

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FT. BERTHOLD OIL AND GAS
LEASING BILL, S. 1069

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support for S. 1069. I want to thank Chairman YOUNG for his personal attention to this bill and for his assistance in bringing it to the floor for immediate consideration.

The Fort Berthold Indian Reservation has been working for years to develop partnerships with the oil industry to explore the development of oil and gas resources on its lands. The Fort Berthold Reservation covers about 1 million acres of land in the middle of the proven oil-rich Williston Basin. There has been active oil and gas exploration and development on the lands surrounding the reservation, but the tribe and its members have been able to participate in this activity in a very limited way. The tribal government is eager to explore oil and gas development on tribal lands and their prospects for receiving leasing activity are very good.

Economic development should be a top priority in Indian country. Unfortunately, our Federal policies hinder the creation of new economic development opportunities on our Nation's Indian reservations. The bill before us aims to address a provision in Federal law that unnecessarily hampers economic development efforts on the Ft. Berthold reservation in North Dakota.

Currently, Federal law requires that 100 percent of all tribal members with ownership in an allotment agree to the leasing of that allotment. Some of the allotted land tracts on the Ft. Berthold reservation are owned by up to 200 individuals. So if one of these owners will not sign the lease, the exploration cannot proceed. This requirement makes it virtually impossible for tribes and its members to pursue this type of economic development, even if a vast majority of allottees are supportive. The requirement shuts Indian oil development down cold.

The legislation would allow a leasing agreement to move forward if more than 50 percent of those with an interest in specific allotted lands agree. It is narrowly drawn so as to only apply to the Fort Berthold Reservation. The legislation is strongly supported by the tribal council and the Interior Department.

The economic implications of this legislation for the Ft. Berthold Reservation are enormous. This legislation will help Indian people on Fort Berthold achieve economic self-sufficiency. Additionally, I believe the legislation, which is so particularly important to the tribe at issue, may also serve as an example that we might follow later on. And so as we help the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, I believe that we may be doing a favor for all Indian reservations that might be interested in exploring mineral leasing activity in the future. Mr. Speaker, again, I thank all in the majority and minority for helping us bring this matter forward.

HONORING THE WALT DISNEY
COMPANY—THE 1998 MAYNARD
JACKSON AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call your attention to The Walt Disney Company for being honored by the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) with the 1998 Maynard Jackson Award. The Walt Disney Company received this important award because of its work to ensure minority contractors equal access to contracting opportunities.

The NAMC is a non-profit trade association that was established in 1969 to address the needs and concerns of minority contractors. While membership is open to people of all races and ethnic backgrounds, the organization's mandate, "Building Bridges-Crossing Barriers," focuses on construction industry concerns common to African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans. The Association is active in 49 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

The Walt Disney Company's commitment to diversity in its contracting practices earned them this national honor. The company does business with more than 1500 minority-owned and women-owned businesses. Since Disney launched its Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program 16 years ago, it has increased spending with minority-owned and women-owned businesses fifty-fold.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues, join me in applauding The Walt Disney Company for the work they have done to receive this prestigious award.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4059) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment, and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this bill and would like to commend the work of both the Chairman, Mr. PACKARD, and the Ranking Member, Mr. HEFNER. Further, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the work and friendship of Mr. HEFNER. He is truly one of our finest members and it has been my distinct honor to have served with him in this body. The Committee has done an

outstanding job in crafting a bill which addresses both the military needs and quality of life concerns for the men and women in our armed services. Make no mistake, our military personnel deserve the best that we in Congress can offer, and this bill takes many of the necessary steps required to improve the quality of life for our military families. The focus this bill places on family housing, child development centers, medical facilities and treatment centers is critical if we are going to continually recruit and retain our best people. While this bill does not meet every deficiency in our military facilities, it continues the approach of budgeting for the highest priority needs of our armed services. Additionally, I believe it represents a firm commitment by this Congress to our men and women in uniform to continue our efforts to improve their living and working conditions.

Further, I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee for their quick response to fund the Continuous Processing Facility at Indian Head. As many of you know, an accidental explosion damaged a portion of this building in February. Although my funding request was unexpected, the Committee responded to this priority by providing funds for a facility which in the long run will be more efficient and flexible in meeting the Defense Department's energetics requirements. Lastly, I would like to thank the Committee for supporting the Administration's request for the replacement of the Annealing Ovens Facility at Indian Head. This new facility will function in a more efficient fashion and address important environmental concerns in my district. Again, I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING GISELE AND HECTOR
GOLDMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Gisele and Hector Goldman, residents of Riverdale. They were married on March 28, 1948 and have given much to their community in their life together. They raised three children, sending them to local schools for their education. They are also founding members of the Riverdale Jewish Center. Every community needs people such as Gisele and Hector Goldman. What they give is stability, a sense of the continuance of life from generation to generation and that while we as individuals may change, the community goes on, offering to its children a sense of belonging, of being part of something larger and nobler. I ask that all of us who believe in love join me in wishing Gisele and Hector congratulations on their first 50 years and many more years of love and togetherness.

