

and compliance with international trade agreements. These monies were authorized as part of a bipartisan agreement that this House passed along with PNTR with China just a few weeks ago. While approval of PNTR was in our national interest, this bipartisan proposal was offered to address congressional concerns about Chinese compliance with their WTO obligations, human rights practices in China, and Taiwan's entry into the WTO. I am disappointed that the leadership reneged on its commitment to provide funding for this important monitoring and compliance agreement.

Mr. Chairman, because of these and other funding shortfalls, and because the bill contains objectionable riders, such as preventing the use of funds to move forward on implementing the Kyoto Protocol, I will be voting "no" on H.R. 4690 and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

DOCTOR MAKES POSITIVE IMPACT
IN CARVILLE, LA, COMMUNITY

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Dr. Robert Jacobsen upon his retirement as Director of the National Hansen's Disease Programs and the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center in Carville, Louisiana. During his distinguished 33-year career at the center, Dr. Jacobsen played an important role in helping to define the evolving leprosy chemotherapeutic regimens that are the key features of the world elimination program for this disease.

Dr. Robert Jacobsen, a native of Austin, Minnesota, received his B.A. in Chemistry and Math from the University of Minnesota in 1954, his Ph.D. in Organic and Physical Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin in 1958 and his M.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1962. Jacobsen started his career with the Public Health Service as Chief of Medicine at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Carville, LA, which later became the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center; a position that he held until 1992. In addition, Dr. Jacobsen also served as Chief of Clinical Branch from 1978 to 1992.

His numerous awards and recognitions include the Public Health Service's Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Distinguished Service Medal, as well as the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service. Dr. Jacobsen has also served on numerous international advisory boards including the Tuberculosis Task Force of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization's Working Group on Leprosy Control, the International Leprosy Association, and the World Health Organization's Special Action Projects for the Elimination of Leprosy.

In addition to Dr. Jacobsen's lifelong commitment to leprosy research, treatment and eradication, I would also like to recognize and thank him for his help in making the transition from the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center to the Carville Academy a smooth one. He can take great pride in knowing that his efforts at the center have not only helped his patients, but will also help thousands of youth for years to come. Again, it is an honor to

have this opportunity and I wish Dr. Jacobsen all the best.

IN HONOR OF THE SHAOLIN
PERFORMING GROUP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Shaolin Performing Group, a group of young children ages 6–18 from China who will be visiting Cleveland to participate in the Wushu Kungfu Extravaganza Weekend on July 8 and 9, 2000. This weekend event is a special cultural, sporting and educational exchange between the East and the West. The Shaolin Performing Group, along with their coach Grandmaster Zhu, will be visiting the United States for the first time.

This impressive group of young athletes train for years under the Shaolin monks in China and demonstrate incredible feats of martial art skills. These children, who attend the Zhengzhou Martial Arts Major Institute, represent China in promoting cultural and educational exchange. Their teacher, Grandmaster Tianxi Zhu, is the director of this institute, and is a Chinese Wushu Degree 7. He earned the international outstanding Wushu achievement gold medal and was the first place winner of Shaolin Kungfu in the 7th World Cup Wushu Championships. The children under his tutelage demonstrate amazing speed, discipline, and skill.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to this exceptional group of athletes, the Shaolin Performing Group, and welcoming them to the United States for their performing tour.

HONORING AUDREY LEE JACOBS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor Audrey Lee Jacobs. She is president and chief executive officer of Lyndon Baines Johnson Health Complex. After years of working throughout the United States for several of the world's largest corporation, Ms. Jacobs is pleased to be returning to serve the Brooklyn community in which she was born. She is a great product of the New York City Public school system, graduating from Andrew Jackson High School as one of the top students in her class. Audrey attended Vassar College on a full scholarship and majored in psychology.

