

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MILT KANZAKI AND THE 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is at this time that I would like to pay tribute to Milt Kanzaki for his dedicated service during World War II with the U.S. Army. Milt's bravery and courage during the war deserve the recognition and praise of this body.

Milt fought with the renowned 442nd Regimental Combat Team during his participation in the war. The 442nd was an exemplary regiment composed of Nisei (Japanese-American citizens) that were drafted into service after their families had been wrongfully placed into Japanese relocation camps. Even in the face of this blatant transgression by the American government, these soldiers discarded any ill will toward America and fought with a go for broke demeanor, becoming one of the most decorated units in American military history.

Milt was drafted into service during 1944 and joined the 442nd the following year. During his time in the war, Milt fought in the Northern Apennines-Po Valley campaign as well as the melee at Mount Belvedere. In was during these infamous battles that Milt earned himself a combat infantry badge, one of 18,143 decorations that were awarded to the 442nd.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to salute Milt and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. His story and that of the 442nd is truly heroic and deserves this body's recognition.

Milt, thank you for your dedicated service to America. We are all very proud of you!

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE OF H.R. 4063

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the benefit of the Members a copy of the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 4063, a bill to establish the Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, July 12, 2000.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4063, the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park Establishment Act of 2000.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON

(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE H.R. 4063—*Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park Establish- ment Act of 2000*

Summary: Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4063 would cost the federal government between \$6.5 million and \$10.5 million over the next three years and about \$0.8 million annually thereafter. Because the act would allow the Secretary of the Interior to collect and spend donations, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but CBO estimates that any revenues and resulting direct spending would be minimal and largely offsetting.

H.R. 4063 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). State and local governments could incur some costs as a result of the legislation's enactment, but such costs would be voluntary.

Major provisions: H.R. 4063 would establish the Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California. The National Park Service (NPS) would administer the park, which would consist of historical sites related to the themes of Rosie the Riveter such as World War II-era shipyards, housing and daycare centers, as well as a number of local parks and memorials such as the Shimada Peace Memorial Park. The act would authorize the NPS to acquire some of these sites (including the daycare centers and a nearby hospital), to protect these resources through cooperative agreements with their current owners to provide technical assistance, and in some cases to help interpret and restore historic structures. It also would authorize the NPS to lease the Ford Assembly Building to establish an education center, which would serve as the primary visitor contact facility for the new park.

H.R. 4063 would direct the NPS to develop a general management plan for the park and make recommendations concerning other sites that should be linked or added to the park. The act also would require the agency to conduct a theme study of the World War II home front to determine whether other sites in the United States should be included in the National Park System.

Section 5 of H.R. 4063 would authorize the appropriation of whatever sums are necessary to (1) acquire specified properties within the park's boundaries, (2) preserve and interpret park resources (including funds to conduct oral histories), and (3) provide visitor services. In addition, the act would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million for the purchase of historical artifacts. Finally, the legislation would authorize the NPS to accept and use donations of funds, property, and services.

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend between \$6.5 million and \$10.5 million over the next three

years to implement H.R. 4063. Most of the funds would be used to develop the education center at the Ford Assembly Building—between \$2.7 million and \$6.7 million—depending on the size of the facility and on the availability of nonfederal funding. Other one-time costs of about \$2.4 million would be incurred to acquire, artifacts, restore buildings, develop required plans and studies, and other activities under cooperative agreements. Finally, we estimate that it would cost \$1.4 million to administer the new park during the three-year development period. Once all facilities have been developed, CBO estimates that ongoing costs to operate and maintain the new park would be about \$0.8 million annually, beginning in fiscal year 2004.

Pay-as-you-go considerations: The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act sets up pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or receipts. H.R. 4063 would authorize the NPS to accept and use donations for the new historical park. Such donations are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts, and spending of the gifts would be considered new direct spending. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that both receipts and direct spending under this provision would be less than \$500,000 annually.

Estimate prepared by: Federal Costs: Deborah Reis and Ali Aslam. Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: Susan Van Deventer. Impact on the Private Sector: Natalie Tawil.

Estimate approved by: Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PRO- GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4811) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Burton amendment.

Today, India is the world's largest democracy. India's one billion people account for one-sixth of the world's population. For half a century India has struggled to overcome colonialism, religious and ethnic conflicts and all of the problems of underdevelopment.

India has made tremendous progress in trying to address its human rights problems.

India has instituted a process to receive complaints, initiate investigations of all claims, and passed laws to take action against those officials and members of security forces that have committed human rights offenses. The Burton amendment would eliminate U.S. assistance to help sustain these achievements.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

It is senseless to go through this again. As we continue this debate from last year, I want to say again that cutting development assistance to India would have disastrous effects.

I know that some members feel that India now has the opportunity to operate without the help of the United States. To that I say opportunity only follows hard work. It follows effort. And it never comes before.

Let's take this opportunity now to put forth the effort to truly help India, let's vote down the Burton amendment and help keep India on the road to economic sufficiency.

IN HONOR OF THE SPONSORS OF
PROJECT CHILDREN 2000

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the sponsors of Project Children 2000, a program enabling children from Northern Ireland to temporarily escape the bitter conflict they have known all their lives, a conflict that has deprived them of their childhood, in a land where hatred and divisiveness have shaped the social climate. Project Children was established to provide a small window of simple childhood pleasures, a holiday of sorts dedicated to peaceful, happy pursuits—these children deserve nothing less, and so much more.

The sponsors or host families of this outstanding program have opened their hearts and their homes to these often neglected victims of the conflict, and they have done so with a profound sense of duty and a rare display of generosity and compassion. I am extremely proud that so many families from my district have volunteered to participate in Project Children. I would like to thank the following sponsors: John and Diane Antonacci; Terrance and Linda Begley; Joseph and Nancy Caprio; Steven and Annette Carbone; John and Linda Carney; David and Patricia Cedrone; Saule and Marge Critell; Daniel and Susan Davison; Phillip and Kathleen DeCicco; Mark and Lynn deRowen; Donald and Irene Diverio; Al and Ellen Dorso; Peter and Robin DuHaime; Thomas and Cynthia Evison; Rick and Arlene Faustini; Raymond and Donna Flannery; Thomas and Michele Flynn; Salvatore and Patricia Fontana; Jim and Ana Gilligan; Michael and Pat Goodwin; Michael and Stephanie Griffin; John and Veronika Hecker; George and Margaret Hughes; Nicholas and Patricia Kaminsky; Andrew and Lynne Klosowski; Richard and Eileen Leahy; Brian and Elizabeth Lynch; David and Debra Stroehlein; Nicholad and Agnes Mangelli; Lorenzo and Debra Marchese; Harold and Janice Miller; Kevin and Lisa Miller; Bob and Dyan Moore; Craig and Sharon Parker; Alan and Jan Paul; Craig and Kerry Plokhoy; David and Cathleen Quinn; Timothy and Amy Quinzer; David and Sally Roche; William and MaryJo Sabbert; Jan and Karen Samowski; Scott and Maria Sim; Jeffrey and Eileen Simmers; Stephen and Catherine Simpson; Michael and Laura Sims; Hoby and Joyce Stager; Keith and Barbara Stiehler; Robert and Denise Thompson Jr.; Joyce Vargas, Joseph and Barbara Wewills; Rodney and Linda Bialko.

