

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DON'T USE SHORTAGE TO PROMOTE ANWR, COAST DEVELOPMENT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the recent rise in energy prices should serve as a wake-up call for the Republican leadership in Congress. From legislative obstruction that prevents improved auto fuel efficiency to gutting the budgets for energy conservation and efficiency programs, the Republicans in Congress have set the American people up to be exploited by OPEC.

Now, as the predicted crisis hits, the Republicans offer solutions that are as bankrupt and empty as their legislative record over the past five years:

Republicans vote for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development.

The Republican Whip declares that "the cleanest thing you could do is to drill [for oil] off the coast of California and Florida," repealing the moratoria on offshore oil drilling.

Republicans want to repeal the gas taxes that are paying for urgently needed transportation improvements throughout America.

These are the same leaders who have repeatedly advocated the abolition of the Department of Energy and promoted the export to Asia of domestic oil from Alaska, all the while slashing programs designed to make America less dependent on foreign fuels.

As the Nation prepares for the celebration of Earth Day, these vigorously anti-environmental initiatives by the Republican leadership are extraordinarily ill-timed. But that should not come as a great surprise from a party whose third-ranking leader in the House of Representatives has been quoted as likening the Environmental Protection Agency to the Gestapo.

There is no easy or instant solution to make us more energy independent. Thanks to the budget cuts embraced by the Republican leadership, we have lost years of critical research and development in energy conservation and efficiency programs that were requested by the Clinton administration.

Instead of anti-environmental Republican policies, we should be working together to make the daily activities of Americans more energy-friendly. Who wouldn't want to drive a more fuel efficient car, live in a home that is better insulated, or have utilities which use less water and electricity? These kinds of measures can save much more oil than would ever be produced from the Arctic Refuge and without environmental destruction.

The Republican strategy is to trade energy efficiency for environmental catastrophe. That is not a sane national energy policy. That is a choice the American people should not have to make, and it is a choice they rightly reject.

HONORING MATTHEW NEMERSON FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the many that have gathered to pay tribute to one of our community's leading advocates, Matthew Nemerson. A dear friend and colleague, Matthew has had a tremendous impact on the city of New Haven.

As president of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Matthew has taken the lead in the revitalization efforts for the city of New Haven. Representing New Haven and 14 surrounding municipalities, the chamber is the primary voice for businesses throughout the region. With an unequalled understanding of the needs of business leaders, Matthew has led the effort to include the concerns of local businesses in city revitalization efforts—actively ensuring the creation of a strong and viable economic climate for the region. It has been an honor and privilege to work with Matthew on the many issues facing our region. His profound dedication to the advancement of southern Connecticut has been an inspiration.

Matthew's commitment to Greater New Haven extends beyond the chamber. His participation in numerous organizations throughout the region serves as an example to us all. His efforts on behalf of the Greater New Haven Urban League, the Greater New Haven United Way, the Greater New Haven Preservation Trust, the Greater New Haven Arts Council, the New Haven Scholarship Fund, and the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League have benefitted countless families across the State of Connecticut. Matthew also serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Connecticut Port Authority and the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission and a mayoral appointee to the New Haven Coliseum Authority New Haven Development Corporation. Through his outstanding record of service, he has demonstrated a unique commitment to addressing the myriad of issues that face some of our most vulnerable citizens. All of us in the New Haven area have benefited from his work.

For nearly 13 years, Matthew has led the Chamber of Commerce and the Greater New Haven community with an unparalleled spirit that has truly enriched the lives of many. I am proud to join with his wife, Marian, his two children, Elana and Joy, family, friends and colleagues to extend my best wishes as Matthew begins a new chapter in his career. Mere words cannot express our gratitude for all that he has achieved on behalf of our community—we will certainly miss him.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF BARBARA HOWELL, BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Barbara Howell, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of her service to Bread for the World, a nonpartisan Christian citizens' movement against hunger. Barbara Howell has dedicated her career to fighting for the needs of hungry and low-income people.

In April 1975, Barbara opened Bread for the World's first Washington, DC office—just across the street, on the fifth floor of the Methodist Building on Maryland Avenue. Since then, she has been instrumental in guiding Bread for the World's efforts to develop and support public policies to benefit low-income and hungry people in the United States and overseas. Barbara has provided expert testimony to Congress numerous times and has met with U.S. Presidents from President Carter to President Clinton. Due in large part to her leadership and advocacy, in 1995, the U.S. government implemented a groundbreaking measure to collect and report data on hunger and food insecurity in the United States annually.