Ms. Jacobs developed a keen interest in business as she watched her entrepreneurial parents establish and run their own small businesses. She began her career in marketing, working for several multi-national corporations, including Mobil Oil Corporation and AT&T. She wanted to broaden her base of skills and knowledge in business, so in 1985, she entered the University of Texas at Austin. In 1988, she was awarded her Masters in Business Administration degree and realized how important education was and went on to law

school. She attended Columbia Law School, majoring in corporate law. Afterwards, she joined Mayor N. Dinkins' administration as an assistant to the President of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation. That provided an introduction to the field of health care administration for Ms. Jacobs, and she realized from that experience. ". . . how many people in New York were not receiving medical care and how important it was to provide all New Yorkers, regardless of ethnicity, race, or social class, or access to high quality health care." After the Dinkins administration she returned to the practice of law. Throughout the years, Ms. Jacobs has been active in the alumni associations of her college and law school, and she has helped to raise funds for many community and political organizations.

Recently, William F. Green, the Chairman of LBJ's Board of Directors talked with Ms. Jacobs about the changing health care landscape and LBJ's developing role in it. After the meeting Ms. Jacobs reflected on taking the reins of this proud clinic which, for 32 years, has been integral to the health and well being of Bedford-Stuyvesant. She quickly realized that it was the opportunity of a lifetime. And, we are grateful for her ability to seize this opportunity.

Mr. Speaker I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the contributions of Audrey Lee Jacobs. Our community, state, and nation are grateful for her dedicated service.

RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, STUDENTS
WIN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
TITLE IN THE ODYSSEY OF THE
MIND CONTEST

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Odyssey of the Mind world-champion team members, coaches, and parents of Ringgold Elementary School in Rio Grande City, TX. At the Odyssey of the Mind world championship competition for pre-teens, this select group of 5th graders captured the world title. This banner accomplishment reflects the competitors' academic commitment, keen imagination, creativity, and countless hours of preparation.

Odyssey of the Mind, a worldwide creative problem-solving, engages students in exercises that challenge their critical thinking skills. More than 1 million participants in 50 states and 20 countries around the world compete in various age and subject categories. The world-champion Odyssey of the Mind team members, Jessica Chapa, Ashley Escobar, Justin Guzman, Karah Hiles, Leonel Lopez III, Armando R. Vela, and Valerie Villarreal, demonstrated world-class dedication to earn this international recognition.

I join the people of Rio Grande City, TX, and the United States, to commend the trophy winners for capturing the world championship title of the Odyssey of the Mind competition.

HONORING JACQUELINE Y. SMITH AND DEBORAH L. DYOR AS SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to speak today on behalf of two women from Lexington, KY, who have been named Small Business People of the Year. Jacqueline Y. Smith and Deborah L. Dyor, have within a decade successfully turned their drug-research company, Central Kentucky Research Associates into a million-dollar company.

These two women began their company in 1991 with a mere \$50 and by 1999 had netted sales of \$1.6 million. It's an honor for me to recognize the determination and commitment these two Central Kentuckians have exhibited over the past 10 years. Their company conducts the tests required before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves new drugs or approves new uses for drugs already on the market.

The sacrifices of these two women have been enormous, as they resigned positions and ventured out to begin Central Kentucky Research Associates. Their efforts are most worthy of the Small Business People of the Year Award.

Small businesses are the backbone of a community and epitomize the entrepreneurial spirit that has long existed in our country. The hard work of small businesses owners, such as these two women, have allowed many generations of Americans to achieve the successes and rewards our nation offers to all its citizens. I salute Jacqueline Smith and Deborah Dyor for their dedication and drive, which has and will continue to benefit not only the people of Kentucky, but all of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, On June 19, 2000, and on June 23, 2000, because I was attending personal family events, I was not present to record my votes on rollcall votes No. 293 and No. 319. These votes pertained to striking language in the Fiscal Year 2001 VA-HUD and Commerce-Justice-State Judiciary Appropriations bills which prohibited agencies of the Federal Government from using funds to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies.

Because I strongly believe that the tobacco companies must be held responsible for the millions of dollars in health care expenses that the Federal Government has paid for tobacco related illnesses through federally funded health care programs, had I been present for these votes, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 293, 1 would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 319, 1 would have voted "aye."