I also want to recognize the lovely children from Ireland who are gracing New Jersey with their presence this summer: Jeannette Bailey; Nicole Bennett; Nichola Boyd; Emma Campbell; John Clift; Marie-Theresa Collins; Stephen Coyle; Jason Curran; William Curran; Stephen Devine; Gemma Devlin; Anthony DiLucia; James Donnelly; Joseph Donnelly; Michelle Donnelly; Michael Duffy; Marie Sinead Flanagan; Caoimbe Marie Fox; Nathan Friel; Oria Gargan; Sean Paul Gorman; Kathleen Hall; Sinead Handley; Tomas Hull; Daniel Hutchings; Sinead Jackson; Jade Laird; David Lewsley; Gary Logan; Daniel Lynch; Laura Lyons; Martin Magennis; Jemina Maguire; Ursula McAteer; Nicola McCabe; Louise McConville; Samantha McConville; Jason McKernan; Claire McKinley; Luke McKibben; Sinead McLarnon; Sonia McManus; Pdraig McPartland; Elaine Murray; Caoimhin McVeigh; Louise Kayleigh McVeigh; Charlene McWilliams; Grainne Pelan; John Robinson; Adele Ross; Una Simpson; Clare Tallon; Lorraine Villa; and Gemma Weir.

In addition, Project Children would not be successful without the hard work of dedicated committee members and other staff. I thank them as well.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Project Children and everyone who has contributed to making it a great success.

IN HONOR OF MINOR GEORGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great servant of the people of Cleveland and leader of the Arab-American community, former Parma councilman Minor George. His recent death, at the age of 78, is a sorrowful event for the entire Cleveland, Ohio community.

Mr. George served as a Navy Lieutenant in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. After the war he was elected as the only Republican on the City Council of Parma and served three terms. In that office, his support was crucial to the success of a number of important Parma-area developments, including Parma Community General Hospital and Parma Town Hall. He was later to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican party.

Mr. George founded the Cleveland American Middle East organization with his friend Richard Ganim. Today this organization is the Arab-American community's leading political organization, uniting the voice of this important part of the wider Cleveland community. It is a suitable tribute to the vision of its founder, who became the National Arab-American President.

Mr. George also worked tirelessly with entertainer Danny Thomas to raise money to open St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Without his efforts, this wonderful institution, which helps hundreds of sick children each year, would never have opened. We all owe him an enormous debt of gratitude.

Through this exemplary record of public service, Mr. George rose to national prominence and his opinions were sought in meetings with Presidents Nixon, Ford and Bush as

well as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. He always conducted himself with great dignity and was well respected by all sections of the Cleveland community. He will be sorely missed.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me today in honoring the memory of this great community leader and role model.

MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the July 12, 2000, Omaha World Herald editorial entitled "Another Reason to Hold Off." As the editorial correctly notes, this President should not make a decision on deployment of a missile defense system and should leave the decision to the next President. This Member has long supported the concept of a limited missile defense, however, a decision on deployment is premature. Ultimately a limited missile defense system is likely to prove feasible, especially in a sea-based deployment mode. A sea-based capacity can be readily deployed to an area of increased tension and directed more effectively at the missiles of a threat country, thus making it more feasible to destroy these missiles in the launch phase. This Member urges his colleagues to heed the admonition in this insightful editorial.

ANOTHER REASON TO HOLD OFF

If the proposed U.S. missile defense system were a demo model on a car dealer's lot, the average American wouldn't buy it—at least in its present condition. You step on the accelerator and it doesn't go. Or you try to make a sharp turn and the steering wheel comes off in your hands.

That isn't to say it can't be made right. We hope it can. But it certainly calls into question whether President Clinton ought to put in motion the process that would ultimately lead to its deployment. Our view is that the final decision can wait.

A choice not to decide is, after all, a decision in itself. And at present, given the killer missile's sputtery test record—last Saturday, the booster rocket somehow failed to turn loose of the interceptor—it's the right one to make.

It's a decision made easier by the fact that North Korea, frequently mentioned as a "rogue" state that might try to fling a nuclear missile or two at the United States:

(1) Is generally judged not to be able to deploy one for at least five years (probably quite a bit longer, in reality); and (2) is currently making enough friendly noises about cooperation and even reconciliation with the West and with its sister state to the south that America may well come to view it with far less concern.

That still leaves other countries—Libya, Iran, Iraq, maybe even Pakistan—that might someday pose such a threat. But seasoned observers put their chances for fielding such missiles in a much longer time frame than was ever projected for North Korea.

This system, if built, is estimated to cost \$60 billion. That may well be low; when did we last hear of a weapons system coming in either on or under budget? Of its three currently scheduled tests, it has now failed two.

Mr. President, this important and costly device plainly needs more work. Either Governor Bush or Vice President Gore, as the

next president, is more than capable of making the decision. Let George or Al do it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, due to travel delays, I was not present for rollcall votes 373 through 378. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 373, "no" on rollcall vote 374, "aye" on rollcall vote 375, "no" on rollcall vote 376, "aye" on rollcall vote 377 and "no" on rollcall vote 378.

HONORING GIOACCHINO BALSAMO FOR A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor an extraordinary individual whose contributions to the Italian-American community in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut have been truly invaluable. A friend to all who know him, I am honored to pay tribute to my Uncle Gino as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

The son of an Italian Supreme Court Judge, Gino grew up in Rome and came to the United States with his family shortly after the conclusion of World War II. Ambitious and hard working, Gino took on a variety of jobs throughout Greater New Haven, doing whatever necessary to support his wife, Nerina, and two children. Always committed to his Italian heritage, one of Gino's first jobs was delivering the news on the local Italian radio station. During his first years in New Haven, he found a friend and mentor in my father, Ted DeLauro to help guide him as he began a new life in America. Gino and his family formed a special bond with my family. My mother, Luisa, was especially close with her Aunt Nettie, whom she lived with until Nettie was fifteen years old. Gino's family would come to dinner every Thursday night and I can remember listening in wonder to his stories of Rome and Amalfi, New Haven's sister city. His gentle nature endeared him to all those fortunate to know him and I consider myself blessed to be in his family.

After becoming a prominent figure in the Italian-American community of the Greater New Haven area, he began to use his many talents to assist Italian immigrants with immigration formalities, translations, and travel arrangements to the "Old Country". As a native of Italy and immigrant himself, Gino understood the fear and confusion of coming to a new country. He used his knowledge of his homeland and what he had learned here to support and comfort families that sought his assistance. Finding more and more of his time focused on these issues, he established the Balsamo Agency at the age of fifty-two and ran the company until his retirement at the tender age of eight-four. His compassion, warmth and unparalleled dedication to the

Italian-American community helped thousands of Italians adapt to their new lives in America. Without his diligent efforts on their behalf, many would have found the daunting task of starting a new life a much more difficult experience. He made a real difference in the lives of many—a rare accomplishment.

It is a pleasure for me to stand today to recognize Gino's lifetime of achievement. He has left an indelible mark on the New Haven community and words cannot begin to express the thanks and appreciation he deserves for all his kindness and good works. I am honored to join his wife of sixty-six years, Nettie, his children Dino and Fausta, family and friends in extending my best wishes to Gino as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Happy Birthday Uncle Gino!

IN TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JOSEPH WHITE

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to express my condolences to the family of Chief Joseph White, whose tragic and untimely passing, in the line of duty, we mourn. His wife, Joyce, his three children, his two foster children, his grandson and two foster grandchildren should know, that while their grief is heavy, comfort may be found in those close to them, friends and family, who will gather to acclaim his life. This husband and father was indeed a hero, cut down by a gun, while doing his job.

For nearly 30 years, Chief White gave of himself as a law enforcement officer, after retiring from the United States Navy. He served in a range of roles before becoming Chief at Rich Square a year and a half ago. He has been described as soft-spoken, yet effective. He was often seen with his 13-year-old grandson, a tough yet tender law man.

