source of income of its customers, (3) determine the "normal and expected" transactions of each customer, (4) monitor each customer's account activity to insure it is compatible with historical patterns, and (5) report any "suspicious" transactions.

Thus, a financial institution, in which you have placed both your finances and trust, feels that you have withdrawn or deposited an amount that could be interpreted as suspicious or outside the "normal and expected" transactions that you make, you could have your name flagged and reported to law enforcement authorities. All of us at one time or another have had to deposit or withdraw money that falls outside our "normal" transactional history. Whether putting a downpayment on a house, a car or even a wedding ring, it is not the FDIC, the FBI or our local bank's business on when and why we would want to make such a transaction or even from where we receive our income.

One would think that if the federal government were to order financial institutions to comb over their customer's finances, they would at least take part of the burden off the financial institution. However, this regulation instead puts an onerous mandate on member banks and thrifts. These institutions must compile all the paperwork, put in all the man hours, and ultimately take all the heat for spying on their customers.

I am all in favor of preventing money laundering; however, this regulation violates the basic privacy rights of American citizens. There are surely other ways to catch the drug dealers and other illegal money launderers that do not infringe on the personal liberties of so many innocent and law-biding citizens.

Luckily the federal government's attack on personal freedom has not gone unnoticed. Already the FDIC has received more than 15,000 comments on these new regulations. All but 12 of these comments are negative.

I am hopeful that by filing this bill today will further discourage the FDIC and other federal agencies from following through with this ill-conceived and shoddily designed rule.

CELEBRATING THE 86TH BIRTHDAY OF ROSA PARKS
HON. BARBARA LEE
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 8, 1999

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 86th birthday of Rosa Parks, a pivotal force in the struggle for civil rights in America. Ms. Parks touched millions of lives when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus. Her courageous action served as a catalyst for the legendary bus boycott in Alabama and was one of the critical turning points in the Africa-American civil rights movement. With the support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights activists, Rosa Parks' action and the subsequent boycott demonstrated the power of individuals and communities to tear down injustice and bring about social change. Her spark ignited a fire that helped to eradicate legal segregation in the South, raise the consciousness of people around the country, and challenge our democracy to guarantee and secure liberty and justice for all.

Rosa Parks' 86th birthday and her legacy are especially important today as we celebrate the fourth day of Black History Month, a history which Rosa Parks helped to create. Because of her labor of love and her continued work in the civil rights movement, our children have opportunities which, for many of our parent's, were merely dreams and fantasies.

On this day, the 86th anniversary of her birth, I am pleased to join Congresswoman Julia Carson and others in a bipartisan effort to honor Rosa Parks by introducing legislation to present her with a long-overdue Congressional Gold Medal. I hope that Members of Congress and people across our nation will join me in supporting this legislation.

The American people and I wish you a joyous 86th birthday, and we thank you, Rosa Parks, for your life's work and for your invaluable legacy.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW E. AUSONIO
HON. SAM FARR
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the passing of Andrew E. Ausonio, who died October 17, 1998, a dedicated community leader, innovative businessman, a leader in his community and a humanitarian both at home and abroad.

Andy was a native of the Salinas Valley, graduating from Salinas High School, and attending Hartnell Junior College. His service in the armed services included a tour in Vietnam.

On return Andy applied his attention to developing his business and personal resources. His business capacities took him from Control Operator at the Moss Landing PG&E Electric Generation Plant; to become a founder of numerous property-related firms including Ausonio Construction Company, Inc.; to a position as Director and then Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Salinas; and Director of Artichoke Industries.

Andy committed considerable energy to improve this community as a member of the Elks Lodge; President of the Monterey County Chamber of Commerce; President of the Sunset Dental Society; President of the Monterey County Native Sons of the Golden West; President of the Castroville Rotary; Festival Chairman for the Castroville Artichoke Festival; President of the Notre Dame High School Board; Commissioner for the Castroville Fire District; President of the Salinas Valley Builders Exchange; Chapter President of the Advisory Committee for California Assemblyman Peter Frusetta.

Andy had a musical side and was a member of the Watsonville community, brass and German bands. He was the major fundraiser in getting the North Monterey County High School band to perform at former President Bill Clinton's Inaugural Celebration in Washington, D.C.

