

services, have been underfunded, requiring employers who seek assistance to wait up to 2 years for assistance. The Clinton administration has endorsed the codification of the consultation grants program.

The fifth and last provision of the bill would codify another mark of the new OSHA—elimination of the use of inspections, citations, and penalties as performance measures for inspectors and their supervisors.

The Small Business OSHA Relief Act codifies the positive changes to OSHA on which the Clinton administration and we agree, so that we can build on those and continue to work constructively to create a truly new OSHA.

I welcome my colleagues' support and sponsorship of the Small Business OSHA Relief Act of 1996.

TAX DAY

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, today millions of Americans will scramble to file their taxes. My Republican colleagues and I are fighting hard to ensure that all Americans keep more of their hard earned money.

Taxpayers deserve relief now. That is why my colleagues in both the House and the Senate passed the Contract With America's tax relief plan. Americans need tax reform, but that will not happen overnight. While we consider tax reform in Congress, there are a number of things we have done to lift the burden from America's families and encourage economic growth. We passed a \$500 child tax credit for families. We provided capital gains tax relief. We expanded IRA's, just to name a few. Unfortunately, President Clinton vetoed the Republican plan. With the stroke of a pen he vetoed pro-family, projob tax relief.

In spite of the President's veto, we must continue to do what is right for America. The protaxpayer agenda we begin to consider today is a tremendous step in the right direction. The tax limitation amendment, by requiring a two-thirds vote to raise taxes, will reign in escalating taxes. It will finally put an end to the roller coaster ride of the IRA's tax code and return fiscal responsibility to Washington. Almost every State that has implemented tax and spending limitations has witnessed below average growth is State spending and higher than average economic growth.

As Daniel Webster Said, "An unlimited power to tax involves, necessarily, the power to destroy." Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues and I are committed to protecting America's families from tax-and-spend Washington. Americans not only need tax protection they need tax relief.

A TRIBUTE TO ALLEN "BUD" SPENCER

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 1996

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I'd like to honor Allen "Bud" Spencer for his 27 years of

dedicated service as director of Twin Oaks Savings Bank. While we wish him well in his retirement, his commitment and hard work will be greatly missed.

Mr. Spencer's long career started in World War II where he served as a tank commander and platoon leader in the 745th Tank Battalion of the First Infantry Division or "The Big Red One."

His length of service can be noted in the number of battles he fought in: Normandy Beachhead, St. Lo Breakthrough, Falaise Pocket, Battle of Mons, Seigfried Line, Battle of Aachen, Hurtgen Forest, Battle of the Bulge, Roer and Rhine, Remagen Bridgehead, Ruhr Pocket, and Harz Mountains.

For his bravery and patriotism, Mr. Spencer received the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, and a battlefield commission. Thank you for your service to our Nation.

Mr. Spencer also gave to his community. After the war he owned and operated Spencer's Insurance and subsequently was elected director of Marseilles Building & Loan in 1969 where under his guidance the business prospered and flourished. In 1976, he was elected president and chairman of the board and under his leadership a new bank building was constructed and consumer loans, ATM cards, and checking accounts were added.

Mr. Spencer, thank you for your dedication and devotion to not only your country, but your community, neighbors, friends, and family. You will be missed.

A TRIBUTE TO ROLLAND E. ALEXANDER II

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 1996

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding public service of CSM Rolland E. Alexander II. Alexander will be recognized at a celebration in his honor on April 20 as he retires after nearly 40 years in the California Army National Guard.

CSM Alexander is a third generation Californian and was born in San Francisco. A graduate of Rio Hondo College, he is also a second generation national guardsmen following his father's service in World War I. CSM Alexander enlisted in 1957 as a member of Battery C, 215th Field Artillery, 40th Armored Division, now designated as Battery C, 2d Battalion, 144th Field Artillery, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized). In his civilian capacity Alexander works as a technical consultant in marketing services for the Southern California Edison Co.

While assigned to the battery, CSM Alexander has served in a number of positions including cannoneer, gunner, section sergeant, and chief of firing battery. Over the years, he has served in a variety of capacities and has served as CSM of Detachment 3, State Area Command, Los Alamitos Armed Forces Reserve Center, Los Alamitos, CA, since December 1993.

CSM Alexander has been recognized for his service and is the recipient of numerous commendations including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, California Commendation

Medal, California Medal of Merit, Good Conduct Medal, California State Service Medal, the Order of St. Barbara, and others.