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FROM THE COMMUNITY THAT GOT HIM STARTED

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the success of local events is directly the result of the commitment of individuals who want to make sure that the events do succeed. The people of Bay City have been most fortunate to see the success of the annual Bay City Fireworks Festival, and this success is due in large part to the outstanding support the Festival has received from Thomas LaPorte.

In 1995, learning that the Bay City Fireworks Festival was in a grave financial condition and that the event might not go forward, Tom LaPorte came forward with more than \$70,000 to insure that the event would take place in 1996. This was a wonderful act, but it was something the people of Bay City had come to expect from Tom. He has given money to accident victims, loan money to other small business facing difficult times, and providing emergency transport to stranded or hardship cases in his corporate plane. And throughout these efforts, he has also had the strong support of his wife Mary, and his sons, Jon and Patrick.

Tom LaPorte and his brother Larry ran their family shoe store for over twenty-five years in downtown Bay City. He started Mortgage America almost fifteen years ago in a small room in his home, and has now grown that operation to two buildings with 180 employees. They have been a major source of support and a force for growth of a significant number of local efforts, including the Logan Gaza Fund, the Bay Arts Council, the Bay City Clock Tower Committee, the Try City Cyclist Club, the Downtown Management Board, the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, the Kent Huber Scholarship Fund, Created for Caring, the Bay County Women's Center, and many, many more.

The Bay City Fireworks Festival has been restored to its former greatness by the continuing support from Tom LaPorte, including over \$200,000 in cash in and in-kind gifts over the past three years, plus promotion of other fund raisers for the event.

People may wonder why an individual does so much. When he was asked about it one day, Tom LaPorte said "I want to give back to the City I love and the community that got me started." Mr. Speaker, that is an attitude that deserves to be applauded and emulated as often as possible. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Tom LaPorte for his community spirit, his kind generosity and his enlightened leadership.

ANDRE NICHOLSON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WINNER 1977-98 VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its La-

dies Auxiliary sponsor the Voice of Democracy audio-essay scholarship competition. The program is now in its 51st year and required high school student entrants to write and record a three to five minute essay on an announced patriotic theme. "My Voice in our Democracy" was this year's theme, and more than 100,000 students participated in the program nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to report to this body that Andre R. Nicholson, a senior at Ballou Senior High School has been named a National winner in the 1998 Voice of Democracy Program and recipient of the \$1,000 Department of Nevada and its Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Award. Andre is the son of Robin and Jane Nicholson and he plans a career in marketing. Andre participated in the program as a project of his government class. I am pleased to acknowledge his teacher, Paul Charles and his principal, Kenneth Jones, Ph.D.

Mr. Speaker, I submit for the reflections of the Members in this hallowed hall Andre Nicholson's award winning essay.

"MY VOICE IN OUR DEMOCRACY"

Good afternoon Honorable Judges and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

As a young man in high school, it is an honor and pleasure for me to participate in the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program. I hope that not only my voice in our Democracy will be heard but other voices young and old, as we enter the twenty-first century.

In Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address he stated "that this government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

The basic premise of democracy cries out that each individual's worth and dignity must be recognized and respected by all of society at all times; regardless of race, religion, or station in life.

Dr. King once said he had a dream, and that dream was that one day this nation would live out the true meaning of its creed, we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal.

The concepts of democracy go on to insist all men should be equal before the law and by way of opportunity; that the majority should rule restrained by minority rights. It also states that we must compromise to find a satisfactory solution and that the freedom of one individual should not infringe upon others.

This has been an experiment in government, and like all experiments it's been a trial and error process, good times and bad times, sunshine and rain.

However, if we the people of the United States are to form a more perfect union; we must be willing to grow along spiritual lines. On the back of one of our most prized possession (the dollar bill) is the statement "In God We Trust." If we would try more diligently to seek and do God's will, we as human beings would exhibit more God-like characteristics such as honesty, consideration, tolerance, forgiveness, faith, patience and concern for others.

By doing this I think the democratic process would run smoother and we would form a more perfect union.

Will my voice be heard in our Democracy? Yes, I believe that my voice, as well as other young adults will be heard. In order to have a unified democracy to improve our country, it is vital that the voices of the young and the old go together in order to make this a better world.

Too many individuals, such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James

Madison, put in countless hours of work in order for us to have a good constitution in a democratic society. We must continue and push hard. I know we can make it work.

CORRECTION OF OMISSIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO LANCE FELLER

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, after the class of House Pages from the Fall Semester of 1997 left Washington, the names of several Pages were omitted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I rise today to correct this unfortunate oversight.

