

CHILD INTERSTATE ABORTION
NOTIFICATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (CIANA).

As a cosponsor of the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (CIANA) and having voted for its passage in the House on April 27, 2005, I remain committed to this important piece of legislation and hope to see it passed into law promptly. The Child Interstate Notification Act prohibits circumventing state parental involvement laws by transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion and places additional responsibilities on the abortionist.

Not surprisingly, parental involvement laws are overwhelmingly supported by a significant majority of the American people. Parents desire to know Parent's rights and state's rights are being violated. Children are secretly being transported across state lines without the consent of their parents for abortions. Abortion clinics in states where there is no parental involvement law advertise their services in states which have parental laws in place. "No Parental Consent Required" one advertisement read.

Children should be protected. Transporting a minor across state lines in order to obtain an abortion without parental notification or consent is more than troublesome. Pregnancy isn't something to be taken lightly and teenagers should not be isolated in their decision making. Instead, their parents should be involved in their decision on whether to have an abortion. My home state of Kansas is one of the 22 states that require parental consent with 2 of those states requiring both parents to consent.

Parental notification laws are critical to protect the life and health of minors. Parents deserve to be informed about their daughter's abortion decision as they are the ones who would be responsible for paying any medical bills due to complications from an abortion. Parents must give their consent in order for their minor to obtain certain medical procedures including ear piercing and to receive aspirin at school yet they can acquire an abortion—a major medical procedure that could be fatal or result in complications without the consent of a parent? That is a dangerous exception that should be eliminated in all states.

The Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act is good legislation that will protect minors and inform parents. Today, I hope to see CIANA pass the House for the second time this Congress and be sent to the Senate without further ado. I ask my colleagues in the Senate to not hold up this bill and to pass the language as it is written.

I will vote in favor of the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act today and encourage my colleagues to join me. I also encourage my colleagues in the Senate to promptly pass this piece of legislation so minors are better protected and parents are informed.

CONGRATULATING DR. JUDEA AND
DR. AKBAR AHMED**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Judea Pearl and Dr. Akbar Ahmed, co-recipients of the Purpose Prize. Drs. Pearl and Ahmed have been recognized for innovation and success in using their lifetime of experience for the greater good.

The Daniel Pearl Foundation, which Dr. Pearl founded following the tragic death of his son, Daniel, at the hands of terrorists in Pakistan, is dedicated to promoting cross-cultural tolerance and understanding through public dialogue and the training and support of journalists. Together with Dr. Ahmed, Pearl created the Daniel Pearl Dialogue for Muslim-Jewish Understanding, which holds dialogues around the world to frankly discuss contentious issues and provide different perspectives on the topics that are causing so much violence today.

The Purpose Prize was created in 2005 by Civic Ventures, a California-based non-profit organization dedicated to generating ideas and inventing programs to help society achieve the greatest return on experience. Over 1,200 adults age 60 and over competed for the five \$100,000 cash prizes and the accompanying benefits of publicity and support for their projects. The Purpose Prize aims to stimulate, recognize and support the entrepreneurial efforts of older adults who use their passion, smarts and experience to address serious social challenges. Unlike lifetime achievement awards, it seeks to reward new and creative efforts by older persons from all walks of life. Ultimately, the Purpose Prize will contribute to the transformation of our society's view of aging and lead to investments in America's greatest untapped resource: experienced and engaged older adults.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to Drs. Pearl and Ahmed on receiving this prestigious award in its first year and I wish them continued success. I also commend Civic Ventures, The Atlantic Philanthropies, and The John Templeton Foundation, for their vision and generosity in creating this important stimulus for expanding citizen initiative for public good.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEDY KUGLER'S ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special occasion in the life of one of my constituents, Jadwiga "Hedy" Kugler. This year, Hedy celebrates her 50th year in the United States of America! And what a wonderful 50 years they have been for her and her family.

Hedy's life represents the quintessential American dream. At the age of 13, she left the comforts of her family's Paris apartment and

set sail for America on the SS United States with her parents Vincent and Maria Niziuk and her sister Marta. Although the family had very little at the time, they had grand dreams of a better life in America. Her very first glimpse of that dream was the Statute of Liberty, as her ship sailed into New York City on the morning of July 30, 1956.