Perhaps because of the deep love Barbara holds for her own daughters, Leah and Marya, Barbara has been a tireless advocate for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Barbara's work in support of the WIC program has helped ensure its steady availability to more and more low-income women and their children—even during periods of time when a number of programs assisting low-income people were under attack. In 1999, the National Association of WIC Directors honored Barbara for her longstanding leadership by giving her their WIC Advocacy Award.

Barbara is a woman of deep faith in God. She holds a master's degree in religious education from Union Theological Seminary. She has served her church as an elder and has chaired its missions council. Earlier in her career Barbara worked as a Methodist chaplain, serving three universities over a seven year period.

Barbara Howell has devoted her life to bringing justice to the most vulnerable people in our world. Barbara and her husband Leon spent four years as free-lance journalists in southeast Asia, writing about economic, development assistance, and church-related issues. For the past 25 years, she has been a determined leader on behalf of effective federal policy for low-income people in the United States and overseas. She has attended three United Nations Women's Conferences—in Copenhagen in 1980, Nairobi in 1985, and Beijing in 1995.

Barbara is a rare individual, and deserves our heart-felt thanks for dedicating her life to

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servicing others. I invite you and our colleagues to join me in thanking Barbara Howell for her distinguished commitment to making our nation's public policy more just for all people.

TRIBUTE TO DOLORES HUERTA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay a heartfelt tribute to Dolores Huerta, pre-eminent American labor leader and social activist, on the occasion of her 70th birthday, which we celebrate today.

Dolores Fernandez Huerta was born April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico. The mother of 11 children, the grandmother of 14, and the great-grandmother of four, she is a hero to farmworkers, to the Latino community, to women, to the labor movement and to me.

I have known and worked with Dolores for many years, and I can say that this is a person whose brilliance, incomparable leadership ability and sheer energy would have propelled her to prominence no matter what field she might have chosen for her life's work. How very fortunate for the farmworkers of this nation—and for all of us—that she chose La Causa, the cause of justice for farmworkers.

I say all of us because our nation is diminished when some among us, those who do the hard work of harvesting the food we eat, are deprived of decent wages and working conditions. She organized and co-founded the United Farm Workers of America with Cesar Chavez in 1965 in the belief that in the union there is the strength to achieve economic and civil rights for farmworkers.

In the 35 years since then, she has fired the souls and minds of poor farmworkers who, thanks to her, can imagine and achieve better lives for themselves and their children. She is a wellspring of ideas and a brilliant strategist—I can personally attest to that—but she has also physically put herself on the line for her fellow workers and has been subjected to life-threatening injury for it.

It has been my great personal fortune to be able to count Dolores Huerta as a colleague and a friend. Dolores, for the inspiration that you provide by your selfless devotion to improving the lives of farmworkers, for the breakthroughs you have achieved and the goals you continue to set for all of us, and for your example of a life spent in service to others, we thank you and wish you a joyous birthday and many happy returns.

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF
2000

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1776) to expand homeownership in the United States:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, a livable community is one where our families are safe,

healthy, and economically secure. A community without housing options to meet the needs of its residents is not livable. Clearly, action is needed since many throughout our country cannot afford to live in the places in which they work. I am pleased to rise in support of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act because it creates more housing options and will make our communities better places to live.

This bill contains several employer-assisted housing opportunities. These are important tools for bringing the benefits of homeownership to the citizens who serve us every day. I want to highlight a couple of outstanding programs in my city of Portland, efforts that H.R. 1776 reinforces.

Police At Home is a mortgage loan incentive program to help police officers purchase and live in homes in neighborhoods with higher crime rates. This program gives police officers a personal stake in their communities. It was created in 1995 through a partnership with our Mayor's Office, the Portland Police Bureau, the Rotary Club of Albina, and five lending institutions. Many of the neighborhoods that have attracted officers under this program have seen a decrease in crime. This is an excellent example of the kind of partnerships that are a cornerstone of community policing.