Additionally, I would like to personally recognize Lance Feller of Del Norte County, California, in my Congressional District. Lance is an excellent student who recently exhibited his own leadership skills by winning election to the post of President of the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) Region 1 for the 1998/1999 school year. Region 1 includes 184 high schools and covers a land mass larger than several states.

Congressional Pages are an important part of the day-to-day operation of the United States House of Representatives. Many former pages now serves as Members of this House, while others have gone on to be leaders in business and other pursuits. Mr. Speaker, I expect that Lance Feller will put the skills and experiences learned in the Page program to good use, not just in the near future, but throughout his entire life.

I also would like to recognize some of the other Pages who served with Lance, but who were not recognized previously. They are: Brook Burns, Shayla Canty, Katie Crocker, Erin DiGiglia, William Haliburton, Anne Metz, Moremi Oladeinde, Aja Sims, Kimbrell Smith, Summer Smith, Colleen Deegan and Demarcus Ward. I am sure they will all take the lessons learned as Pages here in Washington, D.C. and apply them throughout their lives as they, too, strive to be leaders in their hometowns.

TRIBUTE TO FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor some wonderful foster grandparents in Lenawee County who recently received recognition for their fifteen years of service. It's my pleasure to offer my congratulations and best wishes to three foster grandparents in particular—Mickie Diebel, Theta Luscomb, and Marie Schwalm.

Since January 1983, Maxine (Mickie) Diebel has provided love and support for children with special needs. These youngsters, first at the Adrian Training School and currently at McKinley Elementary School, have flourished due in large part to Mickie's nurturing and guidance. Mickie has been a magnificent role

model and mentor to the young girls who have looked to her for help and support. Mickie, thank you for your dedication so much of your time and effort to improving the lives of kids.

Theta Luscumb has been a foster grandparent since 1983. She began at Michener Elementary School but since 1991, Theta has worked at the Onstead Middle School. She is a wonderful source of advice and support to the children who have the privilege to look to her as a role model. An accomplished horsewoman, Theta shares that skill with her kids. Theta, I salute you for your dedication to area children.

Marie Schwalm has been a foster grandparent since 1993. At the Blissfield Elementary School, Marie has demonstrated commitment, compassion, and wisdom in her dealings with young people. Even though she has some trauma in her personal life, nothing has obstructed her determination to serve as a voice of support for kids. Marie, thanks for your dedication.

Those who make an extra effort to help nurture kids and nudge them in the right direction undertake a public service that benefits us all. We owe these women and the many other foster grandparents in Lenawee County and across the nation a debt of thanks.

HONORING BRUCE IRA LEVENBERG

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Association of Jewish Professionals is conferring a well-deserved Leadership in Education award on Bruce Ira Levenberg. Bruce has been a close friend since our days in college together and over the years he has garnered much praise. He has been honored by the American Red Cross and the N.A.A.C.P. He works as a volunteer with AJP Scholarship, the Assisi Project, Holocaust Generations, and is affiliated with Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity. He has been an educator at all levels of schooling and an advocate for children for 28 years. He has earned the praise being given him for his many achievements in education and for helping children. I join his parents, Irving and Sylvia, his wife, Barbara, and their children, David and Jessica in congratulating him.

150 YEARS OF INSPIRATION

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the strength, stability, and inspiration provided by one's church is one of the most reassuring things in our lives. The congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Frankenlust Township have had the benefit of their church for the past 150 years, and will this Sunday observe their Sesquicentennial as part of their year-long celebration.

St. Paul Lutheran Church was founded by Rev. Ferdinand Sievers and fourteen Bavarian Lutheran immigrants on June 22, 1848 in the barn of Gerhard Dierker near what is now

Saginaw. St. Paul was the first Lutheran congregation in present day Bay County. A log cabin church was dedicated on the present church cemetery site on Squaconning Creek in Frankenlust Township on November 21, 1849, until a frame church was dedicated on October 4, 1857. The present church was dedicated on December 17, 1905, and has undergone a major renovation in 1977, and significant repairs to the roof, steeple, and entrance following a fire caused by lightning in 1984. The church edifice and cemetery were listed in the Michigan Register of Historic Sites on June 5, 1997.

St. Paul Church has also operated its elementary school since 1848, when Pastor Sievers served as the teacher of five students. The current school, the third in the Church's history, has 101 students ranging from pre-school through the eighth grade.

Since 1848, St. Paul has been served by eleven pastors who have helped to bring the teachings of the church to thousands of people over the past 150 years. Many families have had the privilege of looking back at the importance of St. Paul at moments of joy and others of sadness to themselves and their families. The current pastor, the Rev. Paul D. Theiss, provides spiritual guidance to a baptized membership of one thousand, carrying on a history of sanctuary and encouragement.

