

We meet these principles through reasonable and fair changes in the law.

First and foremost, we cap spending.

There will be no sanity in politics until we bring spending under control and a spending cap is the first weapon in the arsenal of campaign finance reform.

Second, we reform the role of PAC money in the system. We reduce the individual PAC contribution and cap aggregate contribution levels.

Third, we reform the role of wealthy donors, including the ability for candidates to use their own money in their campaigns.

Fourth, we reform the role of soft money, essentially eliminating it, but allowing for grassroots operations at the State level among candidates of the same party.

Finally, we try to put the brakes on the massive expenditures of money in the political realm that are now unregulated, undisclosed and outside the law—independent expenditures.

We do this by requiring new levels of disclosure and by expanding the definition of express advocacy.

The legislation we introduce today is reasonable, achievable, and supported by the White House and the Democratic leadership.

It is the only legislation in the last Congress to get bipartisan votes.

If it could last year, it can again this year. My colleagues and I look forward to moving this legislation forward and meeting the President's challenge of presenting him with campaign finance reform by July 4.

HONORING THE OFFICERS AND
CREW OF THE COAST GUARD'S
CLEVELAND-BASED TUG "NEAH
BAY"

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, members of the U.S. Coast Guard perform extremely valuable services for the American people, keeping our shorelines secure and safe from environmental damage. My district is proud to be associated with the Ninth Coast Guard District, the guardians of the Great Lakes. I commend to your attention a recent incident that demonstrates the tremendous contribution made by the officers and crew of Coast Guard units in that region.

On January 23, 1997, as windy and bitter cold weather swept across Lake Erie, the Coast Guard's Cleveland-based icebreaking tug *Neah Bay* was escorting a tanker vessel and a tug/barge combination, the *Donald C. Hannah*, from Toledo to Cleveland, OH. A cable connecting the *Donald C. Hannah* to the barge broke while the ships were passing through a heavy ice field. While the *Donald C. Hannah* stopped to make repairs, the tug and her barge became trapped. The tug and barge were at the mercy of high winds and powerful ice, in danger of running aground at a nearby island within 1 hour. The situation presented an extreme environmental threat because the barge contained more than 1 million gallons of heavy aromatic residual fuel oil.

The officers and the crew of the *Neah Bay* took quick action, declaring a search and res-

cue [SAR] emergency and assuming the role of on-scene-commander. The *Neah Bay* contacted other organizations, including Coast Guard Group Detroit and Air Station Detroit, MI, which dispatched helicopters that provided key information to help the ships. Because of the potential for a major oilspill, the Marine Safety Office of Toledo, OH, was brought in to review contingency plans and prepare for an oil spill. Working in a cooperative effort with the joint United States/Canadian response planning team, action was taken to protect the area, a major spawning ground for aquatic life on Lake Erie.

The *Neah Bay* broke an escape route in the ice and was able to keep the barge off the rocks long enough for the *Donald C. Hannah* to repair the broken cable. After 5 tense hours, the ship was broken free of the ice by the *Neah Bay*. The *Donald C. Hannah* and the oil-carrying barge were safely escorted to their destination by the *Neah Bay* and a sister ship, the *Bristol Bay*, who had been diverted from other escort duties.

Mr. Speaker, this is a story of bravery, cooperation between Government agencies under extreme circumstances, and a job well done. My district is proud to be the home berth of the *Neah Bay*. I take this opportunity to honor the officers and crew of the USCGC *Neah Bay*: Commanding officer, LCDR Frederick J. Sommer; executive officer, LTJG Richard J. Wester; CWO2 Charles Philpot; BMC Jeffrey P. Mallory; EMC Daryl W. Covington; MK1 Timothy J. Clancey; QM1 Jon R. Frederick; FS2 Michael S. Beaver; BM3 Dean M. Grass; EM3 Timothy P. Ostrander; EM3 Ariel Vazquez; MK3 Jefferson D. Clark; SN Kristopher R. Demetros; SN Duke A. Walker; SA Anthony J. Clark; SA Jeremy L. Farmer; FN Jason E. Henderson; and FA Daniel S. Manor.

KIRK JOHNSON HONORED AS
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 1997

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mr. Kirk Johnson who was recently honored as Employee of the Month at Integrated Tax System.

Mr. Johnson, who trains employees on tax codes, was commended by ITS for his excellent teaching skills, professionalism, and extensive knowledge. His trainees have praised him by saying, "The trainer created a relaxed atmosphere conducive to the exchange of information" and "The instructor was very educational and professional."

In addition to teaching, Mr. Johnson is the creator of the ITS Bulletin, which has proved to be very popular among ITS users around the State, and a quick reference card for ITS that is still in heavy demand.

