

who mastered the jazz sound by learning the trade orally. The video features the music and style of Luqman Hamza, the late Frank Smith, Sonny Kenner, Russ Long and Ahmad Alaadeen.

Mr. Alaadeen is the present Chairman of the Mutual Musicians Foundation. The Foundation is known for its commitment to the promotion and development of Kansas City Jazz. Music enthusiasts love the late night jam sessions that swing with today's jazz masters. Musicians like Jay McShann, Claude "Fiddler" Williams and Pat Metheny are favorite sons in Kansas City. Mr. Alaadeen's concerts provide an educational musical experience that fosters appreciation and enlightens the listener.

Inscribed on the wall of the Kansas City High School for the Arts is a quotation from Mr. Alaadeen. It reads, "Jazz does not belong to one race or culture, but is a gift America has given the world."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the man who has revitalized our music community and introduced a new generation to the sweet sounds of Kansas City Jazz. The great state of Missouri understands the importance of his humanitarian efforts and distinguishes his effort by presenting him with the Governor's 2000 Community Heritage Award.

SUPPORTING INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 575. This resolution urges Americans to recognize and support educational programs that make surfing the Internet safe and fun for children. It supports initiatives to educate parents, children, educators and community leaders about the enormous possibilities and potential dangers of the Internet, applauds the work of law enforcement officers to make the Internet safe for children, and urges all Americans to become informed about the Internet and support efforts that will provide Internet safety for children and for future generations.

The Internet is a wonderful tool for educating our children and has been instrumental in driving the growth of our economy. But unfortunately tools can be misused. Today an estimated 10 million American children have unfettered access to the Internet—a 444 percent increase from 1995. What is alarming is that as the new millennium has begun more and more children will have access to the Internet and in turn, easy access to alcohol.

Just before Memorial Day, I participated in a news report concerning ease with which our youngest constituents can obtain alcohol through the Internet. On the videotape I witnessed two fifteen-year-old children using their home computers to access the world-wide web and order alcohol on the net. And in a few short days this alcohol was delivered to their front door by a national mail carrier who did not ask for identification when the two fifteen-year-old children signed for the boxes containing wine and a bottle of Absolut. Last year, I testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on my concern for this issue be-

cause similar stories had surfaced in the news December 1997.

Although there is a no single solution to the national epidemic of underage drinking, the bill that I introduced in the first session of the 106th Congress, H.R. 2161 would close some of the gaping loopholes I call "cyberbooze for minors" that now make it possible for teens and young adults to easily obtain alcohol over the Internet. H.R. 2161, the Prohibition Against Alcohol Traffic to Minors will curb underage drinking by prohibiting "direct shipment" of alcohol to persons under a State's legal drinking age.

I want to urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 575 because it recognizes the powerful potential and inherent danger that the Internet offers our children. I hope that my colleagues will also join me in putting an end to easy alcohol access on the Internet by supporting H.R. 2161.

SAFER GUNS FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES ACT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced the Safer Guns for Safer Communities Act along with my colleague CAROLYN MCCARTHY.

This bill takes a commonsense approach to gun safety by encouraging gun manufacturers to engage in better and safer business practices. The Safer Guns for Safer Communities Act is modeled after the historic Smith & Wesson Agreement.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and several local government entities entered into an agreement with Smith & Wesson to manufacture and distribute safer guns. The agreement was revolutionary in nature, but commonsense in approach. It includes many items that Congress has debated at one point or another: child safety locks, high capacity ammunition clips, and "smart" gun technology. The Agreement also requires that firearms include additional safety features such as chamber load indicators and a hidden serial number which will help convict criminals using them. Since the Smith & Wesson Agreement was announced in March, nearly 600 police departments and community leaders have pledged to only buy firearms that meet minimal safety standards.

We must remember that gun safety reform is not taking guns away from law abiding citizens who are legitimate gun owners. Instead, it is about the little girl in Michigan who was shot by her 6-year-old classmate. It is about the 13 children killed by their peers at Columbine High School over a year ago. And it is about Antioch's Larry Kiepert who was shot by his neighbor.