The City of Portland's Hometown Home Loan program offers an array of benefits to city employees who are purchasing or refinancing a house within the city limits. A joint program of the City, Fannie Mae, and Continental Savings Bank, it is open to all benefits-eligible employees of the City of Portland. It was developed to help City employees become homeowners, as well as to encourage employees to live in the city where they work.

Another important item contained in this bill is \$275 million for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program. Portland's effective use of HOPWA dollars is a national model. It offers diverse housing stock including transitional housing for people who are homeless and living with AIDS. It also provides permanent housing for people living with HIV/AIDS at sites such as the Rose Wood Apartments that includes 36 units of rehabilitated affordable rental housing and has received HUD's Blue Ribbon Award for Best practice. Nathaniel's Way is providing housing for HOPWA-eligible families with children. Supported residential care is provided at such places as Swan House and Care House. People served by HOPWA funds receive not only housing but also a variety of social services: legal assistance, health services, mental health counseling and drug and alcohol intervention.

But the need is greater than ever before. Death rates are declining and so more and more people are living with the epidemic. In the Portland region, the unmet need is at least 1000 units of permanent housing. The funding in this bill will help to address that need.

This legislation represents efforts by the housing industry and the government to promote best practices and assure money is targeted to providing more housing. I'm pleased to vote yes.

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF
2000

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1776) to expand homeownership in the United States:

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of HR 1776 however, I speak to you today to encourage deliberate caution with concern to FHA and HUD legislation.

Homeownership is a critical building block of strong families and healthy communities. It has helped many households accumulate wealth, and a home owned free of mortgage debt is considered an important part of retirement security.

While the current homeownership rate is at a record high of 66.8%, the purchase of a first home remains difficult or out of reach for many young people and low to moderate income families, particularly single-parent households and minorities.

As the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development said on March 30th: "The economic boom which has produced the highest homeownership rate in history has a downside and that is predatory lending." Unfortunately, we are now just learning the full meaning of that statement.

FHA has in some areas, inadvertently fueled a downward spiral created by purchasing homes, selling to buyers with limited resources or readiness for ownership, allowing foreclosure and leaving boarded up houses sitting and pulling a community even further into despair. While HUD has made a credible start, there is much more that this Congress must do to ensure that these issues are addressed.

WE MUST REPAIR FHA/HUD LENDING PROGRAMS

Baltimore has the highest number of FHA foreclosures per capita in the nation. Baltimore has become one of the worst manifestations in the country of predatory lending.

HUD, responding to complaints that federal housing policies have resulted in tremendous damage to Baltimore neighborhoods, told city nonprofit agencies last week that it would be willing to halt Federal Housing Administrations (FHA) foreclosures in some of Baltimore's hardest hit neighborhoods for eight weeks to have a task force study what is happening.

I agree that we must find out what is happening and I propose that there must be the formation of a federally led task force that would find a solution to flipping, predatory lending and FHA disposal of houses the agency acquires through foreclosures.

WE MUST DEAL WITH PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES
AND INSTITUTIONS

Just five years ago there were 1,900 loans that went into foreclosure for the entire year of 1995. In the first 3 months of this year 1,700 loans in Baltimore City have gone into foreclosure.

Some say that HUD has fueled these problems. The agency has relaxed its control over the issuance of mortgages insured by one of its agencies, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) allowing lenders to make questionable loans that often end up in foreclosure.

HUD must have better oversight to make sure that the would-be home buyer is ready as well as the appraisal process needs to be closely monitored. HUD contracts out for the appraisal process which has led to unrealistically high appraisals, which then creates bad loans given by these "lenders of last resort." As you can see this process continues on a vicious downward spiral.

The buyers of these home loans often are single mothers with low-wage jobs who end up defaulting on the mortgages. In cases where FHA insures the loans, the agency pays off the lender and takes title to the house.

Once HUD pays off the lender and acquires title to a property after foreclosure, the house often sits vacant for months—depreciating the value not just of that property but of the neighborhood. HUD then sells the house on an "as-is" basis. Often they are in poor shape and unattractive to potential homeowners. Which, as a result leads to yet another phenomenon—they frequently are sold to unscrupulous speculators who quickly "flip" them for a huge markup—sometimes marking the homes up to 100% of what they were originally purchased for.

