

Mayor Buzinec, and Councilman Lindsey. Through their hard work, dedication, and determination, Emily Silich's goal was realized. Citizens like Tom Silich, Robin Toneff, Carl Lindsey, and Linda Buzinec are examples of the true American ideal: Citizens improving themselves, their neighborhoods, and their communities. I am proud to serve such dedicated residents of Indiana's First Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING MICELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ON WINNING A PRESTIGIOUS R&D 100 AWARD

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Micell Technologies, Inc., a high-tech company from my home state of North Carolina that deserves much praise, not only for landing a spot on R&D Magazine's list of 100 most significant innovations of 1998, but also for discovering a new technology that will benefit people's lives and have a positive impact on the environment.

Located in Raleigh and founded only three years ago by Joseph DeSimone and fellow scientists Timothy Romack and James McClain, Micell is being honored in conjunction with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) for advancements in the use of carbon dioxide for professional garment care, metal degreasing, and textile processing.

R&D Magazine has highlighted Micell's newest inventions, the Micell and Miclean solvent cleaning systems, which provide an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional dry cleaning and metal cleaning methods. These systems use a liquid form of carbon dioxide to clean clothing and remove unwanted oils while allowing the carbon dioxide to be recycled time and time again.

This discovery is significant because it will offer an alternative to the use of perchloroethylene, the most commonly used dry-cleaning solvent, which has been known to contaminate groundwater and is also suspected to be carcinogenic. It will protect both consumers and employees in the dry cleaning industry and also help protect our environment.

To help Micell Technologies and others like them, we should be strengthening federal support for basic science and environmental technology development and creating incentives to encourage businesses to adopt environmentally sound, energy efficient, and water conserving processes.

The R&D 100 has been called "The Oscars of Invention." It has honored innovations like anti-lock brakes and the fax and automated teller machines, inventions that have changed the way we live. Therefore, it is with great pride that I publicly congratulate Micell Technologies for their innovative, environmentally friendly technological discoveries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TAIWAN

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to send greetings and best wishes to the leaders in the Republic of China on Taiwan. Their national day is a day of celebration for all the Chinese living in Taiwan. Taiwan, a small island country, faces a formidable adversary—the Chinese mainland. Yet Taiwan is able to enjoy its economic success, political reforms as well as freedom and democracy.

Much of Taiwan's economic and political success is directly attributable to the leadership of President Lee Teng-hui. A statesman of vision, energy and courage, President Lee is determined to make Taiwan a model nation for all emerging countries. And most important of all, he hopes Taiwan will inspire the Chinese mainland to democratize and become a free country.

President Lee Teng-hui should be credited for restarting the bilateral talks between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland. It is his goal to see the principles of democracy and freedom flourish.

Happy Birthday to Taiwan!

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE VIC FAZIO

SPEECH OF

**HON. LOUIS STOKES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 1998*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend my colleague, HOWARD BERMAN, for permitting me this opportunity to express my gratitude to a departing member. I am here to join my colleagues as we salute a long time friend and colleague, VIC FAZIO. Over my thirty year career in the United States House of Representatives, I am privileged to say that for twenty of those years, I had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with VIC FAZIO. The years that VIC served on the Ethics Committee presented him as a man of honesty, intelligence, and integrity. He is a man whose diligent work ethic has earned him a long and productive career in the House. He has worked on various committees and served in several key positions.

As a freshman, VIC embraced a diligent work ethic that established him as a great legislator, VIC was elected to represent the Third District of California in 1978. Since that time, he has been elected to ten consequent terms in the House. He was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee in 1980 and served as the ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch until 1996. Although still a member of the subcommittee, VIC relinquished his ranking position in order to gain a seat on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food, and Drug Administration.

In 1990, he was the political arm of the Democrats in Congress when he was selected to the position of Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He then served as the Regional Representative on the

Steering and Policy Committee and sat on the new Steering Committee. VIC has co-chaired the House Bipartisan Task Force on Ethics and was the Majority Whip-at-Large. VIC's tenure also included work on the Budget Committee and also served on the Select Committee on Hunger.

