

us of all the gifts we as Americans sometimes take for granted and urged us to use our position as a world power to strive for peace and recognize the beauty of the human spirit.

She devoted her soul to God and dedicated her life to His children and while I believe her contributions are so enormous that she may be irreplaceable, her humility led her to believe otherwise. In 1989 Mother Teresa announced her retirement saying, "God will find another person, more humble, more devoted, more obedient to Him, and the society will go on." But her devotion to her order and the need to continue her missionary work let her to withdraw her resignation the following year. "I was expecting to be free but God has his own plan," she said.

Combined with the recent death of Princess Diana, we have lost two of our most compassionate souls. Very different in style and appearance, they found an affinity of each other by fulfilling the needs of the forgotten. They became friends. Diana raised millions for people with AIDS, lepers, the homeless and the forgotten by selling the designer gowns she no longer needed. Mother Teresa owned only two outfits, both of them the simple habit she designed. It is proof positive that it really doesn't matter if you wear designer clothes or wrap yourself in a simple sari. What lies in your heart is what will ultimately define your humanity. While Princess Diana was a master of loosening our purse strings, Mother Teresa spent a lifetime opening our hearts. Princess Diana called Mother Teresa her role model and this simple nun from Calcutta accepted the Princess into the family of man and asked her to be nothing but herself. The Princess and the nun, glamour and simplicity, royalty and humility and yet somehow, the partnership worked.

The world grieved the loss of Diana, Princess of Wales at the highest levels of society. The depth of Mother Teresa's loss might be felt most in the gutters of Calcutta where an abandoned child first felt the touch of human kindness and the love of God all through this tiny vessel—a simple nun from Calcutta.

The loss of Mother Teresa who has dedicated herself to the service of others forces us to examine our own lives and rededicate ourselves to helping those who are in need. I will never forget Mother Teresa and the way she lived her life, never seeking a spotlight except that which God chose to shine on her. Her faith guided her actions and her kindness sparked the humanity in each of us.

In 1996, Mother Teresa showed that she also possesses a sense of humor when she told Prince Michael of Greece, "The other day I dreamed that I was at the gates of heaven and St. Peter said, 'Go back to Earth, there are no slums here.'" She toiled on behalf of others for half a century. I believed she has earned her place in heaven with God.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be included as a member of the official delegation from the United States to the State Funeral for Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The power of her faith and the strength of her will must become our own as we honor Mother Teresa who I believe is the single, most-loved human being of our times. The goodness, humanity, and faith she possessed must also guide our actions as we legislate. Like her, no one can be excluded. We must be willing to cradle the least among us if we are to be worthy of the positions we hold.

THE CELLULAR PROTECTION ACT OF 1997

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Cellular Protection Act of 1997. This bill takes a serious step forward in helping our law enforcement combat a growing type of crime, cellular cloning.

For those who are not familiar with cellular cloning, the process is simple. It usually involves criminals seated in parked cars outside of airports or along busy roadways to harvest electronic serial numbers [ESN's] from legitimate cell phone users. Special software and equipment are used to insert the stolen numbers into other cell phones, the clones. The cloned phones charge their calls to the account of the lawful, unsuspecting user. Like me. For instance, my phone was cloned while coming out of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. I was faced with over \$6,000 in illegal charges on my bill.

As you may know, it is estimated that the cellular industry lost \$650 million due to fraud in 1995, much of it as a result of cloning fraud. I have talked with many people in the telecommunications industry about this problem. My district is home to the largest concentration of telecommunications companies in the Nation.

The Secret Service has doubled the number of arrests in the area of wireless telecommunications fraud every year since 1991, with 800 individuals charged for their part in the cloning of cellular phones last year.

The sad thing is they probably could have caught a lot more of them. However, current law requires prosecutors to prove that a cloner acted with the intent to defraud. The Cellular Telephone Protection Act of 1997, removes this burden.

This legislation clarifies, that—except for law enforcement and telecommunications carriers—there is no lawful purpose for which to possess, produce, or sell hardware or software configured for cloning a wireless telephone or its ESN.

This is good commonsense legislation that is supported on both sides of the aisle, the Department of Justice, U.S. Secret Service, and the wireless industry.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, another day and still no campaign finance reform vote. We have now been back in session for a week, we will have at the most 8 weeks left. If we don't begin the process of consideration of these bills then we will run out of time and will have once again let the public down.