Congratulations, Kirk, for your outstanding accomplishments in your profession and the recognition of that by ITS through the Employee of the Month Award. I am very proud of you, son.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
TO REUNITE FAMILIES SEPA-
RATED BY THE HOLOCAUST

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 1997

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last summer I had the honor of being involved in a remarkable reunion between two siblings who were both Holocaust survivors, but who had been separated for over 60 years. Solomon and Rivka Bromberg were separated during the Holocaust, and neither had heard from the other since.

However, thanks to the resourceful work of younger relatives and Israel's Jewish Agency, these two Holocaust survivors were finally reunited in Israel in August after so many years. Solomon Bromberg's oldest son Michael had worked with the Jewish Agency to contact Sharon Feingold, the granddaughter of Rivka Bromberg Feingold. They then orchestrated a phone call between Solomon and Rivka and a formal reunion in person.

I became involved with this emotional saga only when the family began its search, which is still ongoing, for a third sibling, Abraham Bromberg, believed to be in the United States. Nevertheless, I had been very moved by the emotional reunion of Solomon and Rivka.

Today there are thousands of Holocaust survivors in Russia, Eastern Europe, the United States, Israel, and other nations who were separated from their families during the Holocaust and who may not know the fates of their relatives.

For this reason I introduced a concurrent resolution in the last Congress to urge the Secretary of State, foreign nations, especially Israel, Russia, Poland, and other Eastern European nations, and organizations such as the Red Cross and Israel's Jewish Agency, to coordinate efforts to help reunite family members separated as a result of the Holocaust. Today, I am introducing this resolution.

If my colleagues could have seen the emotional reunion of the Brombergs, they would agree with me that these thousands of families deserve help in finding their own long lost relatives. With some additional effort by the State Department and the cooperation of other agencies and foreign governments, there can be thousands more happy reunions. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

NEW JERSEY'S 11TH DISTRICT—
PRIME RECRUITING GROUND
FOR ACADEMIES

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 1997

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, every year, more high school seniors from the 11th Congressional District trade in varsity jackets for Navy peacoats, Air Force flight suits, and Army brass buckles than any other district in the country. But this is nothing new: Our area has repeatedly sent an above-average proportion of its sons and daughters to the Nation's military academies for decades.

This shouldn't come as a surprise. The educational excellence of our area is well known and has long been a magnet for families looking for the best environment in which to raise their children. Our graduates are skilled not only in mathematics, science, and social studies, but also have solid backgrounds in sports, debate teams, and other extracurricular activities. This diverse upbringing makes military academy recruiters sit up and take note—indeed, many recruiters know our towns and schools by name.

Since the 1830's, Members of Congress have enjoyed meeting, talking with, and nominating these superb young people to our military academies. But how did this process evolve?

In 1843, when West Point was the sole academy, Congress ratified the nominating process and became directly involved in the makeup of our military's leadership. This was not an act of an imperial Congress bent on controlling every aspect of the Government. Rather, the procedure still used today was, and is, one further check and balance in our democracy. It was originally designed to weaken and divide political coloration in the officer corps, provide geographical balance to our armed services, and to make the officer corps more resilient to unfettered nepotism that handicapped European armies.

In 1854, Representative Geritt Smith of New York added a new component to the academy nomination process—the academy review board. This was the first time a Member of Congress appointed prominent citizens from his district to screen applicants and assist with the serious duty of nominating candidates for academy admission. Today, I am honored to continue this wise tradition in my service to the 11th Congressional District.

The Academy Review Board is composed of nine local citizens who have shown exemplary service to New Jersey, to their communities, and to the continued excellence of education in our area—many are veterans. Though from diverse backgrounds and professions, they all share a common dedication to seeing that the best qualified and motivated graduates attend our academies. And, as is true for most volunteer panels, their service goes largely unnoticed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize these men and women and to thank them publicly for participating in this important panel. Being on this board requires hard work and an objective mind. Members have the responsibility of interviewing upward of 50 outstanding high school seniors every year in the academy review process.

The nomination process follows a general timetable. High school seniors mail personal information directly to the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy once they become interested in attending. Information includes academic achievement, college entry test scores, and other activities. At this time, they also inform their Representative of their desire to be nominated.

The academies then assess the applicants, rank them based on the data supplied, and return the files to my office with their notations. In mid-December, our Academy Review Board interviews all of the applicants over the course of 2 days. They assess a student's qualifications and analyze character, desire to serve, and other talents that may be hidden on paper.

Last year, the board interviewed 32 applicants. Nominations included 10 to the Naval Academy, 17 to the Military Academy, 4 to the Air Force Academy, and 1 to the Merchant Marine Academy—the Coast Guard Academy does not use the congressional nomination process. The Board then forwards their recommendations to the academies by January 31, where recruiters review files and notify applicants and my office of their final decisions on admission.

It is both reassuring and rewarding to know that many of our military officers hail from our hometowns or close by. When we consider the role of these officers in peace or war, we can rest easier knowing that the best and brightest are in command. Wherever they are sent, be that Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, or Vietnam, many of these officers have academy training.

