

## RECOGNIZING CELI ADAMS

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2000*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Celi Adams, a life-long resident of Petaluma, CA, who for the past 12 years has operated a program that provides free training for families and friends who struggle daily to provide home care for gravely ill loved ones. Ms. Adams was recently selected as a 2000 Community Health Leader by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She is one of only ten individuals nationally to be selected to receive the nation's highest honor for community health leadership, which includes a \$100,000 award to continue her work.

Ms. Adams, a former cancer nurse, first recognized the need to educate people around quality home care when she was part of a group caring for a close friend with AIDS. After this experience, she quit her nursing job and co-founded Home Care Companions in 1988. Initially operated out of her mother's spare bedroom, the agency offers a free 18-hour course that trains family members and friends of patients suffering from acute illnesses in basic home-care nursing skills. The course provides instructions on topics such as pain management, nutrition, bed care, and physical therapy, as well as educates both patient and care giver on how to navigate an often-complex medical care system and how to put their legal affairs in order. Since its inception, more than 2,000 people have participated in the training.

Originally targeted to AIDS care givers, Ms. Adams' program has expanded in recent years to include training on cancer, congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Home Care Companions' training techniques have been taught to nurses in Japan and more recently to medical professionals in Africa. In 1997, they assisted in the development of an Australian AIDS home-care training program. Future plans for her agency also include training sessions on caring for frail elders and an outreach effort to help other groups start training programs in their own communities.

Borne out of her own personal experience with a dying loved one, Ms. Adams created a program that has touched the lives of many in her community and beyond. I am thrilled that Celi Adams was selected for this well-deserved award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this wonderful achievement.

Mr. Speaker, as one of her nominators aptly put it, "She didn't do this for fame or glory. She did it for the best reason of all, because people in crisis need her help."

## GARY GALLUP RECEIVES GRAVER SERVICE AWARD

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that my dear friend, Gary Gallup, a

member of the class of 1961 at the University of California, Santa Barbara, was recently honored by the UCSB Alumni Association. He is the year 2000 recipient of the Chuck Graver Alumni Service Award for his steadfast commitment to his alma mater.

Gary Gallup was a founder of the UCSB Alumni Association, and served on its Board of Directors in its early years. Gary has worked hard to improve the stature of the campus which now ranks among the top universities in the nation for research and academic quality. It is certainly one of the most beautiful campuses, if I may be permitted a hometown boast!

Gary went on to join the UCSB Foundation over twenty years ago, and has since been involved in attracting private support that has been so important to the growth in size, quality, and stature of the university. Most recently, he served as chair of the Foundation, which expects to have a record setting year in fundraising.

His voluntary contributions of time and energy often go unnoticed and unrecognized in our complicated world of busy lives. It is therefore quite fitting and proper, and I am pleased to join with the UCSB Alumni Association, to provide recognition to Gary Gallup for his forty years of service and the important contributions he has made to the UCSB campus and the community it serves.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Mr. Gary Gallup on his receipt of the Chuck Graver Alumni Service Award and his pledge to upholding the vision of the University of California, Santa Barbara. The campus and surrounding area is most fortunate to have such an asset to call upon.

## TRIBUTE TO THE 2000 STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD OF THE 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2000*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Student Advisory Board of the 14th Congressional District of California. The Board is a group of exceptional high school students who live or attend school in my district and have been chosen from a competitive pool of applicants for a year-long research project.

This year the Board chose the issue of gun control as their research topic, a very timely topic for the students in light of the national tragedies we have witnessed.

On May 13, 2000, the Board made their final presentation in the Palo Alto City Council Chambers. It was well attended by elected officials, parents, friends and law enforcement officials. Everyone in attendance agreed that the Board's presentation was extraordinarily thoughtful and very informative. I was deeply impressed with the exceptional research done by the students and their work gives me hope for the future well-being of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the Student Advisory Board of the 14th Congressional District of California thanking them for their superb work and their leadership and submit their report for the RECORD.

## INTRODUCTION

## THE STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

We are a group of about twenty-five high school students who want to effect change in our country. We are all very active in our schools and our communities and view the Student Advisory Board as an opportunity to make a difference on a national level. If nothing else, we want to be heard. We are the next generation of leaders (and voters) and we want dramatic, aggressive improvement in areas in which we see fault.

## WHY GUN CONTROL?

We have researched and debated the hot issue of gun control since October. We chose this topic because of the years' tragic events such as the Columbine shootings and the murder of a six-year-old by a seven-year-old peer. Alarming statistics that guns kill more teens than all natural causes combined hit home for the group. Unfortunately, it takes a tragic event such as Columbine or the assassination of Martin Luther King to make the nation aware enough to affect change. We want to reduce the 32,850 yearly gun related deaths in this nation and we believe that an aggressive, nationalized system of effective prevention and enforcement programs will reduce that number significantly.

## OUR PROPOSAL

The Congresswoman Eshoo Student Advisory Board proposes an aggressive attack on both sides of the gun control issue. We propose a nationalized set of laws, regulated by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm (ATF) preventing the unrestricted sale of guns and effectively enforcing the laws. To prevent gun crime, education about guns and their danger as well as laws restricting the sale of guns must be enacted on a national level to end the disparity between states. First, we propose that a D.A.R.E. type program be used in elementary and high schools to educate children about the dangers of guns. The success of the D.A.R.E. program to effectively reduce drug use in teens assures us that the same success can be achieved for guns. Secondly, we want to make gun laws the same regardless of where a gun is sold. Every state will have to follow the same federal regulations and every gun show dealer will be subject to the same restriction as a licensed gun store. Gunlock laws need to be consistent across the nation. There has already been progress this year: the Smith and Wesson Agreement, in its earliest form, is a landmark decision that is a step in the right direction. However, pressure from other gun companies and the NRA has forced Smith and Wesson to take back some of its' earlier promises. Also, Maryland recently passed a revolutionary new law making built-in locks mandatory by 2002. Thirdly, our plan includes the licensing of every gun dealer as well as owner. The NRA and other anti-gun control groups argue that we should not interfere with the law abiding citizens' right to bear arms (Second Amendment of the Constitution) by increasing the restrictions and making the process longer. We argue simply that a person who is legally allowed to purchase a gun may have to endure a more thorough background check or wait longer to receive their gun, but they are not giving up any freedoms by doing this. A legal gun owner will be allowed to walk away with a gun but they will have prevented a person not fit to own a gun from purchasing one by accepting the regulations as well. It is for the safety of the greater society that we ask legal gun owners to endure the longer process.

The second part of reducing gun crime in the United States is enforcement of the laws. We have identified and sited solutions to the many loopholes that currently plague the