored rent control and rent stabilization. Later, they led the fight to elect tenants to public housing boards outside of New York City, and helped pass the Disability Rent Increase Exemption. Mr. McKee soon joined other advocates to create the People's Housing Network, a program to develop tenant leaders across the state.

As a tenant organizer for the Metropolitan Council on Housing and the Brooklyn Tenants Union, Mr. McKee taught thousands of New Yorkers how to fight for their rights in a meaningful and lasting way. When Tenants & Neighbors began a major overhaul in 1994, membership increased 16-fold in response to Mr. McKee's direct mail and phonebanking programs. This new grassroots approach brought tenants together to pressure elected officials and create a fundraising base.

Mr. McKee is now building on the voter education efforts of Tenants & Neighbors by pouring his energies into political organizing. All too often, tenants lose when their needs are weighed against the financial interests of landlords and property owners. Mr. McKee has successfully encouraged tenants to take an active part in the political process, and has helped to make tenants rights organizations a powerful force in pushing government officials to address tenant issues.

Michael McKee has been not just a key strategist in many of the battles New York City tenants have faced over the past 30 years, but also a graceful public face. On behalf of tenants throughout the five boroughs, I commend his work on behalf of thousands of New Yorkers, and look forward to another 30 years of successful activism.

CHILD INTERSTATE ABORTION
NOTIFICATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this bill.

True to form, in the pre-election rush, the majority is pushing through legislation that does nothing to protect the health and safety of our children but instead harms them. We already voted on this legislation in April. Why are we voting on the bill today? It's simple, the Child Interstate Notification Act is a sweet treat for the anti-choice right, the exact group the Majority is courting these next 6 weeks.

This bill harms families by encouraging relatives to seek civil action against each other. It tells young women that if they cannot confide in their parents, they are simply out of luck and must face this difficult situation alone. And, it prevents minors from counting on the adults they trust: their counselors, their older siblings, their friends and their clergy.

Mr. Speaker, in a perfect world, children would openly communicate with their parents. In a perfect world, we would not be faced with unintended pregnancies. But these are tumultuous times, and the world is far from perfect. That does give us license to pass imperfect laws.

The bill before us provides no exception for the health of the mother, as required by the Supreme Court. And, it violates States rights by forcing the laws of one State onto another.

Mr. Speaker, this is a bad bill. I urge you to oppose this bill and put the safety and well-being of America's young women before the political agenda of the anti-choice majority.

I urge a "no" vote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall vote 431 on Thursday, September 7, 2006. This vote concerned amendment H. Amdt. 1204 to H.R. 503, the "American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act." It would provide that the Secretary of Agriculture must certify that sufficient horse sanctuaries exist to care for unwanted horses before the law will take effect.

I was hosting a crime forum ("Crime in the Cities: America's Mayors Fight Back") as part of the 36th Annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference.

Had I been present, I would have voted against this amendment ("nay").

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHILD GUIDANCE RESOURCE CENTERS ("CGRC")

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this fall 2006, Child Guidance Resource Centers will celebrate its 50th anniversary of service to the community. CGRC has been instrumental in providing community-based therapeutic, supportive, and preventive behavioral health-care services for children, adolescents and families with mental health, developmental disability, and residential needs.

In 1956, CGRC opened its doors in Media, Pennsylvania, and today is an independent, private, non-profit community organization dedicated to meeting the behavioral health care and special educational needs of those living in southeast Pennsylvania, in the counties of Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Bucks, in addition to the State of Delaware.

Child Guidance Resource Centers, now headquartered in Havertown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, is entering its 50th year of service addressing the needs of over 3,000 children and families each year, through 25 different programs in 23 different locations. CGRC has over 350 employees, including highly qualified professional therapists and clinicians.

Child Guidance is committed to creating and sustaining healthy and secure communities through an array of highly-qualified clinical services that address and maintain the health and well-being of the clients they serve. Vital to this commitment is an outstanding clinical and support staff that provides services of unparalleled value.

Programs include a broad spectrum of alternative efforts to address the needs of children with autism: Elementary Education Services, After School, Extended School Year and Summer Therapeutic Activities Programs. CGRC also offers a wide variety of educational services for children that enable them to ultimately flourish within the least restrictive educational settings possible—through Elementary Education Services, Extended School Year, and School-Based Contracted Services Programs. The staff involved with CGRC's Truancy and Delinquency Prevention Program and its Multi-systemic Therapy Program collaborate actively with local county Juvenile Justice Departments, District Justices and School Districts, to reduce truancy and delinquency throughout the county. The cornerstone of CGRC's work involves cutting edge mental health intervention through those programs noted above, as well as many other centerbased and community-based services.

CGRC is registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations; licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare; accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; a United Way participating agency; and a member of the Pennsylvania Community Providers Association, as well as the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare.

The citizens of the 7th District and I are very proud of the Child Guidance Resource Centers for their continued efforts to provide quality service to those in need of them. I know

that the CGRC will continue its fine tradition of service, community support, and its many admirable efforts in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Child Guidance Resource Centers on its 50th anniversary of service to our community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.
GEORGE SINOPOLI**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. George Sinopoli, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 30, 2006. Mr. Sinopoli lived a life of honor and sincere loyalty to those he cared for and to the causes for which he fought. He was an exemplary advocate within the entire State of California for Veterans' Rights.

Born on April 13, 1918, Mr. Sinopoli spent his childhood in both Fresno and Chicago Heights, Illinois. He returned to Fresno as a teen and lived there the remainder of his life. In 1942, Mr. Sinopoli enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, where he served as an airplane mechanic. His interest in airplanes flourished and through hard work and determination he proved that he qualified for flight training as a cadet. Mr. Sinopoli graduated as a pilot in 1943 and he immediately reported to his first assignment with the Troop Carrier Command. Upon completion of his service in the military, Mr. Sinopoli joined the workforce and embarked on his lifelong career with Jensen & Pilegard. After 54 years of dedicated service, Mr. Sinopoli retired from the company.

Aside from his commitments to his family and the workforce, Mr. Sinopoli was a long-time advocate for veterans in the Valley. In 1951 he joined the American Legion and held many offices in the organization, including: Post Commander of 594, District Commander, Department Commander of the State of California, and as an aide to the National Commander. He was also a life member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and AM-VETS. Further, Mr. Sinopoli was a member of the Elks Lodge and Chairman of the California Citizens Flag Alliance.

In 1964, Mr. Sinopoli's leadership efforts were recognized when he received the distinctive honor through his appointment, by then Governor Pat Brown, to the California Veterans Board. His extensive knowledge surrounding veterans' affairs allowed him to also serve on the California Veterans Board as Chairman for Governors Ronald Reagan, Jerry Brown, Gray Davis, and most recently, Arnold Schwarzenegger. In addition to his responsibilities to the State Board, Mr. Sinopoli energetically supported assistance to the homeless veterans, as well as those placed in residence at the three California Veterans Homes. Lastly, he was a founding member of the Central California Veterans Home Support Foundation, a support group dedicated to build a veterans home in Fresno to serve all Valley veterans.

George Sinopoli is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Gloria Jean; son, Sam and his wife Judi; grandchildren, Anthony, Michael, Julie and Lauren; and sister, Louise.

Although his passing brings sadness to those whose life he touched, Mr. Sinopoli's