And while a few people may question the motivations and ambitions of some young people, the academy review process shows that the large majority of our graduates are just as highly motivated as the generation before them. They still seek guidance from loving parents, dedicated teachers and schools, and from trusted clergy and rabbis. Indeed, every time I visit a school, speak at a college, or meet a young academy nominee, I am constantly reminded that we as a nation are blessed with fine young men and women.

Their willingness and desire to serve their country is perhaps the most persuasive evidence of all.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 1996—11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

Name	Hometown	High School	Academy
Even Arsal	Rockaway	Morris Hills	Military.
Brian Bergen	W. Caldwell	James Caldwell	Military.
Benjamin Blake	Chatham	Chatham	Naval.
Garrett	Randolph	Randolph	Military.
Brougham.			
Ryan Carr	Succasunna	Roxbury	Naval.
Matthew	Succasunna	Roxbury	Military.
DelPreore.			
Charles Emering, Jr.	Butler	Butler	Air Force.
Katherine Falato	Basking Ridge ..	Ridge	Military.
Geoffrey Frick	Lincoln Park	DePaul	Naval.
Kyle Grzymko	Andover	Lenape Valley	Military.
		Regional.	
Michael Henke ...	Parsippany	Parsippany	Military.
Morgan Hock	Morristown	Madison	Military.
Janet Howson	Madison	Morris Catholic	Military.
Roger Knight IV ..	Pompton Plains ..	Valley Forge	Military.
		Military.	
Charles Larsen ..	Hopatcong	Hopatcong	Military.
Adam Lusardi	Rockaway	Morris Hills	Military.
Newman Merton ..	Budd Lake	St. John's Mill	Military.
Christopher Moen ..	Pompton Plains ..	DePaul	Air Force.
Edmund Mooney ..	Kinnelon	Kinnelon	Naval.
Patrick Nelson ...	Hackettstown	Bridgeton Acad	Naval.
Todd Osborne	Morris Plains	Morristown	Naval.
Mary Paczkowski ..	Long Valley	West Morris	Naval.
		Central.	
Daniel Powell	Califon	West Morris	Naval.
		Central.	
Nicholas Rafanello.	Whippany	Morris Catholic	Military.
Thomas Rogers ...	Rockaway	Morris Knolls	Air Force.
James Schiess ...	Flanders	Mt. Olive	Air Force.
Thomas Tanis	Oak Ridge	Jefferson	Military.
Andrew Telschow ..	Succasunna	Roxbury	Merchant Marine.
Scott Trageser ...	Sparta	Sparta	Naval.
Christopher	Stanhope	Hopatcong	Military.
Wilkins.			
Jacob Williams ..	Basking Ridge ..	Delbarton School ..	Naval.
James Zhou	Livingston	Livingston	Military.

TED NUGENT: TALENTED, COMMITTED, PRINCIPLED

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the power of talent, coupled with impeccable standards of decency, energized by actions to put feelings into fact, is the best way I can summarize the career of a man who has brought millions to their feet with a piercing beat that just won't let you stand still. That man is Ted Nugent.

Over his career, many have known him for the 28 albums he has produced, with over 30 million of them sold worldwide. His concerts—and he has had nearly 1,000 since 1990—continue to set sales records. His professional success has enabled him to do what he cares most about—provide support for young people through his involvement in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education [DARE], program and the Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids, where boys and girls learn about proper respect for wildlife, conservation, and hunting, as well as respect for one another. He also has consistently promoted his alcohol and drug-free lifestyle as a model for all young people, and has recently donated his time and talents to a statewide safety campaign, urging drivers to “buckle up and live.”

Ted has pursued his devotion for the right of people to hunt through his award winning Ted Nugent Spirit of the Wild PBS video series, his never-ending media interviews on the subject, and his writings in Adventure Outdoors magazine.

For all of his efforts, Ted Nugent has received recognition that he truly deserves. He has received numerous commendations from State police, sheriff departments, the FBI, and other police agencies. In fact, he has been a Michigan County sheriff deputy since 1988. He has been named Man of the Year by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association. He is a member of the Hundgun Hunters Hall of Fame. He has been inducted into the Native-American Strongheart Society by the Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho Tribes. He has served as the keynote speaker at numerous events including the Governor's Symposium on North American Hunting Heritage in Wisconsin, and the Native-American Fish & Wildlife Society National Conference in Anchorage, AK. He has served on numerous organizations within Michigan, such as the Michigan Year of the Family Council, the Hunting and Fishing Heritage Task Force, and the Michigan State Parks Foundation, and has been named Archery Commissioner for the Great Lakes State.

Mr. Speaker, if anyone ever asks you what Ted Nugent wants, tell them he wants kids to grow up strong. He's wants hunting and conservation to be recognized for the reasonable and responsible activities that they are. He wants people to keep their constitutional rights. He wants to preserve a way of life that is the best in the world. I urge all of our colleagues to join me in thanking Ted Nugent for all that he does to make America a better place.