WE MUST REPAIR THE DAMAGE TO THESE NEIGHBORHOODS

I hope that a HUD Task Force on Predatory Lending will find solutions to this problem.

However, we now must also identify, fund and implement programs to repair the damage done to these communities and hold the speculators accountable for their illegal actions. HUD, local governments, and non profit housing organizations must begin working together now!

HONORING DR. GERALD AND MARILYN FISHBONE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, each year the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International of Greater New Haven Chapter presents an individual or individuals with the "Living and Giving Award," recognizing outstanding contributions to diabetes research and education. It gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor two of New Haven's outstanding citizens, my good friends Gerald and Marilyn Fishbone, this year's recipients of this prestigious award. The Fishbones have been leading advocates in the fight against diabetes for twenty-five years and I cannot think of a more appropriate way for the people of New Haven to express our thanks and appreciation.

Diabetes is the leading cause of new adult blindness, kidney failure, and premature death. The volunteer efforts of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation to fund research is an essential part of our national effort to find a cure. It is the dedication and commitment of people like Gerry and Marilyn that has fueled the national movement to eliminate this devastating disease. With unparalleled motivation and spirit, they have built an impressive record of service to this organization. They are truly an inspiration to us all.

They are both founding members of the Greater New Haven Chapter of the Juvenile

Diabetes Foundation, and have both devoted extraordinary time and energy to this critical endeavor. Gerry is past chairman of the JDF International Board of Directors and continues to serve on the board of chancellors. As the chair of the editorial committee, he oversees the publication of the organization's magazine, COUNTDOWN, which carries the latest news of research and progress across the country.

Marilyn was president of the Greater New Haven Chapter of JDF for 7 years and has been a board member since the organization's inception 25 years ago. Testifying before the State Senate, she helped to establish two Centers for Children with Diabetes—bringing statewide awareness of the need for continued funding for research and education. Marilyn is the former director of fundraising for the Greater New Haven Chapter of JDF. Under her direction the chapter raised more dollars per capita than any other chapter across the nation—truly one of her greatest achievements. Drawing on her own personal experiences with the disease, Marilyn counsels patients and their families, extending a comforting hand as they face the challenges of the disease. Through their work, Gerry and Marilyn have been instrumental in the development and success of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

It is rare to find individuals with the same spirit of giving as we have found in Gerry and Marilyn. Their hard work has enriched the organization—making a real difference in the lives of countless children and families. I am proud to join their children, Scott and Lisa, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Greater New Haven, friends and supporters, as Gerry and Marilyn are presented with the "Living and Giving Award." Words cannot express our gratitude for their many contributions.

RELEASING FOUR KURDISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I am supporting a resolution introduced today calling for the immediate release from prison of four Kurdish members of the Parliament of the Republic of Turkey. I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) for sponsoring this resolution of which I am a proud co-sponsor.

Currently, four Turkish parliamentarians of the now banned Kurdish based Democracy Party [DEP], Leyla Zana, Hatip Dicle, Orhan Dogan, and Selim Sadak, are serving prison sentences simply because they are Kurds. Leyla Zana, the first Kurdish woman ever elected to the Turkish Parliament, was chosen to represent the city of Diyarbakir by an overwhelming majority in October in 1991. In 1993, she travel to the United States to speak to officials about human rights abuses against the Kurdish minority in Turkey and to testify before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. She was arrested on March 2, 1994 in the Parliament building and subsequently prosecuted for a so-called "separatist speech." Ever since then Ms. Zana, along with Hatip Dicle, Orhan Dogan, and Selim Sadak have been jailed for the simple act of speaking out for their peo-

ple—the Kurds—the very people by whom they were elected.

Turkey is a country which claims to be a democracy and is continuously taking steps to be accepted as a western partner, as seen with its current European Union candidacy. However, its recent actions do not show any concrete effort to abide by international human rights standards. In the last week, it has been reported that the Turkish military has been massing troops and tanks along the Iraqi border in an apparent pending offense against the Kurds. Equally as disturbing is the re-arrest of Turkey's most prominent human rights figure, Akin Birdal, for a speech he made in 1996 calling for a peaceful resolution to the conflict between the Turkish state and the Kurdish Workers' Party [PKK].