CSM Alexander is currently the president of the Sergeants Major Association of California, life member of the California Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, the National Guard Association of California, National Rifle Association, California Rifle and Pistol Association, and many other civic oriented associations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, CMS Alexander's family, and many friends in honoring him for his years of dedicated service. After serving our State and country well for nearly 40 years, it is only appropriate that the House recognize CSM Alexander today as he begins his well deserved retirement.

RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM H. BOWERS

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 1996

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words of congratulations and thanks to a distinguished member of the community in my district. A lifetime member of American Legion Post 57, and the most recent Western Vice Commander, William H. Bowers has made numerous outstanding achievements that have greatly benefited his fellow veterans and citizens in his home county of Indiana, PA.

He has held numerous offices in addition to the American Legion Western Vice Commander. While serving as post commander, Saltsburg, he received the National Americanism Award. He has been honored as Post Commander of the Year in Pennsylvania, as well as Indiana County Veteran of the Year; in addition he has served as Commander of the Indiana County United Veterans, Indiana County Commander, District 27 Commander, District 27 Adjutant, and Vice Chairman of the Citizens Flag Allegiance. He has also been recognized by the ROTC for his many accomplishments.

In addition to being a lifetime member of the American Legion, Commander Bowers is also a member of the VFW Post 7901, Amvets Post 277, and VVA Chapter 286.

Among his many civic contributions are establishing bylaws for the Indiana County United Veterans Advisory Council and serving as chairman of the Indiana County Veterans Memorial Committee. He organized and still serves as the CEO of Boy Scout Troop No. 157 in Saltsburg and manages the Young Township senior legion baseball team. He has also been a guest speaker at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's sociology department representing VVA Chapter 286.

1991 was a very painful year for us in and near the 12th district of Pennsylvania, when 25 local gulf war soldiers were killed in action. Commander Bowers gave a memorable tribute to those young men and women by organizing a veterans honor guard of over 300 veterans with colors for their funerals. Commander Bowers was also instrumental in having a gulf war honor roll erected on the Indiana County Courthouse lawn, listing all Indiana County veterans serving in the Gulf.

William H. Bowers served in the Army with the Military Assistance Group overseas.

I salute Commander Bowers for his lifelong dedication to his fellow soldiers and his community.

HONORING SHERIFF CHARLES A.
FUSELIER, SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

HON. JAMES A. HAYES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 1996

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, when I heard that my friend of over 25 years was being honored by the National Sheriff's Association as Sheriff of the Year, I was gratified to know that the national law enforcement community was finally acknowledging what the citizens of St. Martin Parish and all of Acadiana have known for a long time—that Charles August Fuselier is one of the most effective, top flight sheriffs in the country.

In his statement, Sheriff Fuselier said he was "shocked" to learn of his selection by the National Sheriff's Association. He should not have been. Charles Fuselier's dedication to public service and the protection of the public in his rural South Louisiana Parish is unparalleled. Like his father before him, Sheriff Fuselier demonstrates every day total commitment to making St. Martin Parish a safer place to live, work, and raise a family.

Through his leadership and his work on the Triad Program, St. Martin Parish became a testing ground and model for all of America in preventing crimes against our senior citizens. The Triad forms a coalition between local sheriffs, police chiefs, and senior citizens groups to reduce the victimization and unwarranted fear of crime which disproportionately plagues senior citizens. By bringing the Triad concept to life, Sheriff Fuselier has opened up the lines of communication with seniors in the community and has made the seniors feel more comfortable and trusting that their interests will be protected.

Sheriff Fuselier once told me that he received more than a 10-fold return on his investments using volunteers, who work in his office 2 to 3 days a week, so that crimes have been quickly resolved because of greater senior participation. While in the Congress I may have worked to ensure Federal involvement in Triad, but Triad is growing across the country because of the efforts and devotion of Sheriff Fuselier. The Triad information network has the potential to be the cornerstone of future crime fighting activities within the seniors community.

I commend the National Sheriff's Association for bestowing my friend with this honor and congratulate Sheriff Fuselier for the great achievement of being named "Sheriff of the Year."

HONORING MEL DEARDORFF

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, America's firefighters serve on the frontlines of

public safety. Risking their lives and health to save people at risk, their courage and resourcefulness are the watchwords of their profession.