Mr. Speaker, we should never underestimate the power of prayer or the influence of one's church. The sesquicentennial of St. Paul Lutheran Church is a special event, and one we wish for so many other places of worship. I ask that you and all of our colleagues join me in wishing Rev. Theiss and the congregation of St. Paul the very best on this occasion, with our fond wishes for many more anniversaries to come.

HONORING CASEY SMITH AND NANCY STRIPPEL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to recognize two young students from Colorado who best exemplify the spirit of learning and of academics that we pride ourselves upon on the Western Slope. Their names are Casey Smith and Nancy Strippele and they are both Presidential Scholars from Grand Junction, Colorado. They are the only two from our State, and both attend the same high school, Grand Junction High School, which makes their achievements all the more remarkable. They visited our nation's capital this week in order to receive their Presidential Scholar medallions which were presented to them by the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Speaker, as you also know, the United States Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by Executive Order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our Nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1970, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the Nation's highest honors for high school students. The Scholars are

chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas—academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and the community. The Scholars represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people. In honoring the Presidential Scholars, the President of the United States symbolically honors all graduating high school seniors of high potential.

The Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 3,700 Presidential Scholars for over 30 years. All these distinguished young people have demonstrated leadership, scholarship, contribution to school and community, and accomplishments in the arts, sciences, or other fields. The work of the Commission on Presidential Scholars reaffirms, on behalf of the President, the Nation's commitment to education that enables people to lead lives of challenge, accomplishment, and fulfillment.

I would also like to commend the work and dedication of Lorena Thompson, their teacher who deserves a great deal of credit for the success of these two scholars. Her devotion to teaching and evident ability to inspire the youth of Colorado, is truly what education is all about. I thank her for her labor on behalf of her students. I also want to congratulate the faculty and staff of Grand Junction High School who also deserve our thanks for the work they do.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude by saying that I am very proud of the accomplishments of Nancy and Casey, and know that they will achieve even greater success in the next stages of their already remarkable lives.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK AND MARCHETA OWEN

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the House of Representatives about two very special people from my Congressional District, Jack and Marcheta Owen of Del Norte County, California. It is especially appropriate to single them out for recognition today, as they approach a milestone in their lives: Jack and Marcheta will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 11, 1998.

Fifty years can be a long time, but in their case it's just the blink of an eye. They are a busy couple. They have always taken an active interest in their home community of Gasquet and in the affairs of Del Norte County in general.

Del Norte County is a predominately rural region, hundreds of miles from the nearest major city. In communities like these, people rely more on their neighbors than elsewhere. The people of Gasquet and Del Norte County have come to see Jack and Marcheta Owen as people they can depend on to make a lasting and positive contribution. The North Coast of California is a much better place to live, work and raise a family because of Jack and Marcheta Owen. I know the many people whose lives they have touched join with me in wishing Jack and Marcheta well as they prepare to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Over the years, their advice to me personally has been invaluable and their friendship

has been unwavering. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am honored to wish them all the best on this very joyous occasion.

HONORING SEAN MANNION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in praise of a man who came to the United States from Ireland and has in every way made his adopted country a better place for his coming.

Sean Mannion is being honored by his colleagues in the Riverdale Post of the American Legion for his four years of service as Commander of the Post.

Sean came to us from County Mayo in 1958. He served his new country in the army as a combat engineer from 1960 to 1962 in Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Dix, New Jersey, seeing more of the United States than most citizens born here. He was on a ship heading towards Cuba during that missile crisis when the Soviet ships pulled back.

Sean's wife of almost 30 years, Marion, also comes from County Mayo. They have two children, Sean Jr. and Aundree. Sean and his family live in Riverdale where he has become part of the fabric of the community. At Saint Gabriel's Church he is a eucharistic minister and for ten years he has served on the Parish Council. He also gives his time to the Concourse House where he helps the homeless and the destitute.

Next year Sean will serve as County Commander of the American Legion in the Bronx. If the United States were to place ads for immigrants, Sean is the kind of person we would want to apply. He brings a sense of service, of giving, and of helping others.

I am proud to stand for him today for he epitomizes what America is and how its immigrants have made this country great.

SALUTING SIENA HEIGHTS COLLEGE

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan.

On July 1, 1998, Siena Heights College will officially change its name to Siena Heights University. Siena Heights was founded in 1919 by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, and for nearly 80 years, has served the needs of southeast Michigan.

Currently Siena Heights has seven degree completion centers that stretch across southeast Michigan. It is a student-centered education facility that serves a wide range of students, from traditional students to adults seeking to complete their degrees. Siena Heights is also a mission-driven University that is always ready to respond to the changing needs

of society. I know the faculty and student body share my belief that learning is a life-long experience.

On the first day of July, when the name change is official, I am certain that Siena Heights will continue to fulfill its great commitment to educational excellence.