Mr. Speaker, VIC FAZIO has held a well respected position in the House as a very effective legislator. Many of my colleagues recognize VIC as the man with the quick and easy smile, a man to turn to in order to get things accomplished and represented the concerns of his colleagues. VIC is a man whose astute nature provided all he encountered with wisdom and guidance. Indicative of his well respected character, VIC was re-elected by an overwhelming majority of our colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus during his tenth term in 1996.

On a personal note, I would like to wish VIC and his lovely wife, Judy, well as VIC embarks on a new path when he leaves the House of Representatives this year. No other has served with such integrity, intelligence, and diligence. The House of Representatives will not only lose a distinguished and hard-working legislator as VIC FAZIO makes his final exit at the end of this year, but it will lose some of its luster when the man with quick smile and easy grace transcends to a different role outside the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL AGENCY MAIL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced legislation that will express the sense of the Congress that Federal Agencies should develop a plan to coordinate their mailing expenses, the content of their taxpayer financed mailings, and the currentness of the lists to which they are mailing.

I find it shocking that with annual expenditures of nearly \$1 billion, the Executive Branch of government does not have a coordinated mailing plan. The total spending of taxpayer dollars is not monitored by any agency, other than the Postal Service, and the content of their mailings is determined by each Federal Agency, with no uniform rules on partisanship or political content. Additionally, I am concerned that the mailing lists are not current, as I have seen firsthand, and that the Federal Government is wasting money by mailing to outdated lists.

Congress is subject to strict rules about the content of their mailings, the timing of their mailings, and annual budgets. I believe that the Administration, in consultation with Congress, must take a comprehensive look at their mailing practices and determine some uniform standards by which to operate.

I urge my colleagues to support the Federal Agency Mail Accountability Act.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to celebrate the activities of Hispanic Heritage Month. Governor O'Bannon has designated September 15 through October 15, 1998, Indiana's Hispanic Heritage Month. This proclamation is in recognition of the efforts Indiana's Hispanic-American population has consistently displayed to improve the State of Indiana, as well as Indiana's First Congressional District.

In Northwest Indiana, you will find a vibrant, active, and proud Hispanic community. Thriving organizations such as the Latin American Community Alliance for Support and Assistance (LACASA) of NWI, Inc., Northwest Indiana Hispanic Coordinating Council, Hispanic Women's Forum of NWI, Union Benefica Mexicana, Puerto Rican Parade and Cultural Organization, Sociedad Mutualista Mexico, Raza de Bronze, Northwest Indiana Latino Historical Society, the Hispanic Catholic Center, National Association of Hispanic Nurses-Indiana Chapter, National Council of LaRaza affiliate, U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute affiliates, National Council of Puerto Rican Women (NaCoPRW), League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Indiana University Northwest's ALMA Latino student organization, Purdue University Calumet's Los Latinos student organization, Calumet College of St. Joseph's Los Amigos Latino student organization, Ivy Tech State College's Latino student organization, Valparaiso University's LIVE Latino student organization, to name a few, provide an effective avenue for promoting Hispanic interests and their shared cultural heritage.

Active in every aspect of community life from labor organizer, police chief, and Federal district court judge to educators, Labor President, and clergy, the citizens of Northwest Indiana have a multitude of Hispanic-American role models to emulate. Indeed, as an increasingly important segment of the Northwest Indiana community, Hispanic-Americans are making many valuable contributions to our state and region. These valuable contributions have come not only culturally, but also in the areas of law, religion, agriculture, education, architecture, and technology. Without the contributions of Hispanic-Americans, the rich, diverse, ethnically flavored culture of Northwest Indiana would be incomplete.

Mr. Speaker, Hispanic-Americans strive to earn and enjoy the promise and benefits that America, at its best, extends to all. I am proud to serve as the Representative in Congress for Northwest Indiana, with its diverse multicultural heritage, and I encourage my distinguished colleagues, and all citizens, to participate and enjoy events commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 4283, THE  
AFRICA: SEEDS OF HOPE BILL**HON. LEE H. HAMILTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of our colleagues a letter from the Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman in support of H.R. 4283, the Africa: Seeds of Hope bill.

