

which evidenced degrees of activity/passivity; the current problems between Israel and the Palestinians; and the case of Bosnia, where healing clearly is a critical need. Several important international leaders have agreed to participate in this conference, including the Dalai Lama, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata, and Richard Holbrooke, the former United States Assistant Secretary of State, who negotiated the Dayton Peace Agreements on Bosnia. In addition to these individuals, journalists, scholars, and interested individuals with experience and background in these issues will also participate.

The Friends of Raoul Wallenberg Foundation does not aim to compete with existing human rights and humanitarian organizations. It seeks to identify and explore the active steps that can be taken beyond the perpetuation of grief and the documentation of abuses. It offers a force and a remedy. History has thus far not shown us a way to eliminate group violence, but there are ways we can reduce that violence, and we must examine patterns and encourage constructive efforts.

The Friends of Raoul Wallenberg is administered by a board consisting of Wilton S. Dillon, long-time director of international studies for the Smithsonian Institution; Stephen P. Goldman, foundation attorney and incorporator of Amnesty International, American Branch; Barry Jagoda, an investigative journalist and head of communications in the Carter White House; and Robert Walker, historian of social change, professor and first director of educational and public programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mr. Speaker, the Congress of the United States relies for its effectiveness on educated, concerned, and active voters. Similarly, safety and liberty within the community of nations depends on educated and concerned activists capable of turning passive bystanding into active involvement. No action could more fittingly perpetuate and symbolize the honored legacy of Raoul Wallenberg.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 27, 1996*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Child Passenger Protection Act which would prevent injuries to children in motor vehicles and ultimately save lives through improved child passenger education safety programs. This bill would provide grants to experienced child passenger safety organizations to carry out effective child restraint education programs.

Recently, the National Transportation Safety Board [NTSB] held a press conference during which they released figures relating to the use of child restraints. They discovered that a majority of parents are not properly installing their children's safety seat. With more than 50 different kinds of child restraint designs and numerous seat belt configurations, putting children in properly-used safety seats can be a complex process.

So many combinations of seats and car models exist that parents cannot easily figure

out what is safe. A seat that works well in one car may not work well in another. Consequently, too many children riding in child restraint seats are at risk.

I have been working on initiatives to educate families across the country about the safety seat incompatibility problem. I have been working with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration [NHTSA] in getting the word out about the proper installation of safety seats to parents, grandparents, and anyone who transports a young child. One of my goals is to provide NHTSA with enough money to fully carry out its child passenger safety program.

I also have been working with the D.A.N.A. [Drivers' Appeal for National Awareness] foundation and its founder, Mr. Joseph Colella. D.A.N.A. was established in memory of Dana Hutchinson, age 3, who died in an automobile accident while secured in a child safety seat.

It was a rainy day in the fall of 1994 when Dana's mother strapped her into her child-safety seat for a trip to her grandmother's house. As always, Dana's father checked to make sure that the seat was held tightly, sure that he was doing everything possible to keep his little girl safe.

Dana's mother was driving; the roads were slick and slippery. Their car collided with a pick-up truck. Dana's car seat pitched forward and her head struck the dashboard. The police report stated an opinion that her child safety restraint was improperly secured.

Dana's father, looking for an answer, called his local dealership and was told that everything he did was correct. Then he looked in his owner's manual. After pages of information he found the answer: the seatbelt system in their car was incompatible with their child-safety seat.

Joe Colella is Dana's uncle, and it is through his tireless work and the establishment of the D.A.N.A. foundation that efforts are being made to alert the public about the compatibility and misuse problems that exist between child restraints and vehicle seat belt systems.

I am pleased to introduce the Child Passenger Protection Act, which I call Dana's bill, and I am committed to continue working with Joe Colella and with NHTSA to encourage parents to properly use child restraints to protect our Nation's children.

#### UNITED STATES NATIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION ACT OF 1996

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 27, 1996*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the United States Travel and Tourism Partnership Act (H.R. 2579). This important legislation will use the entrepreneurial spirit of the private sector with the international reach of the Federal Government. This private/public partnership will improve the promotion of international travel and tourism to the United States.

H.R. 2579 establishes a National Tourism Board to oversee and regulate the National Tourism Organization. The NTB would be comprised of 36 members appointed by the President and their mission will be responsible

to utilize the joint private/public partnership for travel and tourism policy making; develop a national travel and tourism strategy for increasing travel and tourism to and within the United States; advise the President, Congress, and the travel and tourism industry on strategies to improve tourism; and provide guidance to the National Tourism Organization.

The National Tourism Organization will be the successor to the now disposed United States Travel and Tourism Administration. The NTO would be established by Federal charter as a not-for-profit organization. The board of directors for the NTO will be comprised of 45 travel and tourism industry leaders appointed by the President and accountable to the NTB. The NTO's mission will focus on increasing the U.S. share of the global tourism market; operating travel and tourism promotion programs outside the United States in partnership with the travel and tourism industry; establishing a travel-tourism data bank which would collect international market data for distribution to the U.S. travel and tourism industry; and promoting U.S. travel and tourism at international trade shows.

Last year, travel and tourism contributed nearly \$430 billion to the U.S. economy. In my District of San Diego, CA, the tourism industry is the second largest employer accounting for one out of every eight jobs and adds \$3.8 billion to the local economy.

I would like to thank the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ROTH] for his work on this issue. It is through his leadership as chairman of the Travel and Tourism Caucus that we are here today moving America's travel and tourism industry forward into the 21st century.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. LYUSHUN SHEN, DIRECTOR OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS, TAIWAN MISSION

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 27, 1996*

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I paid tribute to the brave people of the Republic of China on Taiwan. I should now like to single out for particular mention one citizen of that nation who has distinguished himself in its service.

Dr. Lyushun Shen has served for the last 2 years as the Director of Congressional Affairs for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the United States. In that capacity, Dr. Shen has proven to be a most able diplomat, making a substantive and important contribution to the betterment of relations between Taipei and Washington, DC. In the continuing effort to bring amity and greater understanding between the Republic of China on Taiwan and the United States, Dr. Shen has been a crucial player.

Dr. Shen is now leaving to return to Taipei for a promotion. I am sure I join all of my colleagues who have worked with Dr. Shen in wishing him Godspeed and best wishes in his next assignment.