Chief White has now been called to rest and to reside in a place of total peace. God's finger has gently touched him and he now sleeps. I am confident that he has left a lasting impression on those who came to know him, and the principles that guided him will now serve as guideposts for those he leaves behind. I am also certain that throughout his life, he remained a caring friend, a devoted and loving family member, and a committed and dedicated father and husband.

He shall surely be missed. I feel certain, however, that he would want all of us to rejoice in his life and the time he spent on this earth.

The passing of a loved one is always very hard to understand, but God has the situation in-hand. Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Verses 1 through 8 is instructive. It reads in part, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven . . . A time to be born, and a time to die." And while his friends and family will greatly miss the Chief, I want to remind them that strength can be found in their continued support of one another. That is what he worked for all of his life. That is what he would want.

And, a special word for his wife and children. It is my hope that your family will be comforted by the fact that God in His infinite

wisdom does not make mistakes. Your husband, father and grandfather will live on forever in your hearts and minds through your cherished memories of his life and the time you had with him. Please continue to support one another, and I will pray for God's rich blessings on each of you. May God comfort and help your family and friends and help all of you to hold on to treasured yesterdays; and reach out with courage and hope to tomorrow, knowing that your beloved is with God. Death is not the end of life. It is the beginning of an eternal sleep. Chief Joseph White lived his life in sacrifice so that all of us could live our lives in pride. He has labored long. He now rests.

THE U.S. MUST SUPPORT PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR POLISH HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, nearly two hundred of my constituents are the victims of a gross injustice which is continually being compounded by the evasive actions of the present government of Poland. Instead of acting expeditiously to end the cycle of evil set off by the Nazi extermination of Polish Jews, the present Democratic government of Poland has adopted a set of obviously immoral legal maneuvers which deny just compensation to these Polish holocaust victims and their heirs. Following the Nazi defeat, the Communist government continued the criminal denial of property rights. Now a government which has embraced the principles which recognize private property rights is behaving in a manner bordering on racketeering.

In response to a lawsuit filed in Federal Court in Brooklyn on June 18, 1999, the Polish government, on December 22, 1999 filed a motion to dismiss the pending case; however, four weeks later this same government began drafting a reprivatization law to submit to its parliament. The key provisions of the draft represent a blatant attempt to swindle the long neglected victims: Only fifty percent of the current value will be offered to the original owners; payment in bonds which have no face value is proposed; inheritance taxes will be demanded; a one year limit on making claims under the statute will be imposed; for each person making the claim there will be a five year residency requirement.

Instead of these evasive actions which prolong the cruel and inhuman treatment already suffered by the Polish Jews; justice requires that the Polish government institute the following remedies for the survivors: Immediately commence the deeding of all government owned properties back to their rightful owners; creation of a fund for those with ownership rights in properties that have been sold to bona fide third parties; no eviction of any Polish citizens is demanded and an accounting of profits received by Poland during the last 55 years would be "negotiated away."

The obvious violations of human rights is the least issue involved in this class action suit. Government grand larceny is a more appropriate term to describe this stalemate. The current neutral position of the U.S. State Department on this matter is inconsistent with

U.S. Human Rights Policy and totally unacceptable. In addition to encouraging condemnation by national and world public opinion it is vitally necessary that our government examine its relationship with the Polish government to determine ways to accelerate a just settlement of this sordid victimization. It must be noted that in both Switzerland and Germany, recent steps have been taken to establish large funds for labor and bank deposit claims. Private property claims are not only more easily validated; tradition also considers property rights as almost sacred. World opinion and all Democratic governments must act vigorously to uphold the rights of Polish Jews.

RECOGNITION OF MARY TURNER'S
40 YEARS' SERVICE TO THE
AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a very special humanitarian and volunteer in my congressional district, Mary Turner of Dothan, Alabama.

Mary Turner recently celebrated a remarkable four decades of service to Southeast Alabama as an employee of the Wiregrass Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mary started to work as a secretary with the Red Cross on May 30, 1960. In January 1979, Mary became Chapter Manager, serving Houston, Henry, Dale and Geneva counties.

Since its inception some 83 years ago, the Wiregrass Chapter of the American Red Cross, has faithfully provided the community with disaster services, health and safety programs, services to the Armed Forces, support of the blood services program, Project Share, and many other outreach efforts. And for nearly half of its history, Mary has played an important role in supporting many of these local Red Cross programs.

Additionally, Mary has been active in and a member of many local, regional and state social and human service organizations, including the Governor's Conference on Volunteering.

A kidney transplant and coronary by-pass surgery have not diminished Mary's dedication to serve others. She is presently active as a member of the Zonta Club of Dothan, the Association of Service Agencies, the Transplant Support Group, and Highland Park Methodist Church.

I wish to extend my best wishes to Mary and my personal thanks for her efforts to better the lives of so many. America is greater because of its volunteers and the work of people like Mary Turner who help to rebuild and strengthen our communities and restore and enrich our lives.

IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZING
PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY
THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AD-
MINISTRATION

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. CAPPS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. DEGETTE, and others as original cosponsors of legislation to reauthorize programs administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Established by Congress in 1992, SAMHSA has built on Federal-State partnerships with communities and private organizations to provide a safety net of services for individuals and families with substance abuse problems and mental illness. In 1995, the last year for which statistics are available, drugs and alcohol cost the American public \$276 billion in unnecessary healthcare costs, extra law enforcement, auto accidents, crime, and lost productivity. The bill introduced today recognizes the challenges of SAMHSA's comprehensive mission and builds upon its successful programs with over a dozen new provisions, a number of which include prevention initiatives that target risk factors contributing to substance abuse and mental illness.

An important aspect of this bill is its extension of the Secretary's flexibility and authority to create programs of regional and national significance in the areas of substance abuse prevention and treatment, and mental health services. This bill affords the Secretary new opportunities to respond to changing societal trends and tomorrow's needs through knowledge development grants, enhancing expertise of service providers, and implementation of regionally sensitive, community-specific programs on an as needed basis.

This bill also places a special emphasis on programs for our Nation's young people, aimed specifically at fostering a generation of drug and alcohol-free youth. This past December, when HHS released its annual report of illicit drug use among teenagers, "Monitoring the Future," we learned that overall marijuana and other illicit drug use among 8th, 10th and 12th graders had leveled off; but, decreases in crack cocaine use among 8th and 10th graders were offset by increases in the use of ecstasy among 10th and 12th graders, and steroid use among 8th and 10th graders. This is not good enough for America's next generation. Therefore, this bill provides funding to: strengthen families; prevent underage drinking; deter methamphetamine and inhalant abuse, particularly by adolescents; create developmentally appropriate early intervention and substance abuse treatment programs; help young people cope with exposure to violence; and permit re-entry into society from the juvenile justice system with appropriate wrap-around services (aftercare and mental health counseling) in place. These are model programs of which we can all be proud. The bill also improves coordination of services to children of substance abusers and provides new help for children and adults with fetal alcohol syndrome.

According to SAMHSA's 1998 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Statistics Source

Book, of the 52 million Americans between the ages of 15 and 54 who experience a substance abuse or mental health problem, 8 million, or more than one in seven, have both a mental health and an addiction problem. This represents nearly 5 percent of all Americans in this age group. The bill introduced today acknowledges the common co-occurrence of these conditions by establishing best practices for treatment strategies, and by significantly expending and improving access to those services for both individuals and families.

SAMHSA has been the payer-of-last-resort for millions of Americans with mental health and substance abuse problems. Disorders of the brain are perhaps the most complex challenges we face. While stigmatizing, they are treatable and often preventable. This bill identifies and addresses the broad range of issues contributing to the complex concerns of substance abuse and mental illness. It creates new Centers of Excellence which will lead by example and represents a major step forward for America by providing compassionate and responsible solutions.