I join our community in saluting this wonderful institution for its dedication to higher education and congratulate the university on its name change.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD F. TEERLINK

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard F. Teerlink, Chairman of Milwaukee-based motorcycle manufacturer Harley-Davidson, Incorporated, who will be honored Wednesday, July 8, 1998, by the State of Israel Bonds organization at a National Corporate Tribute Dinner in Milwaukee. Rich will be presented with the prestigious Israel 50th Anniversary Award by the government of the State of Israel in recognition of his past and ongoing support of Israel's economic development, involvement in humanitarian causes and distinguished service to business and industry.

Rich Teerlink has served in a variety of positions since joining Harley-Davidson in 1981 as the firm's Chief Financial Officer. He skillfully guided the company's return to public ownership and its revitalization while in various leadership positions, as President, then Chief Executive Officer and later in his current role as Chairman of the Board. He also serves on the Board of Directors of several other successful Milwaukee-area businesses and organizations. Mr. Teerlink's efforts in our community are quite diverse, as reflected by the committee which organized the July 8th tribute dinner. It consists of elected officials—from both political parties—on the local, state and national level; corporate, business and financial types; leaders in the Jewish community, and education.

I came to know Rich Teerlink several years ago when I discovered that the police officers assigned to protect Capitol Hill were riding non-American made motorcycles. Knowing that Milwaukee-based Harley-Davidson is the largest provider of police motorcycles in the world, I found it disturbing that their cycles were not part of the standard uniform for the Capitol Hill police force. With help from other pro-American business Members of this body, I am proud to say that the Capitol police force today includes Harley-Davidson.

Again, I'm pleased to join in this well-deserved tribute to Richard Teerlink. Milwaukee thanks you for all your efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, on June 16 on Rollcall No. 233, I was in the chamber and

voted, but my vote for some reason was not recorded. I would have voted "yea" on House Resolution 401, expressing the sense of the House concerning promotions in American schools.

HONORING BRONX SHEPHERDS RESTORATION CORPORATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a little more than a decade ago the Bronx Shepherds Restoration Corporation was organized by ministers and lay people to help save a borough that, while growing again, was in serious need of help. They decided that their goal would be to stimulate the physical, economic and social rehabilitation of their neighborhoods, while simultaneously providing spiritual sustenance and leadership.

The Bronx Shepherds, who come from throughout the Bronx, chose an area to help that had many public housing projects and a growing number of families on public assistance. They have worked in many areas to help these people, from weatherization and job training to renovating vacant buildings and sponsoring and marketing homes for low- to middle-income families. They also worked to complete a 267-unit condominium project in cooperation with the New York City Housing Partnership.

A large part of the effort by the Bronx Shepherds has gone to training young people for jobs and helping them complete their education. More than 300 young people got their high school equivalency diplomas and the Bronx Shepherds trained another 300 in housing maintenance and repair. They also have programs to move children under 6 who have tested positive for lead in their blood to safe homes and have initiated another program for the frail/elderly.

The Bronx Shepherds are a model of what a group can do to help the community and the people in it. I am honored to stand here today to praise their many good works and their persistence in accomplishing them.

EASTER IS OUTRAGEOUS

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to my colleagues' attention a sermon delivered on Easter Day (April 12, 1998) by the Very Reverend Pierce Klemmt, Rector of Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia. I feel the sermon contains many concepts that we, as elected leaders, should keep in mind as we carry out the people's business on the House Floor.

EASTER IS OUTRAGEOUS

I have preached Easter morning for a quarter of a century. Year after year I would unravel the Easter miracle ... make it sound reasonable ... plausible ... accessible ... especially for the hard to budge agnostics and intellectuals whose families can only get

them all dressed up and into church this one Sunday of the year. One way or another, I would argue the *reasonableness* of the resurrection. Appealing to the laws of natural theology, I can hear myself saying: "All you have to do, folks, especially evident in this glorious season of spring, for God's sake just look around you... See how living things spring forth from the remains of winter's death... see how new things constantly, cyclically rise from the dead and buried." From the tombs of winter to the resurrection of spring! A green-thumb parishioner actually recommended one year for me to submit my Easter sermon to *Home and Garden* for possible publication! This suggestion has irritated me ever since. It sent me to reflecting on how unreasonable Easter really is.

When you get right down and chew on it... think *hard* on the resurrection... open yourself to its persistent mystery... its pretty outrageous stuff. Say all you want about the new and living rising from the old and dead; Easter defies reason.

Madeleine L'Engle calls Easter "the most brilliant of all blessings." Easter, she says, "outrages" life on our terms. "It turns upside down our matter of fact, hi-tech, everything explainable world. It offends our sense of intellectual justice. It takes reason to the woodshed."