If Turkey wants to be treated as an equal partner with the west, it is time for it to treat all of its citizens with equal rights and a general respect for human rights. The time has come for Turkey to allow the Kurdish people the right to speak their language and practice their culture. Releasing these parliamentarians would show Turkey and the world that Turkey is ready to respect the human rights of all its citizens and that it is on the right path to be accepted by the international community.

We must not continue to ignore or apologize for Turkey's outrageous behavior. Six years is far too long for these parliamentarians to be in jail, for speaking out for rights which are guaranteed under the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. We must speak out strongly against these attacks and unfair acts and demand that Turkey end this lawless assault.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 105, I was unavoidably detained on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPION MINNECHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and congratulate the 1999–2000 Minnechaug Regional High School girls' basketball team. On March 18, 2000, the Falcons captured their third Massachusetts Division I state championship in the past four years at the Worcester Centrum, defeating Brockton High School by a score of 68–61 in a memorable final contest.

The final contest was not an easy one for the Falcons. Minnechaug trailed by as many as 14 points in the first half, and took its first lead in the contest with only 1:32 remaining. The comeback was led by senior Melissa Kowalski, who scored 22 of her 28 points during the final 10 minutes of the game.

Kowalski's efforts, along with the play of seniors Maureen Leahy and Christal Murphy accounted for all of Minnechaug's 42 second half points.

A final win in the state championship, as if not impressive enough, capped off a perfect season of 25 wins and no losses for the Falcons. The final game was a battle of the undefeated as Brockton also headed into the final contest with a record of 24 wins and no losses. Minnechaug arrived at the final games as the Western Massachusetts champions for the fourth straight year.

Under the leadership and direction of Coach Dave Yelle, Minnechaug has dominated their competition from around the state. Over the past four seasons, the Falcons have compiled an outstanding total of 91 wins, including 18 wins in the postseason. Defense had been their greatest strength, holding opponents to an average of 32 points for the two playoff contests before the final.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to recognize the Minnechaug Regional High School girls' basketball team. The seniors are Melissa Kowalski, Christal Murphy, Abigail Lipinski and Maureen Leahy. Underclasswomen include Christina Conway, Cheri Murphy, Laura Mulcahy, Erica Bacon, Katie Clark, Sara McCarthy, Marybeth Maziarz and Julie Sullivan. The team is coached by Dave Yelle, and he is assisted by Pete Kowalski, Jason Fenlason and Elizabeth Ouellette. The Falcons are managed by Amy Gregorius, Tom Loper and Meghan Mitchell and the team trainer is Jason Patterson.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored to extend my congratulations to the 1999–2000 Minnechaug Regional High School girls' basketball team. Their consistent record of dominance and excellence is certainly worthy of the attention of this Chamber. I wish Coach Yelle and the state champion Falcons the best of luck in defending their title next season.

IN SUPPORT OF H. CON. RES. 282
AND H. CON. RES. 228

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am supporting H. Con. Res. 282, The GI As Person of the Century Act, and H. Con. Res. 228, Honor Vietnam-era Armed Forces Act. These important bills recognize the sacrifices endured by our men and women who fought to protect the freedom we cherish.

Throughout our distinguished history, we have been blessed with the courage and determination of brave Americans who were willing to preserve democratic beliefs with their lives. From the gas-filled trenches of World War I to the flaming deserts of the Gulf War, our veterans wrote much of the history that transformed the United States from a young and naive country into a world leader and global superpower. It's a history lesson that makes you proud to be an American and respect those who fought for the freedoms we cherish.

Each regional conflict the United States entered there was always one consistent factor—a brave American in the trenches fighting to stop aggression. These brave men and

women defended the most basic of the beliefs on which our Nation was created—that freedom is worth putting our lives in harms way to preserve. We owe them a great deal of gratitude and respect.

That is why I support legislation that designated the "American GI" as the "Person of the Century". We honor them because it was their blood, their resolution, and their love of country that became infectious and spread from one generation to another.

Lastly, we should never forget those brave men and women who never returned home from fighting to protect what our flag symbolizes. Many were either captured or killed. In Vietnam there are still over 2,000 soldiers classified either Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. The anguish they suffer, as well as their families, is indescribable.