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR HUGH
MARTIN CURRIN

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, July 15, 2000, Mayor Hugh Martin Currin, of Oxford, North Carolina, left this life. He was laid to rest today, after serving a total of 25 years as Mayor of Oxford, over a period which spanned 50 years. He spent almost a third of his life as Mayor. At age 78, he died at his home and has now been called to rest and to reside in a place of total peace.

Mayor Currin was first elected to that position in 1949, after having graduated from Oxford High School, Wake Forest College and Wake Forest Law School. This son of a tobacco farmer served as a Naval Officer during World War II. Over the years, in addition to Mayor, he served in various public positions. He was known for his ability to work with all people. The late Floyd McKissick, Sr., himself an attorney in Oxford, once said of Mayor Currin, that he was a "man of vision." He said the Mayor, "had the nature and capacity to treat a man fairly. He converted Christianity to the political arena." Indeed, despite his many activities and responsibilities, he still found time to teach Sunday School class for more than 40 years.

His years of service were perhaps captured best, in his own words. He said, "The City of Oxford has improved, not because of me or the commissioners, but because the people in this Town cared, and still do." Then, he added, "That's why Oxford has come so far—the people."

Mayor Currin was a devoted husband and loving father, whose son, also a lawyer, practiced with him in Oxford for many years. I know his wife, Doris; his son, Hugh Martin, Jr.; his daughter, Patricia Currin Mangum; and his two granddaughters will miss him dearly. All who knew him were touched by his humility, strength of character and faith in God. He was loved and well respected.

God's finger has gently touched Mayor Currin, and he now sleeps. I am confident that

he has left a lasting impression on those who came to know him, and the principles that guided him will now serve as guideposts for those he leaves behind. He shall surely be missed. I feel certain, however, that he would want all of us to rejoice in his life and the time he spent on this earth.

ALEXIS DEVIN BLACK RECOGNIZED FOR SPECIAL PRAYER

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding accomplishments of one of my younger constituents, Alexis Devin Black. Miss Black was recently selected as the Grand Prize Winner of the "My Prayer for America" contest conducted by KQCV, a Christian radio station in Oklahoma City. I would like to draw my colleagues' attention to this 13-year-old's eloquent prose, My Prayer for America, which outlines the characteristics that many hope our future America will acquire. Miss Black's special prayer follows:

MY PRAYER FOR AMERICA
(BY ALEXIS DEVIN BLACK)

Dear God,

My prayer for America comes from younger lips, but it speaks the truth of experience. I pray countless things for America, but above all I pray America come back to its forefather's beliefs. America's history speaks many things, but one that was spoken so clearly from the beginning was You. I pray that America will look at America and stop trying to save a world from problems that arise from some of its own influences.

My prayer for America comes from sighted eyes, but it has looked through blind ones. I pray America will realize that all people are truly created equal and though some may be different, that does not make them a lesser person. I pray that one day a disability can be ignored and a person recognized.

My prayer for America comes from a stable home, but it can easily recognize a broken one. America has created a chicken exit for those who cannot handle marriage. They call it divorce. I pray that even if couples only "stay together for the kids" that they will stay together, not just for their children, but for You.

My prayer for America is one of hope, but it knows degeneration. America has degenerated in every possible and driven God away, therefore falling into its present state. I pray we will, as Americans, take responsibility for our actions and stop blaming our country. For a country can be no stronger, or righteous than its citizens. Amen

TWA FLIGHT 800

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the families of those passengers killed in TWA Flight 800. It has been four years since the Boeing 747 exploded over the ocean, 10 miles from Smith Point Park in Long Island,

killing all 229 passengers and crew. Yesterday, the families of those aboard came together on the anniversary of the July 17, 1996, crash to remember their loved ones and to break ground on the memorial that will honor the memory of all those who were lost on that fateful night four years ago.

The memorial will have the names of all 229 people killed on Flight 800 chiseled into a curving slab of black granite, the centerpiece of a 2-acre garden that is scheduled for completion on the fifth anniversary of the crash one year from now. The memorial will provide a place for the families of the victims to go and pay tribute to their loved ones.

These families will always remember the day the jet burst into flames at about 8:45 p.m. and then plummeted into the dark waters. What ensued was a massive search over five square miles of debris in the open ocean. Hours later, the Coast Guard and rescue workers began the sad, sad task of turning their rescue mission into a recovery mission.

While the cause of the crash remains uncertain, the end result is still the same. Families that were once happy and complete still experience a deep sense of loss that endures. Life will continue for the parents, husbands, wives and children of those lost and though the years will pass, these families will never again be whole.

On this anniversary of TWA Flight 800, I encourage everyone to pause and remember the victims and their families. Remember those who waited so many hours only to learn that there was no hope for survivors. These are the people that struggle to make it through every day without those who were lost. For most of us, the events of that day have begun to fade into vague memory. For the families devastated by this tragedy, the memories will be forever vivid and full of pain. Let us take this day to rededicate ourselves to the memory of those lost on this day in 1996.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PHILLIP
WHITE FAMILY REUNION

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a proud example of American family values, the Phillip White Family Reunion.

Phillip White, Sr., was born a South Carolina slave in 1810. By 1870, he and his wife Elizabeth had established roots in Newnan, Corveta County, Georgia. They gave birth to four children during slavery, and one other child four years after the end of the civil war. Amazingly, they kept their family group together while enduring that most evil of institutions. Their model of love of family endures to this day.

Since that time, the Phillip White Family has established itself in many states in this great nation, including Maryland, Michigan, Georgia, Ohio, California, Connecticut, New York, and especially in my own District in Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, the Phillip White Family began holding its reunions on the fourth Sunday in July in the early 1900's in Monroe, Georgia. In 1969, these family meetings evolved into today's Phillip White Family Reunion.

Each year, the reunion is held in a different city. Fittingly, the first White Family Reunion of the new millennium will be held in America's First City, my own Philadelphia. I am proud to welcome this great family to our fine city and I invite all my colleagues to join me in honoring them today.

MARGARET M. GENERALI K-5
SCHOOL

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker and my distinguished colleagues, I ask that you join me today in recognizing the achievements of a group of youngsters from the Margaret M. Generali K-5 School in Waterbury, Connecticut. The students, along with their student council advisor, Mrs. Laura Dunlap, succeeded in raising over \$1,500 for the National World War II Memorial.

Mrs. Dunlap and the school's student council members worked for two months at their fundraising campaign, including \$1,000 raised standing outside a local grocery store. Moreover, the students did not merely rely on adults to donate money; \$563 was given to the fundraising effort by their fellow classmates from Generali School.

At a time when young people are often tempted in harmful directions, it is especially important to acknowledge and reward positive efforts made by our newest generation. The students of Margaret M. Generali K-5 School are the very youngest in our public school system. Yet, through their fundraising, they have demonstrated an understanding and patriotism that is a credit to any age group.

These youngsters clearly recognize the contributions of the millions of men and women who fought and died in a war fifty years before they were born. They decided to make it their goal to help build a memorial honoring those courageous heroes of World War II.

On behalf of the House of Representatives and World War II Veterans and their families throughout our great nation, I want to thank the students of the Margaret M. Generali K-5 School for their hard work, their commitment, and their patriotism. It is gratifying to know that these industrious, bright, young Americans will be the ones leading America in the future.