But her journey did not end there. Shortly after clearing immigration, Hedy and her family boarded a train for the long trip to Los Angeles to meet the family's sponsor Wanda Wegrocka. Along the way, Hedy saw her first television show, "Queen for a Day," and had her first sip of Coca-Cola.

The family finally arrived in Los Angeles on August 4, 1956, and settled into a new apartment and new life on Ivar Avenue in the Hollywood Hills. These early years were an exciting time for Hedy, as she explored her new homeland and made lasting friendships that continue to this day. Hedy also took care to make the most of every opportunity that America provided. She graduated high school at Blessed Sacrament, and went on to earn a B.A. in Mathematics from UCLA. She then embarked on a career as a senior instructor for IBM, where she spent 30 years traveling the globe teaching application and systems programming to IBM clients. Now in her retirement, Hedy devotes much of her time to helping others, volunteering at a Kaiser hospital and serving as a Eucharistic minister at her local church.

Hedy has been married for 43 years to the love of her life, Bolek Kugler, and has two adult children, Christine and Andrew. She's now a proud grandmother too, or Baba as she is known to Ellie and Nate Kugler. I'm also proud to say that Hedy and her husband still live in the same Encino home that they bought nearly 35 years ago. Together, they continue to explore all corners of the world, from Argentina to Vietnam, Sydney to Krakow. Her adventurous spirit, born on the SS United States, continues to thrive and grow.

Fifty years ago, Hedy came to this country with a dream of a better life. She has turned that dream into a successful career, a lasting marriage, a vast circle of friends, a home around the country, and a family that loves her dearly. She is truly an inspiration to all those who know her.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hedy on her 50th anniversary in the United States. May your future years in America be as full and prosperous as the last five decades.

IN RECOGNITION OF COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous role that our cooperative businesses play in our nation's economy and in the state of North Dakota. October is National Co-op Month, so it is fitting that we take a few moments today to recognize the value of cooperatives.

Cooperatives are businesses owned and democratically governed by their members—

those who buy their products or use their services—rather than by outside investors. This business structure provides valuable benefits to the co-op's member/owners.

North Dakota alone has over 250 farmer cooperatives and over 300 cooperatives total (including utilities and credit union cooperatives). These cooperatives contribute over \$1.6 billion to the state's economy, and personal income attributed to cooperatives is over 15 percent of North Dakota's total.

North Dakota's cooperatives directly employ over 9,000 people full-time and an additional 3,000 people part-time. Add in secondary jobs associated with these cooperative businesses, and over 50,000 jobs in North Dakota result from cooperatives.

The effects of cooperatives are not just felt in North Dakota, of course. Nationwide, cooperatives operating in every state in the nation pump more than \$200 billion into the economy and serve an estimated 130 million Americans. These cooperatives operate in virtually every industry, including agriculture, energy, financial services, food retailing and distribution, housing, healthcare, and telecommunications. They range in size from small storefronts to large Fortune 500 companies, employing more than 500,000 Americans with an aggregate payroll in excess of \$15 billion.

Cooperatives dedicate substantial resources to serving their communities beyond their core business functions. This includes charitable giving that assists the underserved and community development activities that generate jobs and income.

The theme for Cooperative Month 2006 is "Cooperatives, Owned by Our Members, Committed to Our Communities." I urge my colleagues to join with cooperatives in their districts next month in celebrating the role of cooperatives in our economy and their value to their communities.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN DEHNKE

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, I am committed to ensuring that all children, regardless of socioeconomic background, receive an education that gives them the skills to achieve. Head Start, as developed in 1965, aims to address the educational, emotional, psychological, health, social, and nutritional needs of preschool-aged children from lower income families. Knowing how critical and beneficial this program is for so many families and their kids in western Wisconsin, I have consistently supported it.

Our local Head Start centers and leaders in western Wisconsin have served these students extremely well. One of the key components of the Head Start program is the quality of teaching it offers to its students. Without these teachers, the program could not succeed. Helen Dehnke of Mondovi, Wisconsin, embodies the devotion of many Head Start teachers. Helen has devoted 36 years of her life to Western Dairyland Head Start children and families.