The Honor Vietnam-era Armed Forces Act recognizes the service and sacrifices by members of the Armed Forces and federal civilian employees who, during the Vietnam era, served proudly to protect those in need. This measure also honors the sacrifices and hardships endured by the families of individuals who lost their lives or remain unaccounted during this tumultuous era.

Vietnam veterans, like their fallen brethren before them, exemplify a spirit of nationality and patriotism that continues to thrive today.

Veterans are the unsung heroes who define our American heritage. They are ordinary citizens who answered their call to duty and fought for something they believed in. They remember the places they were stationed, their training, and they certainly remember their days in combat. It is an experience the rest of us can only read about and marvel at. Although we can never adequately express our thanks to those who could not return to us, we remember them by supporting the legislation before us today.

IN HONOR OF THE SIMON
WIESENTHAL CENTER LIBRARY
AND ARCHIVES

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize the Simon Wiesenthal Center—Museum of Tolerance Library and Archives, an extraordinary institution in the 29th District of California, which I represent, that is dedicated to teaching the importance of Holocaust remembrance and the defense of human rights. The Library and Archives is being honored this week in conjunction with National Library Week; chosen by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as one of four libraries, nationwide, to receive the first annual National Award for Library Services.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center Library and Archives' broad collections document the Holocaust in Nazi Germany and the many other tragic genocides of the 20th century. The library holdings of over 30,000 books and periodicals document antisemitism, racism, and related issues, and are available to researchers, media, students and the public. The archives, containing an extensive array of original documents, manuscripts, personal narratives, diaries, artifacts, photographs, maga-

zines, newspaper, maps, and original artwork, have evolved into a primary research depository for materials dealing with the Holocaust and the pre-World War II Jewish experience.

In partnership with the Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance, the Library and Archives maintains a number of excellent education programs to fulfill its mission of teaching the dangers of bigotry and the importance of tolerance. In addition to answering over 500 inquiries a week, hosts numerous visiting authors, scholars and civic leaders to bring its message to the community. The Library and Archives also sponsors a dynamic "Contact a Survivor" program of direct, electronic, eye-witness discussions between Holocaust survivors and students.

The IMLS award is a tribute to the power of libraries to reach families and communities across America and around the world, and the Simon Wiesenthal Center Library and Archives is a deserving recipient. Under the leadership of Adaire Klein, it continues to make a tremendous contribution to preserving the lessons of the Holocaust and the legacy of its victims for future generations. We owe the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Ms. Klein and her staff a debt of gratitude for this distinguished record of accomplishment. I thank them for the devoted service and extend my best wishes for the future.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD
LUCK TO SHEREKA WRIGHT

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate a great high school student and basketball player from my Texas congressional district—Shereka Wright—on her selection as the 1999–2000 Gatorade National High School Girls Basketball Champion. Shereka was chosen for this honor out of the 454,000 high school girls basketball players across the country. Past winners of this award include Emmitt Smith, Lisa Leslie, Chris Webber, Peyton Manning, Tim Couch, Kobe Bryant, and Alex Rodriguez.

Shereka Wright will graduate from Copperas Cove High School in Copperas Cove, Texas, next month after four tremendous years as a basketball player. Her long list of achievements already rivals many professional basketball players.

Just this season, Shereka has averaged 25 points, 10 rebounds, four assists, three steals, and two blocks per game. Over the course of her career, she has scored over 3,000 points. That feat places her in the top-25 scorers of all-time. She has been selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Nike Tournament of Champions in California twice. She has also been named to the Conference AAAAA 1st Team All-State in Texas for four consecutive years.

Shereka's commitment to success off the court is equally impressive. She truly is a student athlete and has maintained a 3.6 grade point average. She has also volunteered her time working with the Youth Teen Summit and summer youth basketball camps.

Shereka will attend Purdue University in the fall. I feel certain she will continue to be an

outstanding player, student, and leader for many years to come.

I ask Members to join me and offer our heartfelt congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for continued success, to a student and athlete—Shereka Wright.

COMMENDING CHASITY SNYDER

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the courageous acts of Chasity Snyder, a heroine from Lima, OH. Her extraordinary act of bravery can serve as an inspiration to us all.

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SMALL MARVEL

Afloat on her Yellow Jacket, Chas Snyder, 11, saves a pair of canoeists in peril.