As a Rotarian, Andy organized a trip to the village of San Antonio Such, Guatemala, to work on a sewage water treatment system that was a threat to the health of the population due to untreated sewage in the local air and water conditions. He knew the Rotary could best help the local people, and subsequently organized a literacy project. The project used Spanish books from California schools that were distributed in Guatemala.

During his tenure, Andy also made improvements to the infrastructures in other areas of South America and Italy.

Andy enriched his own community and communities around the world, with his ability to implement his practical skills through the medium of his larger vision of the world and its values. His work will be lasting, as will the lessons he taught every individual, whom he has inspired. Our deepest sympathies go to his family and those closest to Andy Ausonio.

PLUMBING STANDARDS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999
HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. KNOLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to introduce the Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 1999. This bill would begin to restore common sense to our government by repealing the ridiculous federal mandates on toilet size and showerhead flow, 1.6 gallons per flush and 2.5 gallons per minute, respectively. In 1992 Congress considered and eventually passed the Energy Policy Act (EPA). At that time, a unique coalition of environmental activist and plumbing manufacturers joined forces to expand the size of our already bloated government and push for a national policy on, of all things, plumbing products. With the help of the U.S. Department of Energy, this coalition claimed it was essential to ban certain types of toilets and showerheads. Instead of allowing individuals to make their own choices, this group claimed the federal government should choose the types of plumbing fixtures Americans can use in their private and public bathrooms.

Since passage of the 1992 EPA, the voices in opposition to this policy have become loud and clear. I first became aware of the problems our national plumbing laws have created when I began to receive complaints from a variety of frustrated individuals. These discontented consumers, plumbers, remodelers, landlords, home builders, and others were upset their new, expensive toilets were repeatedly clogging and consistently required multiple flushes. Obviously, these new products were not saving water and therefore proved counterproductive to the original intent of the legislation.

To date, I have received thousands of calls, letters, and faxes from individuals all across the country who support restoring common sense to our government and reducing the enormous burden placed on them by inefficient and needless government mandates. The message is clear, and often written on toilet paper: "Get the government out of my bathroom and out of my pocketbook, who support restoring common sense to our government and reducing the enormous burden placed on them by inefficient and needless government mandates."

While support for ending these mandates has steadily grown, the importance of this issue has grown even further. Currently, the Department of Energy is considering a ban on top-loading washing machines as well as certain types of water heaters, fluorescent lamps, central air conditioners, and other common household products used by American every day. In addition to providing relief for those suffering under plumbing fixture laws, we must pass this bill to
ensure the voice reason is heard before additional mandates are enacted.

The American marketplace works well, but only if consumers are allowed to buy the products they desire. If some consumers want tiny toilets or trickling showerheads, the economy will provide these products without the burden of federal decrees. In addition, if state and local governments wish to establish their own plumbing policies, they are free to do so. Unfortunately, our failed policy on plumbing fixtures has strangled the market, created innumerable headaches, and put us at risk of suffering under further one-size-fits-all mandates. Now is the time to heed the call of suffering Americans, pass the Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 1999 and restore wisdom to our federal government.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK BALAJADIA MANIBUSAN

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD
OF GUAM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam lost a distinguished veteran on Sunday, January 24, 1999. Frank Balajadia Manibusan, one of the first Chamorros ever to enlist in the United States Navy, passed away at the age of 81 in Union City, California after a long illness.

Born in Santa Cruz, Hagåtña on February 10, 1917, Frank’s military career gave him the chance to witness several significant events in our nation’s history. The eldest son child of Juan and Soledad Manibusan, Frank joined the Navy in 1939. This enlistment placed him at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese air attack on the Naval Base was launched on December 7, 1941, prompting the involvement of the United States in World War II. As a member of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz’s personal staff, he later witnessed the official end of the war as Japanese representatives signed an unconditional surrender aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in 1945. He retired with the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer (E8) in 1960.

The late Frank Balajadia Manibusan left a legacy of service held with pride by the island of Guam and its people. On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer my condolences and join his widow, Brigida, and their children, Darlene, Frances, Leilani, Frank and Jesse in mourning the loss and celebrating the life of a distinguished son of Guam.