No one better typifies the finest traditions of firefighting than Mel Deardorff. Mel retired recently after 35 years of service in the San Ramon Valley region, for the last 8 years serving as fire chief of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

Mel helped reduce the Insurance Services Office rating in the San Ramon region; was influential in establishing expanded firefighting services; facilitated a new paramedic program; added engine company, fire prevention, and clerical staff; and made many other contributions to fire safety in the East Bay region of San Francisco. He was a member of many professional organizations, including the International Association of Fire Chiefs and California Fire Chiefs.

Mel Deardorff was a public servant whose leadership, commitment, and dedication helped enable residents of the San Ramon and Danville, CA communities to go to sleep knowing that they were in good hands. As a resident of Danville for 25 years. I am thankful for all Chief Deardorff has done for my hometown and the San Ramon Valley region. He deserves sincere thanks from people throughout Contra Costa County, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize him in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICARDO
ALEGRIA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 1996

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to pay tribute to a very distinguished countryman, Dr. Ricardo Alegria, for his outstanding contributions to the investigation, preservation, and recognition of the culture and history of Puerto Rico.

Dr. Alegria, is one of the pioneers who established the studies on archaeology, anthropology, and culture of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Yesterday, which was also his birthday, the Smithsonian Institution awarded him the Smithsonian Bicentennial Medal for his great legacy to Puerto Rican culture and history.

Dr. Alegria is well known as a humble man, always accessible to the people, and a profound thinker in all his areas of inquiry. He is internationally recognized as the most distinguished Latin American in the field of preservation of historic cities and in the studies of the anthropology and archaeology of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

His interest in the study of mankind and how humans identify themselves with their surroundings started at a very early age; as a child he opened a small museum at his home with pieces and little stones that he had collected from the ground at his family farm.

He studied at the University of Puerto Rico, and obtained a master in archaeology from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in archaeology from Harvard. After his return to the island, young Dr. Alegria went to Loiza and Luquillo where he performed excavations that uncovered evidence of our earliest inhabitants,

the arcaicos, and of the later Indians, the igneris.

In 1955, Dr. Alegria became the director of the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture. Under his leadership, the institute enhanced the recognition of, strengthened, and promoted Puerto Rican culture as a heritage with Indian, African, and Spaniard influences, as well as its own folklore traditions. For his willingness to engage in the enormous task of investigating and compiling historical data on Puerto Rico and for the resurgence of the popular arts we owe him a great debt of gratitude.

Some of his published works include the History of Our Indians ("Historia de Nuestros Indios"), Folkloric Tales of Puerto Rico ("Cuentos Folkloricos de Puerto Rico"), Anthology: the Theme of Coffee in Puerto Rican Literature ("Antología: El Tema Del Café en la Literatura Puertorriqueña") and the magazine published by the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture, ("Revista del Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña").

One of his most important accomplishments, for which he received the Picasso Gold Medal of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, is the restoration and preservation of Puerto Rican historical monuments. A very special award, the Picasso Medal has only been awarded to Dr. Alegria and to the historical village of Paris. Among the historical monuments that were restored under Dr. Alegria's supervision were the Indian Ceremonial Center, the Church of Porta Coeli, and the capital of Puerto Rico, Old San Juan, which is now a jewel among the historic sites of the Americas.

Dr. Alegria is internationally renown as an eminence in the restoration of historic cities, as well as for his patronage of the arts. From directing the Center of Advanced Studies in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, and founding the Center of Archaeological and Ethnological Investigations of the University of Puerto Rico, to the reorganization of a great number of museums in Puerto Rico, Dr. Alegria has left a legacy of devotion and dedication to the instruction and preservation of the Puerto Rican culture.

Among other honors, Dr. Alegria received the Medal of Isabel La Católica, awarded by the Spanish Government and the Medal of the Fifth Centenary of the Discovery of America and Puerto Rico, bestowed by the Puerto Rican Government.

The Puerto Rican people and the Puerto Rican community, here in the United States and all over the world are in debt to Dr. Alegria for his outstanding contributions to the study, celebration, and promotion of our culture and history. In my congressional district of the South Bronx, and in all of New York City, as well as, throughout the Americas, we are all beneficiaries of his cultural heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great contributions of Dr. Alegria, hero of the Puerto Rican culture.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD A. BROWN

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 1996

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Richard A. Brown honored