Doug Bereuter and I introduced the bill on April 1, 1998. The bill currently has 103 cosponsors. The purpose of the bill is two-fold. First, it supports sustainable agriculture development and food security in Sub-Saharan Africa. And, second, the bill enhances our ability to respond to humanitarian crises by replacing the Food Security Commodity Reserve with the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust. It also helps American farmers by giving the Department of Agriculture the ability to buy commodities for the Trust when prices are low.

Secretary Glickman notes in his letter that the bill would have a very positive impact on our ability to manage the Food Security Commodity Reserve.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

*Washington, DC, September 22, 1998.*

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON,  
*Ranking Democratic Member, Committee on International Relations, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR LEE: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) concerning H.R. 4283, a bill "To support sustainable and broad-based agricultural and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes" (Seeds of Hope Act). The bill is designed to focus on development activities that will provide assistance to the poor, especially women and children, throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

H.R. 4283 would enhance the Administration's "Partnership for Economic Growth and Opportunity in Africa," as well as Congress' proposed legislation, "The African Growth and Opportunity Act." The Seeds of Hope Act will help build a stronger and longer-term partnership between the United States and the countries of sub-Saharan Africa.

There are two proposals contained in H.R. 4283 that would have substantial positive impact on managing the Food Security Commodity Reserve (FSCR), which this bill would rename the "Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust." The first major change authorizes holding reserves in the form of cash, as well as commodities. The holding of reserves in the form of cash or commodities permits flexibility in managing the trust and could result in reduced storage and handling costs for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). The second major proposal included in this legislation provides for more flexibility in replenishing the trust. Current authority provides for replenishing the FSCR through the purchase of commodities using funds appropriated in advance for this purpose or with existing, uncommitted CCC stocks. This legislation proposes allowing CCC to replenish the trust using funds appropriated for use in carrying out Pub. L. 83-480 activities that related to repaying CCC for the prior release of commodities from the trust.

H.R. 4283 could increase direct spending; therefore, it is subject to the pay-as-you-go requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. The Office of Management and Budget's preliminary scoring estimates of this bill are zero.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the presentation of this report.

USDA supports the passage of H.R. 4283. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you the Department's views. I am sending a similar letter to Representative Doug Bereuter.

Sincerely,

DAN GLICKMAN,  
*Secretary.*

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERT RUBEN

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Robert Ruben on the occasion of his retirement as Chair of the Montefiore Medical Center Department of Otolaryngology. Tonight, Montefiore Medical Center is holding a gala salute in honor of Dr. Ruben's distinguished career. The gala will benefit hearing restoration research.

Dr. Ruben has had a long and impressive career in medicine. He received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Princeton University and his M.D. from the John Hopkins School of Medicine.

Although he is retiring from the post of Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology, Dr. Ruben will continue his dedicated work on behalf of people with hearing disorders at Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

When making his decision to retire from the position of department chair, Dr. Ruben took into consideration the time he will now have to continue his work on the protection, repair and regeneration of dead and damaged hearing cells. In his own words: "The more effort, resources and time that we devote to understanding hearing disorders, the sooner we will enable communicatively deprived people to reach their full potential."

Over the course of Dr. Ruben's career he has received numerous honors and distinctions that date back to his teenage years. As a high school student, Robert Ruben received an honorable mention in the Westinghouse Talent Search. He is the recipient of the American Academy of Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology Research Award, the Schreiber Gold Medal of the National Association of the Deaf, an Honorary Professor and Advisor to the Peking Institute of Otolaryngology of the People's Republic of China, and recipient of the Presidential Citation, AAO/HNS, among others.

His work on behalf of children and the disabled is extensive. He has served on the Head Start Medical Advisory committee, the National Task Force on Mentally Retarded Deaf, the National Institute of Health Advisory Council, the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Deafness & Other Communication Disorders, and as the director of the American Board of Otolaryngology, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored to bring to your attention the important work Dr. Robert Ruben has done for communicatively deprived people and the field of Otolaryngology. Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine are privileged to have such an outstanding man on their staff.