It was one of those delightfully warm days that can fool the winter-weary into thinking the worst is over. So in Lima, Ohio, homemaker Cherie Snyder took her daughter Chasity, 11, down to the reservoir on March 6 to see if they could hook a few fish. Meanwhile, James H. Moore Sr., 36, a delivery driver, and Aaron Schafer, 22, a roofer, had already launched Moore's newly patched canoe on a test run. But the two men were about 25 yards from shore when the canoe started to roll. They jumped—without life jackets—into water so frigid that swimming was nearly impossible. Spotting the men struggling, Snyder, 30, waded in to try to save them, but quickly retreated because of the cold.

That's when Chas sprang into action. "I said, 'Chas, no!'" recalls her mother. But Chas shouted, "Mom, I have to! I've got to do something!" and then shed her yellow winter jacket and leaped in. Using the jacket as a flotation device she paddled out to Moore, who had slipped below the surface, and dragged him to where he could touch bottom. "I had floaties when I was little," says Chas, and explains that the jacket looked similar. Chas then helped Lynn Wallace, 41, who was on an afternoon walk, rescue Schafer. "If that little girl hadn't been there," Moore says of Chas, "I would be in the funeral home."

Back home after the rescue, Chas, who lives with Cherie and her four siblings, says she never doubted she could help the men: "My guardian angel and God gave me courage and told me I could do it and nothing would happen to me."

HONORING THE HAMMOND
CARPENTER'S UNION LOCAL 599

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate some of the most

dedicated and skilled workers in Northwest Indiana. On April 8, 2000, in a salute to their workers' durability and longevity, the Hammond Carpenter's Union Local 599 recognized their members for 25 years or more of dedicated service. They were recognized during a pin ceremony banquet to be held on Saturday at the Carpenter's Union Hall in Hammond, Indiana. These individuals, in addition to the other Local 599 members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are a testament to the prototypical American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

The Carpenter's Local 599, which received its charter in 1899, honored members for their years of devoted service. The members honored for 55 years of service include: John Giba, Sylvester Reising and Tensey Roberts. The members honored for 50 years of service include: Robert J. Busch, Robert Herhold, Earnest Latta, Kenneth Ogden and Oliver J. Vogeler. The members honored for 45 years of service include: Louis B. Biedron, Lafayette M. Bundren, William J. Burgess, Guy Casey, William C. Dowdy, Elmer F. Lucas, Raymond Lukowski and John Sills. The members honored for 40 years of service include: John M. Davich, Robert Dimichelle, C. J. Krupinski, Ethard McIlroy, Richard Meyers, John E. Shoup, William Simmons, Joseph M. Staes and Robert Washington. The members honored for 35 years of service include: John R. Billings, Kenneth E. Clayton, James McCready, Harold Neil, Elmer C. Phelps, Jr., Paul V. Reppa, Dale R. Robert, Harold Sills and Richard C. Thiel. The members honored for 30 years of service include: Robert E. Chorba, Glen E. Flaherty, Jr., Uwe H. Grantz, James Liming, Sr. and Paul W. Steinhauer. The members honored for 25 years of service include: Denny L. Crouse, Thomas A. Dorsey, John P. Hindahl, Donald King, Joseph Lippie and Richard A. Polus.

As Orville Dewey said, "Labor is man's greatest function. He is nothing, he can be nothing, he can achieve nothing, he can fulfill nothing, without working." The men and women of Local 599, in addition to all of the local unions in Northwest Indiana, form the backbone of our economy and community. Without their blood, sweat, and tears, Indiana's First Congressional District would not be a place of which to be proud, it would not be the place I love, nor would it be my home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and outstanding members of the Hammond Carpenter's Union Local 599, in addition to all the hardworking union men and women in America. The men and women of Local 599 are a fine representation of America's union men and women; I am proud to represent such dedicated men and women in Congress. Their hard labor and dauntless courage are the achievement and fulfillment of the American dream.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO RE-
DUCE TEMPORARILY THE DUTY
ON FIPRONIL TECHNICAL

HON. WILLIAM J. JEFFERSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. JEFFERSON. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation to reduce the ad valorem duty on the active ingredient used in a product known as fipronil technical, an insecticide registered for use on dozens of crops, in the animal health industry to control fleas and ticks, and most importantly in urban pest control to stop the spread of destructive termites.

