

Charles Inniss is survived by his wife, Marge; a brother, Wilbur; two sisters, Norma and Frances; a sister-in-law, Madelaine; one niece, Wendy Woodland; one nephew, David; two grand-nephews, Christopher and Bryan; and a host of beloved and other family members.

Service to community is an unselfish and difficult calling. Consistently, Charles Inniss has made it appear to be effortless by playing a pivotal role in virtually every aspect of the lives of the people of New York. I sincerely appreciate the richness and dedication that marked Mr. Inniss' life. Charles E. Inniss is a great "point of light" for all of the people of America to revere.

GAO STUDY BILL

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 1997

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, proponents of the flat tax, and there are many, argue that a flat tax would be more fair to Americans than a progressive income tax. Meanwhile, the proponents of the consumption tax tout the elimination of the Internal Revenue Service as a chief benefit. All Americans agree that a simplified tax code would eliminate loopholes and complex deductions only a tax attorney and CPA understand.

Since coming to Congress, I have supported the idea of a simplified tax system. I believe that more Americans would pay their taxes if they understood what they owed and they didn't feel they were missing out on some obscure break they overlooked. If you honestly felt that you were paying your fair share, you would have more confidence in the system. Imagine the savings to Americans in tax preparation, not to mention money spent on anti-acid.

I think the solution is a combination of both. A flat income tax for easy filing coupled with a lower sales tax to get at the money generated by our great economic engine. This plan would incentivize savings, reduce interest rates, drive new business, and generate more economic activity while still maintaining our present level of revenues.

Today I introduced a bill that calls for the Comptroller of the General Accounting Office to study the effects of my plan, including possible deductions for interest on a home mortgage, college tuition, and a per child deduction. My bill won't change the IRS code, only require a study of the effects of a change. I am so confident in this plan that I think after the GAO study is complete, the advantages will become apparent.

I think the dire circumstances America finds itself in is a result of our poor tax and trade policies. Our tax code rewards dependency and penalizes achievement. This new tax plan would be the first step toward ending the economic crisis we face today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to cosponsor my bill.

IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING
IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL] as a cosponsor of our bill to amend the law concerning communications between Government agencies and the Immigration and Naturalization Services. We appreciate New York City's mayor Giuliani bringing this important matter to our attention.

As a supporter of last year's welfare reform and illegal immigration, I am aware of the need to address some of their flaws.

The current provisions pose threats to the ability of our local government to protect the public health and safety of their residents.

Let us not discourage undocumented aliens from receiving basic health care services due to their fear of disclosing their status to INS. Otherwise, we would reduce the chances of controlling the spread of communicable diseases.

Effective law enforcement requires the trust and cooperation of all residents, even those who are currently out of status, who may have witnessed or been victims of crime. Our police need the cooperation of all to arrest criminals before they can strike again.

Bear in mind that not all restrictions on communications would be permitted. It mandates that INS and localities exchange information on criminal aliens, regardless of their status.

Accordingly, I urge our colleagues to support this important legislation.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE.

(a) PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996.—Section 434 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1644) is repealed.

(b) ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND IMMIGRANT RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1996.—Section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) and (b) inserting the following new subsection:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service any information regarding the immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual who has been convicted of a crime under Federal, State, or local law.”; and

(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

HONORING MARILYN PERLMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 1997

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Marilyn Perlman, who for more than 50

years has contributed to Mount Vernon as a public servant, a public advocate, and a full-time worker for the elderly.

She moved to Mount Vernon, with her new husband, Daniel, more than 50 years ago. She started in local politics by working in the campaign of a friend running for mayor. She became a district leader and subsequently served her city and her community with distinction in many capacities.

She was a great help to me when I first came to Mount Vernon, serving as my guide and introducing me to the many senior programs and people of the Rose Y. She chairs the focal committee for the office of the aging and has served on all the committees relating to older adults. Her activism on behalf of Westchester's senior citizens dates back many years. In 1970, she was hired by the Y to supervise the older adult program, the senior canteen. As part of the aging services network, she was involved in the successful effort to bring the adult day care and kosher nutrition programs to the Y.

Marilyn Perlman has devoted herself totally to her community and her "people", the elderly of Westchester County, accomplishing so much it leaves us unable to comprehend how we will continue without her. I join the people of Mount Vernon and all of Westchester County in thanking her and in wishing for her the best that life has to offer in her retirement, with the hope that the generosity of spirit she gave to all who had the good fortune to meet her and work with her is returned.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LASALLE D.
LEFFALL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 26, 1997

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of an outstanding American, Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall. Dr. Leffall, a distinguished fellow alumnus of Florida A&M University, is the Charles R. Drew professor of surgery at Howard University College of Medicine, and like the namesake of his chair, his accomplishments are too numerous to list. His profound and unselfish dedication to the African-American community, especially in education and medicine, is unsurpassed, and deserves the highest recognition.

Perhaps what distinguishes Dr. Leffall most, Mr. Speaker, is that he epitomizes the concept that education is a ladder. This week Dr. Leffall helped to make that ladder a little easier to climb when he presented a check for \$350,000 to Florida A&M University, its largest donation from an individual. When matched with funds from the State of Florida, Dr. Leffall's gift will total more than \$500,000. As FAMU's distinguished president, Dr. Frederick Humphries, said, "This is a monumental contribution from one whose extraordinary achievements have brought honor and distinction to his alma mater and his community."

A son of the South, Dr. Leffall was born in Tallahassee, FL, and he was born to be great. He graduated summa cum laude from Florida A&M University at the age of 18, and 4 years later, he received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine, ranking first in his class. A scholar and a gentleman, Dr. Leffall is a veteran of the U.S.