Thought of more as a relationship than something to prove, Easter truth, at its core, is a kind of *betrothing*. Easter is a betrothing. Easter gospel isn't working from only a corner's ensemble of facts... the kind of cold facts Pilate wanted from Jesus when he interrogated: "What is truth? Give me the facts and I'll get you off the hook! What is your truth!"

Easter is the truth Pilate couldn't hear and we can't hear still. Pilate couldn't hear it because he was loyal to a power that was threatened by the truth standing in front of him. After all Jesus was the groom of God's betrothing... and unconditional love disturbs people with quid pro quo loyalties.

Easter truth is God's way of beckoning us to surrender old loyalties and begin anew... unconditionally.

Easter as betrothal begins by becoming supremely loyal... devoted to a Sunday community of people. And may I add for those of you who haven't been here since Christmas, a *Sunday after Sunday community people*. And then in time it is becoming loyal to God's family of people beyond our own scope of interest and need for admiration. It has to do with loyalty, fidelity, and communion with people who work more from love... from possibility and hope rather than fact, appraisal... caution. A bean encounter Easter does not make it. Easter pushes the stakes into the sand far beyond anyone's expected reach.

The resurrection outrageously challenges the habits of our hardened hearts, our limited horizons, our shortness of breath. Remember John Updike's series of *Rabbit* books? Near the end of *Rabbit at Rest* his hero, in an 11th hour effort, leaps furiously around a basketball court. His heart bursts and Updike writes, "The heart—it is tired and stiff and full of crud"... Of course, Updike's story was a parody of the typical American heart: Tired and stiff and full of crud. Easter is for opening the coronaries of our gasping and stuck hearts, delivering oxygen, to make us supremely loyal to God's people through Jesus Christ and therefore to each other, the whole human family. It is being open to God's truth; truth that human loyalties often ridicule.

If Easter is outrageous, then believing in Easter should make us outrageous people. Right? People whose hearts are tired and stiff and full of crud are people like the Apostle Peter in the Bible before Good Fri-

day. Like Peter, we follow the Lord halfway to Calvary's cross, but forget about the other half. As for most of us, are we not like the crowd gathered on Good Friday, not there to cheer the crucifixion, but also not there to protest it? And so failing to realize that compassion without confrontation is hopelessly sentimental, the people went home beating their breasts, just as we do today, preferring guilt to be responsibility.

I believe Easter faith makes religiously outrageous people... often, unreasonable people. Not obstinate, just firm. We frequently talk about saints as the strong, quiet types. But Easter people I know are saints in another key. God brings them out when faced with "R" rated situations. Those saints are not the strong and silent, they are the foolish and brash... loud and long... loud and long alike... like... like well... Bella. (Remember Bella? Congresswoman from New York?) Say what you want about her politics and hats... it was truth that she was most open-minded about... truth about politicians, labor laws, racism, war... the truth about... church going people. I think if Bella had been around town during the Holy Week in Jerusalem with Jesus and his half-hearted disciples, she would have been kicking and screaming at the authorities all the way from Gethsemane to the foot of the cross. She would have been carrying posters of protest all the way up and down the Via Delosa!

There was a cartoon in the paper eulogizing Bella last week. Did you see it? A disagreeable looking Saint Peter is pictured holding the Big Book at the entrance to heaven. A rotund woman dragging two suitcases and sporting a floppy hat has just kicked down the pearly gates and is shown marching well on her way into heaven. St. Peter murmurs, "Come in, Ms. Abzug!"

Bella was an Easter person. Or take the Bishop Daniel Deng Bul, our partner in genocidal-ridden Sudan. Out of a God-given love for his drowning people, he stares down the governmental oppressors and says: "You have bulldozed down our churches and schools and clinics in Khartoum, but here, in my diocese, in this refugee camp, with my people, (he draws a line in the sand) your destruction stops here."

For Christmas, Easter betroths compassion with confrontation... marries compassion to confrontation. They become one flesh. Without confrontation, compassion is pathetically sentimental.

Easter is a betrothing. As such it is two sided. It represents a demand as well as a promise... a demand that we not simply sympathize with our tears the crucified Christ, but that we pledge our loyalty to the one risen beyond our deadlines. And, as Pam stated a few weeks ago, that means an end to all loyalties for people and institutions that crucify. For example, while we are enjoying our current economic bonanza and therefore asking less and less questions of justice and tolerating more and more bad behavior, and more and more spurious journalism about facts and rumors that don't count, how can we think the Risen Lord would applaud our economic system? A system that clearly reverses the priorities of his mother's Magnificat-filing the rich with good things while sending the poor empty away.

Loyalty to the Risen Lord stirs... nettles... compassion with confrontation. It is being outrageously loyal to God's people, not just to those whom we like and find agreeable.

Easter is being outspoken when people are separated from what God promises to all.