To create an incentive for more manufacturers to adopt these safety measures, The Safer Guns for Safer Communities Act provides grants to law enforcement agencies who purchase their weapons from manufacturers who agree to adhere to the better business practices similar to the ones in the Agreement. In addition, law enforcement officers who must purchase their own weapons would be able to

come together through a qualified association of officers to apply for these grants. This provision benefits officers who are required to purchase their own weapons. The program would last 3 years and provides \$50 million each year to 50 grantees. A study would then assess the impact of purchasing weapons from responsible manufacturers on gun-related crime and accidents.

This Congress has refused to take action on any meaningful gun safety proposal. Perhaps the reason for their inaction can be best explained by the overpowering influence of the gun lobby. Our job in Congress is to promote responsibility, ensure safety, and educate the American people when it comes to owning, selling, and manufacturing firearms. It is time for children and families to once again feel safe in our schools, our homes, and our neighborhoods. It is time for our workforce to once again feel safe at work or during their commute home.

JOHN WILLIAM AND ASHLEY
DANIELLI CARPENTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit into the RECORD the words of the father of John William and Ashley Danielle Carpenter, two innocent children murdered in their home in Merced, California. These words were composed and read at the funeral of the children.

Mr. Speaker, I submit this statement to share with my colleagues the grief of a father and his plea for a change in the hearts of a humanity that can allow such an atrocity. While I can not know the impact on the family and friends of the Carpenters, I surely can sympathize with their pain and share their grief, with the hope and prayer of preventing just one act of violence, one time somewhere in this world.

Today we stand here grieving the loss of John William and Ashley Danielle Carpenter and somewhere a mother grieves the loss of her son, who has done these hideous crimes. But what saddens me is that the law says we know what took place so it's time to close the book. But I challenge you, as the father of the deceased children that this case is far from over. Because while we sit here mourning the loss of our loved ones, the real killer is still loose. I believe the real killer is the dealer who supplied the drugs to the murderer of my children. I trust and believe that. I sure hope that I can't take this a step further and say it's "big business" that did this to my children, with mine and your tax dollars. When I say big business, I mean the White House, excuse my lack of a better word, to the Outhouse. We need to wake and wonder, why are they trying to take our only protection, our handgun, instead of going after the dealers that supply these drugs. It makes me wonder about their motives. There was a gun in my home, but because of the law and what could happen to me, I had it put away in supposedly a safe place. I guess I did, because my 14-year-old daughter and 13-year-old daughter couldn't get to it and neither did the murderer. The only thing I forgot to put a lock on was my pitchfork. How long are we, the people going to believe the lies of the politicians and get back to the

root of the problems? We need to change the hearts of men, to start loving their neighbors and the neighbor's children as themselves. What's sad is, it doesn't cost one red cent. In fact it will save us money. My plea to you people today, is put all politics and religions aside and start living life like my little daughter Ashley did, by laying down her life for her sisters. It might cost you your life, but that should be easy to do, you already have an example in my daughter. Do whatever it takes to protect your family and friends. I know the only way she knew to do that was by example, starting with her love for Jesus, she learned at Sunday school. The next example was her mom and dad, who led her and were there for her, instead of chasing their desires. Because with me and my wife, we were raised and taught the same way, I wouldn't trade it for anything, because if I did, I wouldn't be here feeling like the proud father that I am, of all my children. I know without a shadow of doubt where my children are today, and only God knows where the murderer is. Please remember if you don't do as Ashley lived and did in her actions you might never see them again, and it hurts me to know that for you, their little lives might be in vain. I just want to say that for me, John William and Ashley Danielle Carpenter's lives weren't in vain. I will always keep you close to my heart John and Ashley in this life, but I guarantee you, I'll see you in heaven. Love you always and forever. Your Daddy & Buddy.

CELEBRATING HENRY BERMAN'S
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, ten years ago, I had the privilege of standing on this floor to wish my dear friend, Henry Berman, a happy birthday. It is with great pleasure that I rise today, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, to pay tribute again to this wonderful San Franciscan.

Henry Berman continues to be a leader in San Francisco. He serves with distinction on the San Francisco Airport Commission and is the former chair of the San Francisco Fire Commission. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Anti-Defamation League and on the Board of Directors of the Northern California American Israel Political Affairs Committee. Henry continues his work with Glide Methodist Church on the annual fundraising event he helped to create, and he sits on the Board of Directors of the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning.

Henry Berman, however, is more than the sum of his affiliations. He is an extraordinary man whose energy and enthusiasm for life are contagious. His commitment to the poor, the marginalized, and those in great need is an inspiration to us all, and I am honored to count him among my friends.