As many of my colleagues know, the entire Gulf Coast is under attack by Formosan termites. The invasion is costing homeowners, businesses and local governments hundreds of millions annually. Biologists have traced these insatiable termites to twelve states. In my district—New Orleans—Formosan termites have caused more damage than tornadoes, hurricanes and floods combined. Experts trace the migration of these voracious termites to the continental United States back to the return of World War II cargo ships from the Far East to ports throughout the country. Since then, the Formosan termite has increased beyond control, infesting trees, homes and other buildings. Traditional forms of pesticides do not work on this termite and while efforts are underway to develop a termiticide that will eradicate the Formosan pests, we must also consider new products.

We have been working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and with manufacturers of pest control products to bring new products to the market to help us in our efforts to stop these destructive insects. A new product, fipronil, was officially registered for use by the EPA just last September and is being introduced into the market this month. This new product is applied to the perimeter of buildings and within three months the termites have died. The chemical is a non-repellent so the insects carry it to the nest and contaminate it before the other termites can detect it. Other products take much longer to produce results and are more labor intensive.

Fipronil has no domestic producer which would be disadvantaged by the tariff reduction and other termiticides do not work in the same way that fipronil does. Fipronil has also been approved for use in treating trees. We are losing our old historic trees in New Orleans at an alarming rate to the Formosan termites. This product gives us hope that we will be able to stop this attack.

My bill allows the makers of this product to bring the active ingredient into the United States at a reduced tariff rate. The product is finished, packaged and used in the U.S. creating jobs in both the manufacturing side as well as the pest control industry.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this proposal.

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 Tuesday, April 11, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 12

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Community Development Financial Institutions, and Chemical Safety and Hazardous Investigation Board.

SD-138

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the report of the Academy for Public Administration on Bureau of Indian Affairs management reform.

SR-485

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on S. 2255, to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium through calendar year 2006.

SR-253

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To resume oversight hearings on the handling of the investigation of Peter Lee.

SH-216

Rules and Administration

To resume hearings on campaign finance reform proposals, focusing on compelled political speech.

SR-301

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine reform of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

311 Cannon Building

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Securities Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on multi-state insurance agent licensing reforms and the creation of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

European Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with the Russian presidential elections.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Wassenaar arrangement and the future of multilateral export control.

SD-342

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs.

SD-192

11 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2311, to revise and extend the Ryan White CARE Act programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, to improve access to health care and the quality of health care under such programs, and to provide for the development of increased capacity to provide health care and related support services to individuals and families with HIV disease; the proposed Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act Amendments of 2000; the nomination of Mel Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation; the nomination of Edward B. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor; the nomination of Marc Racicot, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service; the nomination of Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service; the nomination of Scott O. Wright, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring December 10, 2003; and the nomination of Nathan O. Hatch, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the term expiring January 26, 2006.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the status of infrastructure projects for Caspian Sea energy resources.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine federal actions affecting hydropower operations on the Columbia River system.

SD-366

APRIL 13

9:15 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; S. 522, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water; H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the

quality of coastal recreation waters; S. 2370, to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse"; H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and S. 2297, to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

SD-406

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability.

SH-216

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the National Reading Panel report.

SD-124

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense anthrax vaccine immunization program.

SR-222

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings on the structure of securities markets.

SD-106

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with protecting pension assets.

SD-430

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the proposed Mother Teresa Religious Worker Act.

SD-226

cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins.

SD-366

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings on pending legislation on agriculture concentration of ownership and competitive issues.

SR-328A

2:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Treasury and General Government Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine certain Internal Revenue Service reform issues.

SD-192

APRIL 26

10 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion.
345 Cannon Building

Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the United States Forest Service's proposed revisions to the regulations governing National Forest Planning.

SD-366

Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing fund for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on acquisition reform efforts, the acquisition workforce, logistics contracting and inventory management practices, and the Defense Industrial Base.

SR-222

POSTPONEMENTS

APRIL 12

10 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings on the disposal of low activity radioactive waste.

SD-406

Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-419

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on S. 1361, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

SR-253

APRIL 19

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.

SR-485

APRIL 25

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 2239, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide

SD-366