Easter is preferring responsibility to guilt... And this, my friends, is what makes Easter unreasonable, irrelevant to our lives, certainly not easy. Easter is not for just life

after death. Easter, at its heart, is a bold conversion... every day you roll out of bed, you got to decide for it, saying, "I will not separate my compassion from the hard work of confrontation." At Christmas, God did the unthinkable. God came down and became human... dwelt among us full of grace and truth. But this is only going halfway... At Easter God did the outrageous... we are risen with Christ... we become like him in our deaths.

HONORING AMANDA RACHOR AND THE SPINOZA BUDDY BEAR PROJECT

HON. BILL REDMOND

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. REDMOND. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues may have heard tragic stories like the one I will now share * * * a little girl loses both her mother and her father before her ninth birthday, leaving her virtually alone. She is sent to live with relatives and must grow up without either of her parents.

Tragedies like this occur everyday in America, leaving thousands of children each year feeling scared and alone.

Eight-year-old Amanda Rachor of New Mexico has a story just like this. Amanda's mother died when she was 4, and her father died just last summer, leaving Amanda alone. She went to live with an aunt and uncle in a nearby town, but found it difficult to cope with her loss.

However, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in Amanda's community presented her with Spinoza, a soft brown teddy bear programmed with words of encouragement and uplifting songs. Thanks to this bear, Amanda has learned to cope with her parents' death and is responding well to counseling. Spinoza has helped Amanda overcome her personal tragedy.

All of us know children like Amanda who could use Spinoza's encouragement, children who have lost loved ones or are themselves suffering from a terminal illness. This bear can reach out to each of them, as it has to Amanda, easing the fear and filling the loneliness with a friend.

In closing, I am pleased to commend the members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 in Logan, NM, for using the "Spinoza Buddy Bear Project" to make a real difference in Amanda's life and in the lives of countless other children. In addition, I encourage my colleagues today to thoughtfully consider this project for their own communities.

END WEAPONS SALES TO IRAN

HON. SCOTTY BAESLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. BAESLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my disappointment in the Administration for its recent decision to veto the Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act, H.R. 2709.

Russia has been a key source for selling weapons technology to Iran. Intelligence reports have confirmed that Iran already has a

self-sufficient chemical weapons program. Their acquisition of missile technology would pose an increased threat to U.S. interests throughout the Middle East and the world. Developing weapons of mass destruction would allow Iran to produce missiles—nuclear, chemical or biological—with the capability to reach Israel, much of Europe, and, ironically, Russia.

Although a diplomatic solution to this situation has been sought and existing law requires the Administration to sanction Russian companies that are involved in technology transfers, further legislative action is needed. Such action will clearly demonstrate that this behavior is not acceptable to the United States. H.R. 2709 was introduced to end Russia's missile cooperation with Iran. It specifically targets companies known to be providing Iran with missile technology and sends a strong message to these companies that their activities threaten international security.

The Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act passed by an overwhelming margin in both the House and the Senate. The vote in the House was 392 to 22, clearly enough to override the President's veto. I urge my colleagues to follow the majority of the House and vote to override the President's veto. It's time to end the transfer of weapons technology to Iran.

HONORING ELDER C. NATHAN
EDWERS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the strength of a community is oftentimes measured best by the caliber of those religious leaders who not only mediate the prayers of their flocks, but also are a part of the day-to-day life of their communities.

I rise in praise of one of those leaders, Elder C. Nathan Edwers, pastor of the Mount Vernon Friendship Unified Free Will Baptist Church. Elder Edwers is celebrating his ninth anniversary at the Friendship Church, where he was named pastor in 1989, coming from the Calvary U.F.W. Church in Brooklyn. He follows in the footsteps of his father, Bishop Collie Edwers, who has served his calling for 40 years.

Elder Edwers serves his community in many capacities; as police chaplain, as a District Leader of the Democratic City Committee, as a member of the Mount Vernon Planning Board and in the Kiwanis Club. He is the General Treasurer of the Unified Free Will Baptist Churches Denomination, President of the General Sunday School Convention and Administrative Assistant of the Mid-Atlantic Annual Conference. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Nyack College and his Masters Degree from the Alliance Theology Seminary.

Elder Edwers is married and he and his wife Denise have two children, Sherri Denise, 9, and Eric Nathan, 8.

Elder Edwers is leading his congregation in a \$1.3 million drive to build a new church for his congregation.

I join the community in saluting him for the leadership he has given his congregation.

HONORING ELENA SHAYNE UPON
HER RETIREMENT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a special occasion for the people of Santa Clara County. On July 8th, Elena Shayne, the Washington Legislative Advocate of Santa Clara County, is retiring after 19 years of public service.

To many of us in this chamber, Elena is a familiar face, tirelessly promoting good and fair government. She has been a champion of Santa Clara County's abused children and an advocate for the "safety net" for those who are needy.