Helen began her career as a Head Start parent volunteer in 1969 when her twins were

in the program. The following year, her hard work earned her the position of teaching assistant in collaboration with Mondovi Day Care, Western Dairyland Head Start, and the Mondovi School District. Understanding how important teacher quality is, Helen participated in professional development sessions and she earned her Child Development Credential in order to serve her students to the best of her abilities.

Helen's hard work has not gone without recognition. Both her students and their families are extremely grateful for her 36 years of dedication, as am I. Helen is a loving and nurturing teacher, who has learned to know her student's exact needs. She has dedicated her life to ensure that young children are able to learn in a healthy, supportive environment.

I congratulate Helen on her retirement and thank her for her life's dedication to Wisconsin children and families. It is because of her work, and the work of her colleagues, that 13,000 Wisconsin preschool-aged children are enrolled in Head Start. As a result, these children will gain an excellent education and acquire the skills necessary to succeed in life. I wish Helen all the luck and well-being in the future, and it is my hope that her work will inspire others to continue to advance teacher qualifications and skills and strengthen the cognitive development and literacy of Head Start students.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HERBERT H. RICHARDSON

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Herbert H. Richardson for his service to The Texas A&M University System.

Dr. Richardson joined The Texas A&M University System in October 1984 as Vice Chancellor for Engineering in the System, Dean of the College of Engineering and Distinguished Professor of Engineering at Texas A&M University and brought together the University and the System's three engineering research and service agencies—the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas Engineering Extension Service and the Texas Transportation Institute—to form an integrated Engineering Program.

Dr. Richardson encouraged interdisciplinary research programs and played a key role in the awarding of Texas A&M University's first National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center, the Offshore Technology Research Center.

From 1991 to 1993, Dr. Richardson served as Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, leading the development of a comprehensive long-range vision for the System, as well as implementing a major administrative restructuring.

During his 22 years with The Texas A&M University System, Dr. Richardson has shown innovative leadership in building strong academic and research programs and in so doing helped the College of Engineering and the Texas Transportation Institute earn and maintain their outstanding national and international reputations for excellence.

I offer congratulations on his retirement and wish him and his family many years of future happiness

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TAIWAN

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 236, a resolution expressing Congressional support for a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan. As a cosponsor of this resolution, I join with over 65 of my colleagues in urging the Administration to begin these negotiations.

For more than 50 years, the U.S. and Taiwan have shared a close economic and security relationship resulting in more than 140 bilateral agreements. In 2005, trade between these countries totaled \$56.9 billion as Taiwan became the 8th leading trading partner of the U.S. while the U.S. was Taiwan's 3rd leading trading partner. The Bush Administration has shown its commitment to expanding free trade in the region by signing FTAs with Singapore and launching negotiations with Korea and Malaysia recently. Now it is time to start discussions with Taiwan on a FTA that will further strengthen this relationship.

A 2002 report issued by the U.S. International Trade Commission found various sectors of the U.S. economy would increase significantly if the U.S. entered in to a FTA with Taiwan. While both the U.S. and Taiwan would benefit greatly from the elimination of trade and investment barriers, New York State stands to gain as well. Some of the largest U.S. companies whose headquarters are based in New York have invested in Taiwan. And over 300 Taiwanese companies specializing in computers, finance, and jewelry have invested in New York. In 2005 New York State exported over \$1 billion worth of products to Taiwan. The reduction of these tariffs will certainly increase exports to Taiwan and create more jobs in New York. Finally, this FTA will allow New York companies to use Taiwan as a gateway for selling its products to China and the entire Asia-Pacific region.

A FTA between the U.S. and Taiwan has already been endorsed by 23 state legislatures. This important agreement will expand and greatly enhance the already close relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, given these facts, I believe now is the time to begin negotiations on a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE IRWIN

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. MCCAUL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following poem for the RECORD.

THOSE AREN'T CROCODILE TEARS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Those aren't Crocodile Tears!