

should not suffer dramatically disproportionate cuts in comparison with science programs in particular and with unwise domestic spending in general.

FUSION ENERGY PROGRAM

Last year the Science Committee recommended a substantial decrease in the fusion budget and called for a restructuring of the program. In line with the recommendations of the Fusion Energy Advisory Committee (FEAC), DOE has worked to address these concerns. The first signs of this long-term redirection appears in DOE's FY'97 budget request, which calls for strengthened support for plasma physics, more research into alternative fusion concepts, increased innovation, and continued participation in the international fusion program. We urge the Budget Committee to support DOE's ability to maintain a viable fusion energy program within the FEAC report recommendations.

As you proceed with the budget resolution for FY'97, we ask that renewable energy and efficiency programs be considered a priority and not be unfairly or disproportionately cut.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

MATT SALMON,
SHERWOOD BOEHLERT,
CURT WELDON,
TOM DAVIS,
MARK FOLEY,
ROSCOE BARTLETT,
CONNIE MORELLA,
VERN EHLERS,
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HONORING THE BAXTER
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Baxter Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These fireman must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee fire training school in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN AND ROBERT
H. FRIEBERT

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to two of Milwaukee County's outstanding citizens, Susan and Robert H. Friebert. As the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Jewish Committee prepares to honor Susan and Bob for their many contributions to our community, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements of this great couple.

Susan Friebert has been one of Milwaukee County's foremost education and community activists for more than 25 years. As the executive director of the Quality Education Commission, Susan is charged with the responsibility of monitoring and evaluating reform initiatives in the Milwaukee public school system. As a founding member and officer of the nationally renowned Wisconsin Alliance on Children and Families, Susan has been an unflinching advocate for families throughout Wisconsin. Susan has also been active in the field of health care policy as member of the Wisconsin digestive disease research center advisory board at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her contributions to Wisconsin's multitude of Jewish organizations are also immense. Susan has served as co-president of the Milwaukee chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women, she is a board member of the Wisconsin Jewish Conference, and she presently serves as vice president of the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations. Susan also serves as vice president of the women's division of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. President Clinton has even recognized Susan's talent and energy by appointing her to the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, where she was recently named its Executive Secretary.

Robert H. Friebert has matched his wife's record of public and community service. Bob has served as a member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights for Wisconsin and was State chair of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union. When he organized the Wisconsin State Public Defender's office, he also served on the board of directors of the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association. Bob has also been a major force in Wisconsin's Jewish community. Bob has served as the Chair of the Milwaukee Jewish Council on Community Relations and was the first chair of the Wisconsin Jewish Conference, where he was the principal author of and fought tirelessly for the passage of Wisconsin's Hate Crimes law. Bob is also member of the Board of the National Jewish Democratic Council. Bob is a trustee of the Medical College of Wisconsin, and was the founding chair of the M.C.W. Digestive Disease Research Center Advisory Board. Bob is also the first Chairman of the Board of the Wisconsin Research Center, organized to support pluralism in American public society. Both Susan and Bob have been extremely active at their synagogue, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Jewish Committee on its excellent selection of Susan and Robert H. Friebert for this year's human relations award,

and I wish Susan and Bob continued success in all of their endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LARRY RANDA,
PRESIDENT, SUBURBAN NEWS-
PAPERS OF AMERICA

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to one of the finest journalists working my congressional district, Mr. Larry Randa, Vice President/Operations of the LIFE Newspapers, who recently became President of Suburban Newspapers of America [SNA].

Mr. Randa, who began with the LIFE as a general assignment reporter in 1974, takes the helm of a trade organization that represents suburban publications throughout North America with a combined circulation of 14 million readers. He is the third generation of the Randa family to be involved in the management of the LIFE, which was founded 70 years ago. The newspaper is generally recognized as one of the best Suburban newspapers in the United States. And through his reporting, editing and management, Mr. Randa has contributed mightily to that reputation. The University Missouri graduate is the winner of 50 local, State and national awards including three prestigious Peter Lisagor Awards from the Chicago Headline Club.

In addition to his professional excellence, Mr. Randa is dedicated to his community, serving on the Board of Directors of the La Grange Unit of the American Cancer Society and the Darien Youth Club, is a deacon at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs and coaches youth softball, basketball, soccer and volleyball.

CONGRESS FULFILLS ITS COMMIT-
MENT TO CUT GOVERNMENT

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we finally completed fiscal 1996 appropriations action late last month. And although we were forced to add back funds to get the President's signature, the final product reflects the Republican party's commitment to cutting government programs. The fiscal year 1996 bills cut \$23 billion from last year's levels. As my colleague from Louisiana, Appropriations Chairman BOB LIVINGSTON, said in announcing the programs and projects terminated in the fiscal year 1996 appropriations bills: "We are cutting government beyond targets set by the budget resolution. These numbers are proof that we're doing our part to balance the budget in 7 years. While President Clinton fights to preserve bureaucracies, Republicans are fighting to relieve the American taxpayer. This is a dramatically different way of doing business in Washington."

I couldn't agree more. That is why I want to submit the terminations that were included in the fiscal year 1996 appropriations bills. This