This does not have to be a partisan issue. Yesterday Members of the Republican party joined Democrats in calling for a vote on campaign reform. There are a number of bipartisan reform bills pending before this House, in-

cluding H.R. 2183, the Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act, and the Shays-Meehan bipartisan reform bill, both of which I am a cosponsor. I am confident that we can work together as Republicans and Democrats to make meaningful changes to the system that do not unfairly benefit either political party.

Unfortunately, we read today that the Government Reform and Oversight Committee is about to engage in an expensive series of hearings investigating campaign abuses in the 1996 election year. An exhaustive investigation is being conducted on the same issue in the Senate. Rather than hold hearings on campaign finance reform the Government Reform and Oversight Committee is using our taxpayer's time and money to duplicate the Senate hearing. This is unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for this House to get serious about campaign reform. We can no longer accept "no" as an answer.

IN HONOR OF HOPE CENTRAL ACADEMY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize HOPE Central Academy in Cleveland, OH, for its outstanding record of educating Cleveland's young people.

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Education and the Workforce has selected HOPE Central Academy as the site for their hearings tomorrow on What Works? And What's Wasted in Education. HOPE Academy is 1 of 57 schools participating in a pilot program testing the efficacy of school choice in Ohio. The nearly 2,000 inner-city children from low income families who enrolled in 1996 saw test scores rise an incredible 15-percentile points in mathematics and 5-percentile points in reading, while national test scores for inner-city children of the same age (K-3) usually decline. More than 3,000 children are expected to take advantage of this exceptional program next year.

I am confident that the panelists at Friday's What Works? And What's Wasted hearing will realize that HOPE Central Academy shows "What really Works" in education when parents, teachers, and the community work together to give our children a chance to learn in a positive environment. The only thing wasted in the case of HOPE Central Academy is time, as in we should have done this a long time ago.

TRIBUTE TO THE PHOENIX MERCURY

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, the Mercury is rising in Phoenix and it's not due to the weather.

I'm referring to the Phoenix Mercury, my hometown's WNBA Western Conference Champions.

I know that Phoenicians and Arizonans alike join me in congratulating the Phoenix Mercury for their successful inaugural season, for which we are very proud. Through the energetic leadership of Coach Cheryl Miller, former Olympian and a winner of the WNBA Coach of the Year Award, the Mercury games led the league in attendance and drew 16,751 fans for the playoff game.

As you may know, the Mercury players quickly captured the heart and following of many sports fans throughout the country, but especially in Arizona. With the team's spark plug, Michele Timms, and the great performance of honor roll players such as Bridget Pettis, Jennifer Gillom, and Toni Foster, the Mercury had screaming fans with their arms outstretched above their heads to raise the roof off the America West Arena at every game. This excitement and fever spread throughout the Valley of the Sun and the Nation and caught the attention of hundreds of young girls and women who themselves now aspire to WNBA careers. Through the Mercury players, they have seen that women too can partake in professional basketball career opportunities in addition to other athletic careers.

From the beginning of the season, Cheryl Miller promised to give fans the championship. While we were disappointed in the loss to New York, the fans have not been disappointed in the coach or the players or their overall performance.

Through the ups and downs of the season, they gave it their all and we are very proud of them. I want to thank the team, Coach Miller and the players, for their fantastic effort and I look forward to a great future for the Phoenix Mercury.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP
BOOTKOSKI

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Msgr. Paul G. Bootkoski on being named auxiliary bishop of the Newark Archdiocese. Bishop Bootkoski is a devout, learned priest with impeccable credentials for this important post. He is also a kind, caring, compassionate man who parishioners regard as a comforting, trusted friend and uplifting spiritual leader. He is always there to help families in distress. Archbishop Theodore McCarrick has made an excellent choice.

Bishop Bootkoski was born July 4, 1940, in Newark, the son of Peter G. Bootkoski and Antoinette R. Klimek Bootkoski of Westwood. His Catholic education began early as he attended Queen of Peace Grammar School in North Arlington, run by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill. He attended St. Benedict's Preparatory High School in Newark and in 1962 received his bachelor of arts degree from Seton Hall University. He received a master's degree from Manhattan College in 1975 and his Master's of Divinity degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary in 1976.

Ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark on May 28, 1966, by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, Bishop Bootkoski first served as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield. In 1969, he was reassigned to

Holy Spirit Church in Orange and also served at its mission church, St. Peter Claver in Montclair. He was assigned to St. Michael's in Cranford in 1970 before becoming Catholic chaplain at Rutgers University's Newark campus in 1972. He became archdiocesan director of campus ministry in 1975.

In 1980, Bishop Bootkoski returned to his alma mater as assistant vice president of student affairs at Seton Hall. He held that post for 4 years before being named pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Elizabeth. In 1990 he became pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Saddle River and also resumed the post of archdiocesan director of campus ministry. He was named vicar for priests by Archbishop McCarrick in July 1996.

Bishop Bootkoski has been a member of the Presbyterial Council, the College of Consultors, the National Federation of Presbyterial Councils and the Catholic Campus Ministry Association. In 1991 he was named prelate of honor.

Bishop Bootkoski should know that our prayers are with him as he faces the challenges of his new responsibilities. And we stand with him. We are assured that he will follow in the steps of those who have gone before in seeking wisdom and guidance from above.

SARATOGA CHAPTER NO. 131,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, there is no greater tradition of charitable works in America than that of the various Masonic lodges across the country.

Mr. Speaker, to illustrate why I am so proud of my own affiliation with the Masons, allow me to list the civic involvement of just one such organization, Saratoga Chapter No. 131, Order of the Eastern Star.

The chapter supports the Eastern Star Home at Oriskany, the Veteran's Hospital in Albany, the Children's Day Care Center in Oriskany, the Empty Stocking Project in Saratoga Springs, and the Red Cross, American Cancer Society, and Saratoga Hospital. There work with the hospital includes knitting caps for newborns.

The chapter has also established the Morgan Bloodgood Horseman's Scholarship at BOCES, the area vocational school, and every year contributes a scholarship to a worthy student.

Mr. Speaker, this is a record to be proud of as the chapter celebrates its 100th anniversary this month.

It's a record typical of the order, which is dedicated to serving people in need, to social enjoyment, and to promoting civic interests.

I would ask all Members to join me in saluting the officers, patrons, and 100 members of Saratoga Chapter No. 131, Order of the Eastern Star and wish them all the best as they enter their second century of service to a grateful community and Nation.

SECRETARY OF STATE ALBRIGHT
VISITS THE MIDDLE EAST—CRITICAL
MISSION FOR REGIONAL
PEACE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, our Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright began her first visit to the Middle East since she assumed the position of Secretary of State earlier this year. The timing of her visit is particularly critical. In just the past 6 weeks, we have seen two terrorist bombing attacks in the streets and the market of Jerusalem. In these dastardly attacks, scores of people were killed and hundreds more were injured. These terrorist assaults are nothing more than an effort to destroy the peace process.

I commend Secretary Albright for her determination and willingness to undertake the extremely precarious peace mission. She is going to that difficult region of the world with no pre-arranged outcome. There is always considerable risk in undertaking diplomatic efforts in this area. She is brave and courageous to make this trip under these difficult conditions.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I introduced a resolution which notes the significance of Secretary Albright's mission and expresses the support of the Congress for her efforts to bring peace to that region. I urge my colleagues to join me in approving this statement of encouragement and support for our Secretary of State at this critical time.

I ask that the full text of my resolution—House Concurrent Resolution 149—be placed in the RECORD.

H. CON. RES. 149

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the visit of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the Middle East.

Whereas Madeleine Albright is currently making her first official visit to the Middle East since her appointment as Secretary of State, and

Whereas the Middle East peace process is in danger of total collapse,

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) that the Congress fully supports the efforts of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to bring a just, comprehensive, and permanent peace to the Middle East, and expresses its full confidence in her demonstrated ability and motivation to achieve that end.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE
FORTIER

HON. W.J. (BILLY) TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a constituent of mine, Michelle Fortier, who won the Veterans of Foreign Wars 1997 Voice of Democracy broadcast scriptwriting contest for Louisiana. This is tremendous accomplishment which deserves recognition. I applaud Michelle for her hard work and wish her all the best in future endeavors.