I join his wife, Sally, his sons, Ronald and Robert, and all of his family and friends in wishing Henry a happy 90th birthday. Congratulations, Henry.

HONORING THE LATE OSCAR
MAUZY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to former Texas State Senator and Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mauzy. He passed away on Tuesday, October 10, at the age of 73.

Justice Mauzy was my immediate predecessor in the Texas Senate from Senate District 23. He represented this District from 1967 until his election to the State Supreme Court in 1986. During his service in the legislature, Senator Mauzy served as the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, where he led efforts to improve education and to secure greater funding for education in poorer school districts. A labor lawyer by training, Senator Mauzy was also active in the areas of judicial reform, consumer protection, and workers' compensation. Later in his legislative career, Senator Mauzy served as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, where he authored legislation to make jury selection uniform throughout the state and finally allow women to serve as jurors.

Justice Mauzy's dedication to education for our children continued during his six-year term in the Texas Supreme Court. He was the driving force behind a 9-0 decision that declared the state's school funding system inequitable. That decision led to enactment of a law to require wealthier school districts to share funds with lower-income districts.

I am deeply saddened that Texas has lost a public servant who dedicated more than a quarter century in service to his fellow Texans. I ask the House to join me in remembrance of Justice Mauzy, a true champion for working men and women and schoolchildren in my state.

SANTIAGO JIMENEZ RECEIVES
PRESTIGIOUS MUSICIAN AWARD

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Santiago Jimenez of San Antonio, Texas, who is being recognized for his accomplishments as a singer and accordion player by the National Endowment for the Arts. The National Heritage Fellowship is an award given to a select group of people, reflecting the diverse heritage and cultural tradition that have become a part of our society.

Local artists are nominated by a member of the community, in recognition of the artist's excellence in a particular area. Each year only a select group of these artists are honored. The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded only slightly more than 222 National Heritage Awards.

Mr. Jimenez plays a style of music known as conjunto, which has both German and Mexican roots. His music interest began when his father would take him to hear German polka bands in New Braunfels, Texas. At the age of 15, he began performing professionally

at weddings, clubs and traditional community settings. Following his father's example he developed creatively and incorporated a wider audience. In 1958, at the age of 17, with his brother he recorded *El Principe y el Rey del Acordeon*. Since then, he has made 60 recordings of more than 700 pieces of music on several different labels.

He started Chief Records, his own label, in order to give younger musicians the opportunity to have their music heard. He works to help others in an industry that he has experienced barriers to entry. Mr. Jimenez has toured throughout the US, Europe and South America to bring the world of conjunto music to millions.

I join the City of San Antonio and the National Endowment for the Arts in recognizing Santiago Jimenez on his accomplishment as a recipient of the National Heritage Fellowship award.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET TOWSON

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional individual and friend to the State of Missouri. This year, after 56 years of service to the citizens of Missouri, Margaret Towson will celebrate her retirement from her historic post at the Missouri State Senate in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Margaret Towson started in the Secretary of the Senate Office in 1949. During her tenure she witnessed twenty-six General Assemblies for the equivalent of almost fifty-two years. She then served as the distinguished Assistant Secretary of the Senate, whose duties, in addition to functioning as secretary and receptionist, included tallying and filing roll calls, maintaining good public relations with legislators and lobbyists, remaining in the office each day until adjournment, and addressing any challenge or task which required her assistance.

As a lifelong member of the Cole County Democrats and the Cole County Democratic Women's Club, Margaret Towson is widely recognized as an outstanding civic minded individual who has consistently committed her time and energy to promote civic involvement. One of Margaret's greatest moments came when her efforts were recognized by President Harry S Truman, a man she greatly admired and affectionately referred to as "Cousin Harry."

Margaret Towson's kind, dedicated spirit is celebrated, admired, and respected in Jefferson City and throughout the State of Missouri. She will be missed not only for her professional excellence, but also for her personally endearing qualities and delectable apple pies that were savored by the many people she met and worked with. Margaret's retirement marks the end of a historic era in the Missouri State Senate. She is looking forward to spending more quality time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. Margaret Towson has left a lasting impression upon her peers and friends that will not be forgotten.

It is with deep gratitude and honor that I recognize Margaret Towson for over a half a century of friendship and service to the State