AIMEE'S LAW

SPEECH OF

HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, the amended version of H.R. 894, which we are considering today does not include the section in the original bill that provided compensation to the victims of the crimes covered under this bill. This section, which would have transferred \$100,000 to each victim of these crimes, was removed from the legislation over a year ago. In fact, the version of Aimee's Law that the House passed by a vote of 412 to 15 on June

16, 1999, as an amendment to the Juvenile Crime Bill (H.R. 1501), also did not contain the \$100,000 transfer section. Although I believe strongly that victims of recidivist crime deserve compensation, out of deference to Members who raised concerns that this could complicate the administration of the act, the section was removed. Additionally, the comments provided by the Department of Justice [DOJ] on the transfer section apply to Aimee's Law as introduced, not the current version, and should also be discarded.

The amended version of H.R. 894 simply provides additional funding to states that convict a murderer, rapist, or child molester, if that criminal had previously been convicted of one of those same crimes in a different state. The cost of prosecuting and incarcerating the criminal would be deducted from the Federal crime assistance funds intended to go to the first state, and instead be given to the second state that obtained the conviction. This is fair. Most would agree that a state that releases a violent predator who commits another murder, rape or sex offense in another state should be held responsible for their actions.

As to the administration of Aimee's Law, if you can operate a calculator, you can perform the calculations required to implement the bill. DOJ conducts far more complicated calculations than those required under H.R. 894. Smartly, the bill provides DOJ with maximum flexibility in administering the act. DOJ may use different sources of Federal assistance to implement the transfer provision of the act. The burden on the states is minimal. The act requires DOJ to consult with the chief executive of the state affected to establish a payment schedule. In any event, states should seize the initiative and respond to this law by keeping dangerous rapists, murderers, and child molesters behind bars until they are no longer a threat to society.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following endorsements and editorials for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

GRAND LODGE, FRATERNAL ORDER
OF POLICE®,

Washington, DC, July 10, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am writing this letter to advise you of the strong support of the more than 290,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police for H.R. 894, "Aimee's Law: No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists or Child Molesters Act," which we understand will be brought to the House floor tomorrow under suspension of the rules.

The F.O.P. has been working closely with the bill's sponsor, Congressman Matt Salmon (R-AZ), for several years now. The legislation passed the House as an amendment to H.R. 1501, the "Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 1999," by a 412-15 vote and passed the Senate as an amendment to S. 254, the "Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act" by an 81-17 vote. Clearly, this is a bill for which there is broad bipartisan agreement.

This bill as amended will provide additional funding to States that convict a murderer, rapist or child molester, if that criminal had previously been convicted of one of those crimes in a different State. The cost of prosecuting and incarcerating the criminal would be deducted from Federal crime funds received by the first State and instead be sent to the State that obtained the second conviction. If criminals are convicted in a

"truth-in-sentencing" State and the criminal served at least eighty-five (85%) percent of his or her sentence, then there would be no transfer of funds.

Criminals who get locked up and stay locked up no longer pose any danger or threat to public safety. Recidivist rates for murderers, rapists and child molesters are high—but the cost to the victims and the communities they terrorize is higher still. Congressman Salmon's bill takes the right step by encouraging States to employ the death penalty where available and appropriate, or at least keep our most heinous criminals behind bars for the rest of their lives.

One of the most frustrating aspects of law enforcement is seeing the guilty go free and, once free, commit another heinous crime. Lives can be saved and tragedies averted if we have the will to keep these predators locked up. Congressman Salmon's bill addresses this issue smartly, without Federalizing crimes and without infringing on the State and local responsibilities of local law enforcement by providing accountability and responsibility to States who release their murderers, rapists, and child molesters to prey again on the innocent.

On behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police, I urge the House to again adopt this bill and send it to the Senate. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Executive Director Jim Pasco, at my Washington office, (202) 547-8189.

Sincerely,

GILBERT G. GALLEGOS,
National President.

FROM THE DESK OF FRED GOLDMAN

I am pleased to lend my continued support of Matt Salmon's bill "HR 894"—Aimee's Law. I strongly urge quick passage of "No second chances for murders, rapists, and child molesters."

Violent crime has become part of our way of life in this nation. Every second of every day, a violent criminal strikes somewhere in our country. A violent crime is committed every 19 seconds. A girl or woman is raped—every 70 seconds. A child is molested—also every 70 seconds. And a child or adult is murdered—every 28 minutes. We are a nation besieged with violence.

Since the introduction of this bill in July of 1998, as an amendment to the Juvenile Crime Bill, approximately 825,000 women or girls have been raped—and an equal number, 825,000 children have been sexually molested—and more than 36,000 people have been murdered.

Less than 3% of our total population commit 100% of this violence. These people recommit their horrible crimes over, and over again—because we let them. The average time served in prison for rape—5 years, the average time served for molesting a child—less than 4 years, and the average time served for committing murder—7½ years. And then, these monsters are released, and out recommitting these same crimes again. Because we let them! We are a nation that continues to put violent felons back on the street, knowing full well, that they will rape, molest and murder again.

There are no accurate records maintained as to where violent felons go after their release from prison. Good common sense, however, tells us that many of these monsters will travel to different states and recommit their heinous acts—again.

Rapists don't stop raping, child molesters don't stop molesting, and murders don't stop murdering—just because they move to a new state. To take the chance that they might, is too big a risk. One more victim, is one to many.

Encouraging States, through the passage of this bill, to get tough on violent criminals and keep them behind bars for at least 85% of their sentence is the only smart thing to do. A released violent felon is a new violent crime just waiting to happen. The longer these people are kept in prison, the safer the rest of us will be.

Every step must be taken, no matter how small, to insure the safety of the citizens of this country. If the passage of this bill prevents only one woman from being raped, only one child from being molested—or, only one murder from being committed then each and every legislator can feel proud.

Don't wait until your loved one is a victim of violent crime. I can assure you, that is a nightmare you don't want to experience. Any delay in the passage of "HR 894" is unacceptable. Remember—lives are at stake.

BRUCE AND JANICE GRIESHABER,
Camillus, NY, July 8, 2000.

To: Congressman Matt Salmon.
From: Bruce and Janice Grieshaber.
Re: HR 894—Aimee's Law.

Our daughter, Jenna, was murdered on November 6, 1997, by a paroled violent felon. Her death deeply impacted two large communities in New York—Albany, where she was killed, and Syracuse, her hometown. Both communities rallied to force passage of legislation in New York that effectively eliminates parole for all violent felons and creates up to five years of post-release supervision. This legislation was dubbed "Jenna's Law" by Governor George Pataki. This law will, according to the Rand Corporation, eliminate over 200,000 violent felonies in the next 15 years.

Our family has been through the police knocking at our door at 2:00 am to tell us our daughter has been murdered. We have sat in a police station, not 20 feet from her killer, being told that he was out on "mandatory release" parole. We have felt the utter confusion as to why the system had to free this animal even though he had 19 counts of illegal behavior in prison. We still anguish with the utter senselessness of a system that would put this violent creature back on the streets to injure, maim and kill. We now work with other victims, some of whom have lost a loved one who has been paroled in one state to move to and kill in another.

There is nothing in this world that can adequately describe the loss of a child. That they were senselessly murdered deepens the feeling. That they were senselessly murdered by someone who should have still been in prison creates a mind-numbing confusion that is completely inexplicable.

We totally support a law that would force states to reduce options for, or eliminate parole for violent felons. We think the 30,000 good people from every congressional district of New York State who signed petitions supporting Jenna's Law would do so for Aimee's Law. We implore the House of Representatives and Senate to listen to the people who have become victims and truly want an end to the horror that could befall any household in America. Please, please, pass HR 894.

KLAAS KIDS FOUNDATION,
Sausalito, CA, July 7, 2000.