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO RENAME THE POST OFFICE IN CARROLLTON, GEORGIA AFTER THE HONORABLE SAM ROBERTS

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to rename the post office located in Carrollton, Georgia, after the Honorable Sam Roberts.

Sam Roberts was born on April 10, 1937, in Rome, Georgia. After obtaining a degree in insurance and risk management from Georgia State University in 1963, Sam Roberts delved into a career of management, heading Roberts Insurance Agency. After many years in this profession, Sam decided to run for the Georgia State Senate. He won his Senate seat to represent District 30 in 1996, and was re-elected in 1998. His second term was tragically cut short after his untimely death after a long bout with cancer, on January 3, 2000, in Douglasville, Georgia.

Throughout his life, State Senator Sam Roberts was involved in countless community organizations and civic clubs, including: President of the Sertoma Club and the Douglas County Rotary Club; National Director of the U.S. Jaycees (Government Affairs); and State Vice President of the Georgia Jaycees.

He also served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes. He was the Chaplain of the Flint Hill Masonic Lodge. Sam Roberts was a member of the Douglas County Development Authority and the Douglas Chamber of Commerce. He was also a youth football coach for 20 years.

Sam Roberts received numerous community and civic awards, such as Who's Who in Georgia, and Small Business Person of the Year from the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce. He was also Associate of the Year of the Douglas County Home Builders Association. Sam was admitted to the Carrollton Trojan Hall of Fame, and was a Jaycees International Senator.

While serving in the Georgia State Senate, Sam Roberts worked extremely hard for swift and strong punishment of criminals, to improve education for children, and to make our state government more efficient. Before he passed away, he had introduced Senate Bill 69, which was pushed through by lawmakers as a tribute to Sam Roberts. The bill dispels the need to carry an insurance card to prove coverage and allows for computerized records of coverage and renewals.

Sam Roberts was a resident of Douglas County for more than 30 years. He was a member of Heritage Baptist Church, with his wife, Sue. Sam is also survived by three children—Sherrie, Beau, and Amber.

Mr. Speaker, the career of Senator Sam Roberts—as a professional, as a legislator, as a community leader, and as a family man—clearly demonstrates why we should name this Post Office in his community, in his honor. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in renaming the U.S. Post Office in Carrollton, Georgia, after the Honorable Sam Roberts.

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH STAMP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2000

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the bill entitled the Breast Cancer Research Stamps Reauthorization Act of 2000.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. More than 2 million American women are currently living with the disease, 1 million of whom have yet to be diagnosed. This year alone, 182,800 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Over 40,000 of them will lose their battle with this killer.

Breast cancer has taken an awful toll on the people of my home state. New York has the second-highest breast cancer mortality rate in the country. Between 1980 and 1994, the incidence of breast cancer in New York increased nearly 18 percent. Enactment of this bill will go a long way toward helping our effort to increase funding for breast cancer research. Only through the help of continued cancer research have more and more people become cancer survivors in recent years.

Since the issuance of the Breast Cancer Research stamp in the summer of 1998, 164 million Breast Cancer Research stamps have been sold raising over \$12 million for breast cancer research. The stamp provides a convenient avenue for participation in the battle against this horrible disease. Unfortunately, without congressional intervention, the stamp will expire on July 28, 2000. Valuable research funds, as well as a mechanism to heighten public awareness of this horrible disease, will be lost.

This bill, The Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2000 would extend the sale of the Breast Cancer Research stamp for an additional two years. The stamp would continue to cost 40 cents and sell as a first class stamp. The additional funds that are raised will go directly to breast cancer research at the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense.

I am pleased to report that this reauthorization bill has tremendous support throughout the health community. Supporters of the Breast Cancer Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2000 include the American Cancer Society, the American Medical Association, the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization, Leadership America, the National Association of Women's Health, the American Cancer League, the American College of Surgeons, Friends of Cancer Research, and many others.

A Breast Cancer Research Stamp remains just as necessary today as it was when this authority was signed into law two years ago. According to the American Association for Cancer Research, 8 million people are alive today as a result of cancer research. To say that every dollar we continue to raise will save lives, can only underscore the importance of this legislation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in enacting this important legislation.