

sourced to the low-taxed country as opposed to the country in which the oil and gas was extracted or ultimately consumed. The intent of these rules was not to target pipeline transportation income. In fact, when the rules were being considered and then put in place, pipeline companies were not engaged in international development activities. Rather, they were focused solely on domestic infrastructure investment.

Today pipeline companies are continuing to actively pursue all development opportunities domestically. These opportunities, however, are somewhat limited. The real growth for the U.S. pipeline companies is not occurring in the international arena. These opportunities stem from fairly recent activities by foreign countries to privatize their energy sectors. Increased U.S. involvement in energy infrastructure projects will have tremendous benefits back home. More U.S. employees will be needed to craft and close these transactions. To build plants and pipelines, and to operate the facilities. New investment overseas will also result in new demands for U.S. equipment. Before these benefits can be realized, however, U.S. companies must be able to defeat their foreign competitors and win the projects. Unfortunately, current U.S. tax laws significantly inhibit the ability of U.S. companies to win such projects.

It is time we change these laws if we are to ensure that U.S. companies remain competitive players in the international marketplace. A complete review and rewrite, however, will take a significant amount of time—time we can not afford to lose. In the interim, we believe there are incremental reforms to the international tax regime that we can and should take. One step in the right direction, and one that would have a minimal impact on the FISC, is to pass our legislation that would clarify the U.S. tax treatment of foreign pipeline transportation income.

I ask my colleagues to join us in this effort to bring the current law in line with good tax policy. Let's ensure we keep America competitive in the global economy.

TRIBUTE TO DION LUKE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great delight that I now wish to honor my friend Dion Luke who, after 25 years of service as a police officer in Glenwood Springs, CO, has announced his retirement. In doing so, I would like to pay tribute to the truly extraordinary career of this remarkable individual who, for so many years, has been a beloved member of the Glenwood community.

As an officer, Dion has had an uncanny knack for being right in the middle of the action. As evidence, for example, at different points in his career he would: catch a group of bank robbers, stolen bags of money in hand, as they attempted to flee Glenwood following an area heist; he would bungle one burglar's attempt at robbing a local bar after patiently waiting for the thief atop the bar's roof; and, at one point, even evaded an eight-bullet barrage fired by a man about to attempt suicide—a man he would ultimately save.

This, of course, only gives mention to a few of the many instances in which Dion served distinguishedly over his lengthy career.

For all of his bold exploits as a police officer, however, Dion is perhaps better known for his personable demeanor. His congenial disposition has made Dion, over the years, a local favorite.

Having had the privilege of serving with Dion in the Glenwood Springs Police Department, I can say with great certainty that very few members of the law enforcement community have ever been as admired as widely, nor esteemed as deeply, as Dion. In the time I worked with Dion I obtained a respect for him that lasts even until this day. It is clear that Dion represents what a police officer should strive to be.

Today, as Dion embarks on a new era in his life with his wife Dixie, I would like to offer my gratitude for his years of service and friendship. It is clear that Glenwood Springs has benefited greatly from Dion tirelessly endeavoring on its behalf.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Dion and wish him all the best as he begins his much deserved retirement.

HONORING THERESA J. SANDERS, ROBERT E. KEIN AND SHERI SORENSEN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a local hero from western Wisconsin. I want to honor Sheri Sorenson, Theresa J. Sanders and Robert E. Kein who took courageous action to aid another citizen.

For the past three years the Eau Claire Fire Fighters Local Union 487, in conjunction with the Eau Claire Fire Department, have recognized area residents who acted bravely in emergency situations. The recipients of the Citizen Community Involvement Awards are citizens who put the safety and well being of their neighbors ahead of other concerns in a time of need.

Theresa J. Sanders, Robert E. Kein and Sheri Sorenson are three of those extraordinary citizens. On June 16, 1998 an Eau Claire man doing some repair work outside of Sheri Sorenson's house on Midway street in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The man had an internal defibrillator installed earlier that year that can detect a lethal heart rhythm and in response shock the heart. At approximately 4:20 p.m. the man went into cardiac arrest. Sheri notified her neighbors Theresa Sanders and Robert Kein who rushed over to assist. They moved the man to a flat surface and began two person CPR. After several minutes of CPR they were able to retrieve a pulse, and when the ambulance arrived paramedics were able to continue with advanced life support procedures. He was then transported to the hospital. Theresa and Robert provided the care that was necessary for the man to survive.

On behalf of all the citizens of western Wisconsin I ask that the United States House of Representatives recognize Sheri Sorenson, Theresa J. Sanders and Robert E. Kein for their courage and thank them for being concerned and giving community citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR GOVERNMENT AND INTER- NATIONAL STUDIES

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the outstanding performance of the students of the Governor's School for Government and International Studies of Richmond, Virginia in the "We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" state finals held on February 9, 1999, at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

After successfully competing against other students from Virginia, these bright and talented students will compete against more than 1,200 students from across the country at the "We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" national finals, to be held on May 1-3, 1999 in Washington, D.C. These young students have worked extremely hard to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional democracy.

This intense educational program was developed to educate our young students about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These students work in teams and give oral presentations before a panel of adult judges who represent various regions of the country and a variety of professional fields.

The student presentations are followed by a question and answer period. Throughout the contest, the students will demonstrate their knowledge of constitutional principles and their relevance to contemporary constitutional issues.

The "We the People . . ." program has provided educational materials for 26.5 million elementary, middle, and high school students across the country. I value this program because it is an extensive educational program for students and teachers to discuss current constitutional issues.

The students from the Governor's School are currently preparing for the upcoming national competition. I commend the students and their teacher Philip Sorrentino on their accomplishments thus far and wish them the best of luck at the national finals.

EXPOSING RACISM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, racism is a cancer that is ravenously devouring its way through the threads of liberty, unity and equality that hold America together. Unfortunately, the damage being done to our nation has primarily gone unnoticed. Although a dragging death, the sadistic beating of a Marine, and an indefensible, racist comment made by a radio shock jock have left their indelible marks on the American conscience, these incidents have not been enough to facilitate the serious, introspective discussion about race our country so desperately needs.