Representative MATT SALMON,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.
Re: Aimee's Law

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE SALMON: My promise to Polly was always to protect her from harm. Unfortunately, like so many other parents, reality overwhelmed desire and I was unable to fulfill that simple yet impossible promise. On behalf of Polly and Aimee

Willard and the thousands of other children and families whose lives have been shattered by avoidable violence I wish to thank you for authoring Aimee's Law.

The KlaasKids Foundation enthusiastically supports the amended version of HR 894, otherwise known as Aimee's Law. By linking recidivist violent offenses committed in different states your amendment encourages standardized policy in the most powerful way possible, by reducing federal crime funds for states that fail to comply.

Thank you Mr. Salmon, for your hard work on behalf of all Americans. The KlaasKids Foundation supports your effort and encourages all members of the United States House of Representatives to vote for Aimee's Law.

Sincerely,

MARC KLAAS.

April 2, 2000.

Hon. GRAY DAVIS, Governor of California,
Sacramento, CA.

DEAR GOVERNOR DAVIS: We are writing to ask for your support of legislation in Congress to close the revolving door of justice that allows convicted murderers, rapists and child molesters to prey upon the innocent over and over again. As Governor of California, you have demonstrated in both word and deed your commitment to tough criminal justice policies that place the protection of society first. Indeed, California's criminal laws and sentencing requirements are now among the toughest in the nation, to the everlasting relief of its citizens.

But more needs to be done. All too often, convicted murderers, rapists, and child molesters are released from prison only to victimize the innocent once again. In fact, more than 14,000 murders, rapes, and sexual assaults are committed each year by previously convicted murderers and sex offenders. About one in eight of these completely preventable crimes occurs in a state different from the one where the first conviction was obtained.

The toll on America's children is particularly high: Each year, approximately 83 children are murdered, 1315 are raped, and 7510 are sexually assaulted by released murderers, rapists, and child molesters. How can this happen? In large measure, it is because the national average time served in state prison for rape is just 5½ years. For child molestation, it is about 4 years. And for murder, it is just 8 years. As crime victims and survivors, we know all too well that this is unacceptable.

The No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act, also known as "Aimee's Law", would reduce this carnage by rewarding states like California that get tough on these monsters who prey upon the innocent over and over again. Specifically, Aimee's Law would provide additional funding to states that convict a murderer, rapist, or child molester, if that criminal had been previously convicted of one of those same crimes in a different state. The cost of prosecuting and incarcerating the criminal would be deducted from the federal crime funds intended to go to the first state, and instead be added to the funds sent to the state that obtained the second conviction.

For states like California that are serious about getting tough on violent crime, Aimee's Law would help mitigate the high cost of apprehending, prosecuting and incarcerating previously convicted murderers, rapists and child molesters from other states who bring their terror to the citizens of California. For states with too lenient laws for these predatory and highly mobile criminals, Aimee's Law would act as a strong incentive for needed change.

Aimee's Law enjoys broad bipartisan support from a variety of law enforcement and

victim's rights organizations including the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, the Klass Kids Foundation, the Doris Tate Crime Victims Bureau, the National Fraternal Order of Police and the California Protective Parents Association, just to name a few. In fact, as an amendment to the Juvenile Justice bill, it passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 412-15 and the United States Senate by a vote of 81-17 last Spring. Both Senators Feinstein and Boxer supported Aimee's Law as did 46 of the State's 52 Representatives in the House.

Had Aimee's Law been considered as a stand alone bill it surely would have been signed into law by the President months ago. Unfortunately, differences over unrelated provisions in the Juvenile Justice bill have prevented Aimee's Law from reaching the President's desk. Clearly, common sense bipartisan crime legislation like Aimee's Law should not be needlessly held up because of difference over totally unrelated provisions.

It's time to pass Aimee's Law and put a stop to this easily preventable carnage once and for all. With your support, we can prevent thousands of innocent women and children from being brutalized by a convicted murderer or sex offender.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We eagerly await your influential endorsement, which should be faxed to the office of the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman Matt Salmon at 202-25-3405.

Sincerely,

MARY VINCENT,
MARC KLAAS,
FRED GOLDMAN.

SOUTHERN STATES POLICE
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Alexandria, VA, June 15, 1999.

Hon. MATT SALMON,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.
DEAR REPRESENTATIVE SALMON: The Southern States Police Benevolent Association (SSPBA) wishes to lend its strong support to the Matt Salmon, Curt Weldon and Adam Smith amendment to the House Juvenile Justice Bill.

SSPBA is composed of 17,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The association has always supported tough laws to protect our society from predators.

We believe that this bill takes preventive measures that are necessary to protect our children and is a step forward in terms of dealing with these very sensitive issues. If adopted, this amendment can significantly reduce some of the problems that plague our society.

Congressman Salmon, the PBA commends you and the others involved for introducing this important legislation and we urge Congress to work swiftly for its enactment.

Sincerely,

H.G. "BILL" THOMPSON,
Director, Governmental Affairs.

CHILDHELP USA,
Scottsdale, AZ, May 14, 1999.

Hon. RICK SANTORUM,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR SANTORUM: We applaud the amendment that you are offering to the Senate Juvenile Crime Bill (S. 254). This amendment, also known as Aimee's Law (S. 668, H.R. 894), would encourage states to incarcerate our nation's most brutal offenders—murderers, rapists, and child molesters.

For the past 40 years, Childhelp USA has waged its own campaign to raise awareness of the issue of child abuse and neglect. We firmly believe that those who prey upon our

children should be removed from society. We are honored to join our hearts and hands with you to protect the innocent, especially our children.

Thank you for helping to protect America's youth. We encourage all Senators to vote for your amendment.

Sincerely,

SARA O'MEARA,
Chairman & CEO,
YVONNE FEDDERSON,
President.

CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL PEACE
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,
West Sacramento, CA, April 16, 1999.

Hon. MATT SALMON,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SALMON: I am writing on behalf of 28,000 members of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) to express our support for H.R. 894, "No Second Chance for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act of 1999, which you re-introduced. CCPOA strongly supports this legislation because it would redirect funds from a state that has released a murderer, rapist, or child molester to pay the prosecution and incarcerations costs incurred by a state which has had to reconvict this released felon for a similar crime. By doing so, this legislation would work to keep these violent felons off our streets by encouraging states to keep such offenders behind bars. CCPOA appreciates your leadership in this important area. Please contact our Washington, D.C. representative, Shannon Lahey, at (202) 333-6924 if we can be of any assistance to you in securing the passage of H.R. 894.

Sincerely,

MIKE JIMENEZ,
Executive Vice President, CCPOA.

MOTHERS OUTRAGED AT
MOLESTERS ORGANIZATION INC.,
Independence, MO, June 1, 1998.

Hon. MATT SALMON,
Cannon Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE SALMON: We at Mothers Outraged at Molesters (M.O.M.s) enthusiastically endorse the "No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act of 1998." Passage of this legislation would pressure States to keep sexual offenders behind bars for longer prison terms.

Convicted sexual offenders should not have the opportunity to repeat their criminal behavior. We are aware of numerous cases where convicted molesters have actually said that they would re-offend if released from prison. From what we have witnessed in court, the victims of sexual abuse come in all ages and stations in life. The victims have been babies, nuns or even an Alzheimer patient.

It is well documented that sexual offenders have a high recidivism rate. Among sexual predators, child molesters are the most likely to re-offend. Some studies indicate that convicted child molesters have a recidivism rate as high as 70-90 percent. We simply can not afford to let these people out of prison to destroy additional young lives. Your bill's penalty mechanism, providing that the State that releases a rapist or child molester is liable for any attacks committed by these criminals in other states, will spur a nationwide effort to keep convicted sexual predators in state custody for life with no chance of parole. By keeping the most dangerous criminal element off the streets, thousands of sexual assaults will be prevented each year.