Elena began it all at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, where she completed her education as she would her career, with honors and distinction.

She demonstrated her dedication to the principles of democracy early. Almost 24 years ago, as the Executive Director for a not-for-profit organization, Elena rallied groups nationwide to bring basic civic rights to the overlooked residents of the District of Columbia. In 1978, Congress passed the fruits of her labor, a constitutional amendment which would have given District residents full voting representation in Congress.

From there, Elena brought her warm demeanor and sensible style to bear for Santa Clara County. I first met her in January of 1981, when I began my service as a member of the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors. We had a lot of work ahead of us. Santa Clara was beginning its march to become the information technology capital of the world it is today.

With a rare insight into the workings of Washington, Elena pressed relentlessly to help Santa Clara County's people and economy flourish. As its population boomed, she helped secure a number of critical public transit projects, including the twenty-mile light rail system on the Guadalupe Corridor.

For all her talents, it was her compassion that will leave the deepest imprint. I remember working closely with Elena to alleviate the plight of Southeast Asian refugees who came to California seeking political asylum. Through her efforts, a coalition of private and public agencies established job training and resettlement programs for thousands of immigrants and refugees.

When Elena Shayne leaves her office on July 8th, she will be closing the door on an era of warm, effective advocacy for the people of Santa Clara County, but I am sure that she will continue to advocate for those in need as an active citizen.

Thank you, Elena. We will miss you and wish you the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ILA METTEE-
McCUTCHON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pay tribute to Colonel Ila Mettee-McCutchon, the Commander of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and Presidio of Monterey, and Commandant of DLIFLC, on the occasion of her retirement from the U.S. Army. Colonel Mettee-McCutchon has been an inspiration to all during her 26-year career in the armed forces, and her positions of successive command only further confirm her valued leadership within the Army and of the respect shown to her by the men and women serving under her command.

Colonel Mettee-McCutchon is herself an esteemed graduate of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. She first earned both B.A. and an M.S. in clinical psychology from Auburn University which prepared her well for her exceptional career in military intelligence. Later, she completed the WAC (Women's Army Corps) Officer Basic Course and the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, and then graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College, true marks of distinction in the career of any military officer.

For the first three years following Colonel Mettee-McCutchon's commissioning in 1971, she served as a psychologist at the Presidio of San Francisco responsible for drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation. After displaying compassion and savvy in that assignment, she was transferred in 1974 to the Military Intelligence Branch and appointed a Regular Army Officer of Military Intelligence, which was the beginning of her extraordinary career in the field of military intelligence. Colonel Mettee-McCutchon was initially a strategic analyst at Fort Bragg; before moving up to the following posts: Commander, Headquarters and Operations Company, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Bragg; Chief, Joint Intelligence Center, U.S. Southern Command Panama; Commander, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Meade; and Staffer in the Intelligence Division, International Military Staff of NATO, at NATO Headquarters, Brussels. Because of her superb record of accomplishment in these critical intelligence posts, she was chosen to be Commander of the Garrison at the Presidio of Monterey in October, 1994.

Colonel Mettee-McCutchon has earned numerous awards during her career including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. She is married to John R. McCutchon, Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry (Retired), and has one child, Erin T. Mettee-McCutchon. I am sure everyone who knows Colonel Mettee-McCutchon joins me in recognizing her career of exemplary service to her country, and expressing heartfelt wishes for a happy retirement.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 1998, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 7

10:00 a.m.
Judiciary
Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the future of convergence and consolidation in the entertainment and information industries.

SD-226

JULY 8

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 1905, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, S. 391, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appro-

riated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, and S. 1419, to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian Reserve to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park.

SR-485

JULY 9

9:30 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
To resume hearings to examine the adequacy of procedures and systems used by the Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration to oversee the safety of food imported into the United States, focusing on the outbreak of Cyclospora associated with fresh raspberries imported into the U.S. from Central America.

SD-342

JULY 14

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 1515, to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, S. 2111, to establish the conditions under which the Bonneville Power Administration and certain Federal agencies may enter into a memorandum of agreement concerning management of the Columbia/Snake River Basin, and S. 2117, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system.

SD-366

JULY 15

9:00 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to review a recent concept release by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on over-the-counter derivatives, and on related proposals by the Treasury Department, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SR-332

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 2097, to encourage and facilitate the resolution of conflicts involving Indian tribes.

SR-485

JULY 21

10:00 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice's implementation of the Violence Against Women Act.

SD-226

JULY 22

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Resources Committee on S. 1770, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service to Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and to provide for the organizational independence of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services, and H.R. 3782, to compensate certain Indian tribes for known errors in their tribal trust fund accounts, and to establish a process for settling other disputes regarding tribal trust fund accounts.

SR-485

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.

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