

been declining about 1 percent a year since 1991. Any company coming into this industry has to recognize that their investment will take a while to realize returns.

In summary, the bill I am introducing today is necessary for a number of reasons. It is consistent with good mining and environmental practices and it is good public policy. I commend it to my colleagues for their support.

CONGRATULATING CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), a regional, comprehensive university in my hometown dedicated to learning in the liberal arts and sciences and the strengthening of our communities and economy.

To appreciate the importance of this University to the state of Connecticut and the city of New Britain, we need to understand its remarkable history of anticipating the educational needs of our society as they have developed and responding with forward thinking, high quality courses and new partnerships.

CCSU is Connecticut's oldest, publicly-supported institution of higher education. Founded in 1849 as the New Britain Normal School, a training facility for teachers, it moved to the site of its modern-day campus in 1922. Eleven years later it became the Teachers College of Connecticut and began offering 4 year Bachelor of Arts degrees.

In 1959, with the capacity to offer liberal arts degrees, it became the Central Connecticut State College and in 1983, the Central Connecticut State University. The University now not only offers a wide range of undergraduate but also graduate programs.

CCSU plays an important role in the state of Connecticut's education mission. It is the largest of four comprehensive Universities within the Connecticut State University System and enrolls 12,000 full-time and part-time students. Its 400 full-time faculty members, 350 lecturers and over 500 administrators and staff are dedicated to providing a quality educational experience to these students.

One can learn a great deal about a university from how it defines itself. CCSU's mission statement clearly articulates its goal of not only educating its students but of preparing them for making positive contributions in the challenging, fast paced world of work and the equally important world of civic responsibility.

"With learning at the heart of all our activities, our fundamental responsibility is to empower students to attain the highest standards of academic achievement, public service and personal development. Preparing students for enlightened and productive participation in a global society is our obligation."

Through CCSU's active participation in the State and the communities of New Britain and Central Connecticut, it not only provides a quality education to its students but provides them with an excellent example of community

involvement and volunteerism. The State of Connecticut affords a special designation to those programs which contribute to the betterment of the State as a whole and CCSU has earned the "Center for Excellence" designation in both international education and technology education.

CCSU has long been a generous partner with the people of New Britain as they look for ways to bring new businesses to the town and to promote a better quality of life for all of its residents. As manufacturing faced the challenges of competing globally, CCSU developed the state's first Masters degree in Industrial Technical Management to accelerate the modernization of manufacturing management to enhance quality and productivity. This not only better prepared students to help lead the rebirth of manufacturing, but made critical resources available to the multitude of small and medium sized manufacturers being challenged to meet new standards to succeed in serving globally competing companies. Following this development of its graduate courses, CCSU developed a Center for International Education and a Program in International Business as well as developed partnerships with educational institutions in 19 countries around the world. CCSU is the State's flagship university in international education.

In its own neighborhood of New Britain and Central Connecticut, the University works with many city and community programs to promote the economic development of New Britain, including the Mayor's Development Cabinet, the Metro Economic Development Authority; the New Britain Marketing Collaborative and the Greater New Britain Network Group and the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City.

The Center for Social Research (CSR) at CCSU is also involved in enhancing economic development by providing critical resources to our Neighborhood Revitalization Zones (NRZ) including the Broad Street NRZ, the Arch Street NRZ and the North and Oak Street NRZ. It conducted research to identify the unemployed and the underemployed in our city neighborhoods to enable the city to attract employers who could hire them. This approach promises to both strengthen the economic base of the community and improve people's lives without creating the urban and environmental problems that accompany commuters and their automobiles.

CCSU serves as a resource for the community at large by performing needs assessment and public opinion surveys, developing training workshops, and using its resources to help community organizations address specific needs. It is also conducting surveys for the Main Street New Britain Project to identify the combination of shops and restaurants that will bring more people to downtown Main Street.

In addition, it has partnered with the Klingberg Family Centers of New Britain, a day-school and residential facility for troubled children and families, to create a Community Outreach Center to better serve our families. CCSU's Tutor Corp, funded by Stanley Works, is a group of 40 students who work with 150 New Britain middle and high school students at risk for dropping out of school. The tutors also provide support to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program at Pathways Senderos.

I pay tribute to CCSU's remarkable history of leadership in education and creative development of partnerships strengthening our community and economy. As Central Con-

necticut State University nears its 150th anniversary on October 23, 1999, I salute this fine institution that has served as a stable and generous source of information, expertise, guidance and charity throughout its history as it prepares the state's youths for adulthood and partners with communities to solve problems. We congratulate CCSU on her long and successful history and thank her for her leadership into the new millennium.

HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, without check, hate can vein our society like subterranean mold, popping up now and then to spread vitriol over the land. On the occasion of the anniversary of Matthew Shephards' brutal killing, and in memory of those who have also lost their lives due to their race, national origin, disability or sexual orientation, I speak out today in support of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999. Additionally, I urge my colleagues to preserve its inclusion in the Conference Report for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2000.

The hate crimes legislation in both the House and the Senate have been widely supported. The inclusion of the House and Senate versions of this bill in the C/J/S Conference report is critical to its success. I urge my colleagues on the Conference Committee to include this measure in their final report. Its long past time. Over the last year we have heard from the families of individuals whose lives have been viciously ended. These families, and those they speak for, have asked us to expand the federal jurisdiction to reach serious, violent hate crimes. With hope, the day will come that this type of measure will no longer be necessary. But until that time, let us act now so that more families do not have to live through the tragedy of losing a loved one to this type of vicious hate.

STOP RESUMPTION OF MILITARY TIES TO PAKISTAN

HON. BILL McCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

Mr. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of my great concern for the possible resumption of military supply between the U.S. and Pakistan. The Department of Defense Appropriations conference report allows the President to waive certain sanctions against India and Pakistan under the Glenn and Pressler amendments. While I am pleased that the economic and technological restrictions have been lifted, I am gravely concerned about the prospect of military exchanges with an unstable Pakistan.

As I am sure colleagues are aware, Pakistan's government has been "dismissed" by its army, leaving the country in much uncertainty. As a new nuclear state, this type of disruption should certainly cause concern for its neighbor. However, this is compounded by the