We at M.O.M.s applaud you on your effort to protect innocent citizens from repeat sexual predators. Please do not hesitate to call

us to help you advance the "No Second Chances Bill"

Sincerely,

CYRILLA BENDER,
Founder/President of M.O.M.s.

[From the Arizona Republic, June 4, 1999]

ONE LESS OPTION FOR CRIMINALS—SALMON BILL ANOTHER CHECK ON KILLERS, RAPISTS Rep. Matt Salmon is trying again. We hope he succeeds.

This year, we hope members of Congress pass his No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists or Child Molesters Act.

They should do it for men, women and children whose lives are shattered—sometimes extinguished—by violent criminals who should never have been released from prison.

They should do it for families who will never be released from the pain of wondering, "What if I'd gone with her?" or, "What if I'd said, 'No, you can't ride your bike to the store?'" or, "What if I'd gone home early that day?"

Salmon's bill creates a strong financial incentive for states to impose stiff sentences on violent criminals. And it deftly does it without imposing federal regulations.

It works this way: If a state releases a convicted murderer, rapist or child molester whose sentence fell below the national average or who served less than 85 percent of his or her sentence, that state would be liable if the vermin reoffended in another state.

Money from the first state's federal anti-crime funds would be diverted to pay the cost of prosecuting and incarcerating the criminal in the state where the new offense was committed. The bill also provides \$100,000 to victims.

"States should now be on notice that the revolving prison door for sexual predators and murderers must end," Salmon said.

If you doubt the need to send that message, consider these frightening statistics from the Department of Justice.

- The average time served in state prisons for rape is 5½ years.
- The average time served in state prisons for child molesting is four years.
- The average time served in state prisons for murder is eight years.

That's not even long enough for the night marish memories to begin healing. It's not long enough for the criminals to worry about the consequences of doing it again.

And they will do it again.

Salmon's bill is also called "Aimee's Law," for Aimee Willard, a 22-year-old university student who was raped and murdered in Pennsylvania by a killer who was paroled in Nevada.

Every year, according to Salmon's office, the kind of criminals covered by this bill are released, then cross state lines and kill more than 100 people, including 10 children.

They cross state lines and rape more than 445 people, including 165 children.

They cross state lines and sexually assault more than 1,200 people, including 935 children.

Congress should say, "Enough." Salmon vows to push for passage of his bill as part of a larger juvenile justice bill or as a separate piece of legislation.

Either way, it ought to pass.

Either way, states ought to get the message that law-abiding citizens, not criminals, deserve second chances.

CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS, INC.

CAMDENTON, MO, May 21, 1998.

Hon. MATT SALMON,

U.S. House of Representatives, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SALMON: "All too often law enforcement families are victims of

America's violence!" This is a quote used on a poster Concerns of Police Survivors produced and distributed several years ago. And, unfortunately, all too often police families have their officers injured or killed by perpetrators convicted of heinous crimes who have been released early from prison to prey once again on defenseless Americans.

"The No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act of 1998" would place appropriate demands on state penal systems not to release violent offenders simply to relieve overcrowding in the jails or because the perpetrator has served a full sentence. Often, unfortunately, without the public being aware, the released violent offender moves to another state to "start over". Unfortunately, "Starting over" often means picking up with their violent behavior where it left off during their incarceration.

As you pointed out in earlier correspondence, Ippolito "Lee" Gonzales was violently killed in the line of duty while serving with the Franklin Township Police Department in New Jersey. Robert "Mudman" Simon had moved to New Jersey following his release from a Pennsylvania prison after serving 12 years for the murder of his girlfriend who refused to have sex with gang members. Three months after Simon's release, Officer Gonzalez was executed in cold blood during a simple traffic stop. If Pennsylvania had continued to incarcerate Mr. Simon, Officer Gonzales might still be patrolling the streets of Franklin Township.

After the recent observances of National Police Week 1998, May 10-16, and National Victims Rights Week, April 21-27, it is our hope the Congress will remember that law enforcement finds itself seeking repeat offenders who have inflicted their terror on newer victims. Strict sentencing and continued incarceration of violent offenders will make law enforcement's job easier on the streets. It will also spare many Americans from experiencing violent victimization. As you pointed out in earlier correspondence, last year not a single murderer, rapist, or child molester in prison victimized an innocent person in the community. The revolving door of our weakened justice system must be strengthened by tough, innovative legislation which places the burden of responsibility on the appropriate individuals; the perpetrator, the courts, the juries, and the penal system. This bill is certainly one way States will be held responsible for decision they make to allow violent offenders to return to the streets that affect the safety of their citizens and the safety of citizens living in other States as well.

We wish you much luck in the Congress as you take on the task of attempting to pass this bill.

Sincerely yours,

SUZIE SAWYER,
Executive Director.

[From the Daily Journal, March 4, 1999]

NO SECOND CHANCES

Mika Moulton, the mother of Christopher Meyer, is pushing for a law called "No Second Chances."

No Second Chances would essentially bar each of the nation's 50 states from granting early releases to murderers, rapists and child molesters. It means that a murderer sentenced to life would serve life, essentially ending all hope of parole.

If a state does release a killer who goes on to strike again, he or she would have to pay all the costs of the second prosecution, no matter in what state it occurs. They would also have to pay \$100,000 to the victim's family.

The law would, of course, mean a massive new prison construction program. The Fed-

eral Justice Department estimates that there are 134,000 sex offenders out on probation or parole. Our own Kankakee County list of convicted offenders tops 100.

Much is always made of the cost of building prisons and pushing prosecutions.

What Ms. Moulton is trying to call to our attention is the cost of not keeping people in prison. Sometimes that cost is another rape. Sometimes it's a dead child. The Justice Department says released murderers commit 100 killings a year. Released rapists commit 445 new rapes a year.

Those costs need to be weighted, too.

It's hard to argue that someone who kills a child deserves a second chance.

Pass the law.

[From the Richmond Times-Dispatch, May 23, 1999]

AIMEE'S LAW

Last summer in this space we supported a measure introduced by Arizona Congressman Matt Salmon to hold states liable if their released sex offenders committed subsequent crimes in other states ["No Second Chances," August 12].

"Aimee's Law"—in memory of college student Aimee Willard who was kidnapped, raped, and murdered near Philadelphia by a brute paroled by Nevada—strikes a commendable balance. It creates an incentive for states to monitor predators more closely instead of merely chasing them out of town, while not federalizing crimes that ought to remain under local jurisdiction.

Last week the Senate passed the measure as an amendment to a larger crime bill. Similar legislation is pending in the House, and it ought to be approved as well. Giving a one-way bus ticket to a sex offender might improve the community he leaves, but it is the equivalent of shipping toxic waste to unsuspecting states.

"Aimee's Law" would make states bear the costs of such a repugnant practice. It is good legislation the House should pass and the President should sign into law.

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"NO SECOND CHANCES" BILL DESERVES CAREFUL CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION

Lawrence Singleton should have died lonely and despised in a California prison. Instead, the infamous criminal who hacked off the arms of a teenage girl after raping her walked out of his cell and returned to make his home in Florida.

It wasn't long before he was under arrest again, this time for murder.

Singleton is sentenced to die in Florida's electric chair, but he's an old man in failing health who still has appeals to exhaust. As a prisoner, he costs taxpayers \$26,000 a year. We taxpayers are paying for his legal costs.

Under a Federal bill making its way through the House of Representatives, the state of California, which let Singleton out of jail, would have to pay Florida's expenses. It also would have to compensate, to the tune of \$100,000, the family of Tampa murder victim Roxanne Hayes.

The bill, called No Second Chances for murderers, rapists or child molesters, deserves a fair hearing.

It attacks a national crime problem without costing more federal money. It alerts states that they will assume a financial risk when they release their most violent criminals back into society. It does not federalize crimes or infringe on state and local responsibilities for law enforcement.

At the same time, the bill merits careful scrutiny.

It was written to prod states into drafting laws that would not allow violent sex offenders and murderers to go free. If states don't

decide to put those criminals in jail for life, then they risk a financial penalty for giving their prisoners "a second chance." And some prisoners, unlike Singleton, deserve a second chance—after they have paid their debt to society in full.

That's the crux of the problem. Prisoners locked up for despicable offenses are going to get out of jail, and many of them will not have served enough time for their crime. U.S. Rep. Matt Salmon's proposal would force states to put them away forever or pay the price.

The Arizona Republican has the support of parents of murder victims, including Fred Goldman, whose son Ron was killed with Nicole Brown Simpson, and Marc Klaas, whose daughter Polly was murdered by a repeat offender in California.

Whether we like it or not, released criminals roam from state to state. States have no recourse to prevent this immigration, even though one in seven repeat crimes occurs in a different state from the original offense.

Each year, according to Department of Justice studies, released killers drifting from one part of the country to another murder more than 100 people. Each year rapists cross state lines and claim 445 new victims. Each year these criminals cross state lines and sexually assault more than 1,200 people, including 935 children.

(And we don't have to remind you of the many bad actors who wend their way to the Sunshine State when winter looms.)

Critics of the proposal say the recidivism rate for these most heinous crimes is low, but some studies suggest these offenses are repeated more often than not. The critics complain that state laws already allow judges to put repeat offenders away for life, but those arguments do not address the victimization of innocent people or the victimized state's ability to pay for its prisoners.

Specifically, the proposal would require the Justice Department to transfer federal crime-fighting dollars from one state to another to pay for the costs of reincarceration as a repeat offender.

Half of the amounts transferred would be deposited in the state's crime victims' fund, and half would be deposited in the state account that collects federal law enforcement funds. Additionally, the proposal would provide \$100,000 to the victims of the subsequent attack.

Interestingly, the bill mandates nothing. The states are required to do nothing. But a state would run the risk of losing federal crime-fighting funds if it let a killer or child molester out of jail and then that convict committed a crime again.

The proposition raises other issues. If a state decides to make life prisoners of these criminals, it has to have a place to house them. The state must also have a parole or probation system to judge accurately when to release prisoners.

Lawmakers considering the bill must also figure out how to handle those prisoners who have served their time. States have no authority to detain someone who has served his sentence and should not be penalized for future crimes in other states.

There are no simple answers to this vexing problem, but Salmon's approach would at least force a state to face the consequences of its decision. The Goldmans and Klaases of the world will not remain silent, and they have thrown their considerable celebrity behind this effort.

The proposal bears watching—and talking about—as the measure makes its way through Congress.

[From the Delaware County Sunday Times, March 26, 2000]

TIME FOR THE HOUSE TO ENACT AIMEE'S LAW

The brutal and senseless murder of Aimee Willard in June 1996 touched the very heart of Delaware County. A vivacious college student and athlete with a bright future was lost and we hurt for her family and friends.

But with the conviction and sentencing of her killer, the book did not close on this terrible chapter in county history. Aimee Willard lives on with the crafting of legislation aimed at preventing a tragedy such as the one that befell her.

This week the U.S. House of Representatives will consider "Aimee's Law."

Labeled as a bipartisan effort, the law turns up the heat on states to impose stronger sentences for criminals convicted of rape, murder and child molestation.

Gail Willard, Aimee's mother, testified at a Congressional hearing last year, urging stiffer state sentencing guidelines for career criminals such as Arthur Bomar.

Bomar had been convicted of killing a man in Nevada over a parking spot. He served 11 years in jail in Nevada before being paroled, despite showing a propensity for violence in prison.

"Right now, life criminals are running the system," said Gail Willard during her testimony in Washington.

U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon says the early release of violent felons is plain wrong.

"The average time served in a state prison for rape is just 5½ years," Weldon said. "For child molestation, it is about four years. And for murder, it is just eight years. That's absolutely unacceptable."

Aimee's Law requires a state that releases a convicted murderer, rapist or child molester who goes on to commit another crime in another state to compensate the second state for the cost of apprehending, prosecuting and incarcerating the criminal.

The money loss would come in the form of withholding federal crime grants from the first state and adding the amount to the second state's share, according to one of the law's sponsors, U.S. Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz.

Whether the financial stick and carrot will work remains to be seen, but several questions remain:

Will the threat of grant money loss make parole boards more accountable—or at least look with a little more scrutiny at who is being allowed to walk out the front gate?

Why must the taxpayers foot the bill for screw-ups in the state prison system?

Should we keep building prisons and ignoring the issue of rehabilitation?

Despite those concerns, we see the consideration of "Aimee's Law" as a step in the right direction as it puts a victim's face on the problem of repeat violent offenders and the need to place responsibility on the shoulders of our state prisons.

AMERICAN SHIPBUILDERS CRUISE INTO A NEW MILLENNIUM

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker. On June 30, 2000, Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding cut steel on the first cruise ship to be built in the United

States in nearly 45 years. This historic event marks another milestone in the U.S.-flag Cruise Ship Pilot Project, enacted as part of the MARITECH program in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 1998, and represents America's re-entry into the burgeoning cruise travel market.

People have been saying for years that America cannot build ships competitively on the world market. The construction of the two cruise ships for American Classic Voyages Co. at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding demonstrates that America can build ships competitively on the world market. At a fixed price of \$440 million a piece, the ships are only slightly above the price being charged for cruise ship construction in European yards, where nearly all new cruise ships are built. The price of the America ships would be even more competitive in the world market if the worldwide ship construction subsidies were eliminated.

The cruise industry is one of the fastest growing segments of the travel and leisure industry, growing at a pace of about nine percent annually. Loopholes in U.S. laws and regulations have essentially ceded this burgeoning vacation business to companies operating cruise ships under flags-of-convenience. With the exception of the single U.S.-flag oceangoing cruise ship operating in my State of Hawaii, there are no U.S.-flag oceangoing passenger liners. The U.S.-flag Cruise Ship Pilot Project, enacted to help jumpstart the U.S.-flag cruise industry, will change that and will give Americans a foothold in a cruise industry now dominated by foreign cruise lines.

The revitalization of the American cruise business is vital to our economic and national security. The Department of Defense has stated that the Pilot Project alone could save it "tens to hundreds of millions of dollars" in shipyard overhead costs. It also helps to sustain the shipbuilding industrial base of the U.S., which is vital to national security. The thousands of jobs created will help maintain the manpower necessary for building and crewing ships in times of national emergencies. The Department of Defense has also expressed an interest in utilizing the hull designs for cruise ships for command and control vessels in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to see a resurgence of interest in the U.S.-flag cruise business. At least three companies have publicly expressed a desire to build U.S.-flag cruise ships in a U.S. shipyard for the American cruise market. Future construction in this area will improve the worldwide competitiveness of U.S. shipyards, and Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding is leading the way for America's re-entry into this growing marketplace. These efforts are important to the future of the U.S. shipbuilding industry, a U.S.-flag maritime industry, and our national security.

I am looking forward to the day when American Classic begins operating these new ships in Hawaii, bringing with it thousands of sea-going and shoreside jobs. Projects such as this will help renew America's leadership in commercial ship construction and in the cruise industry. I hope that Congress will do all it can to help revitalize this vital American industry.