

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WOODIE KING, JR.'S,
NEW FEDERAL THEATRE ON ITS
30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Woodie King, Jr.'s, New Federal Theatre, which will be honored at a celebration of its 30th anniversary on March 25, 2001. For 30 years, Woodie King, Jr.'s, New Federal Theatre has provided emerging playwrights the opportunity to have their work produced and given employment opportunities to minority actors, directors, and producers.

The celebration will be hosted by such luminary actors as, among others, Debbie Allen and Avery Brooks, and Angela Bassett, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Leslie Uggams, Shirley Verrett, and Susan Taylor. Chairs for the event will be Maya Angelou, Camille O. Cosby, Toni Fay, Byron Lewis, and Percy Sutton. Sydney Poitier serves as an advisor. Along with celebrating the anniversary of the New Federal Theatre, the event will also honor the Shubert's Gerald Schoenfeld, directors Lloyd Richards and Shauneille Perry, producers Wynn Handman, Phillip Rose, and Michael Bevins, the Coca Cola Foundation education director. Posthumous honorees include photographer Bert Andrews and costume designer Judy Dearing.

Woodie King Jr.'s New Federal Theatre presented its first production in the 1970–1971 season and has produced more than 175 plays, including the award-winning plays *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf*, *Child of the Sun*, and *Black Girl*. Among the many notable directors whose work has been shown at the New Federal Theatre include Laurence Holder, Damien Lake, and Ron Milner. Some of the more well-known actors who have performed at the theater include Morgan Freeman, Denzel Washington, and Debbie Morgan.

The New Federal Theatre is named after Woodie King Jr., the founder and producing director of the New Federal Theatre and National Black Touring Circuit in New York City. In the thirty-year history of the theater, Woodie King has presented more than 150 productions, both Broadway and off-Broadway shows. Among his many awards, Mr. King is the recipient of an Obie Award for Sustained Achievement as well as an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Wayne State University and a Doctorate of Fine Arts from the College of Wooster. His 1974–75 production of *The Taking of Miss Janie*, which he produced, won a Drama Critics Circle Award as Best New American Play. Aside from his work at the New Federal Theatre, Mr. King has produced and directed shows all over the

nation, with his work appearing in Atlanta, Detroit, St. Louis, Brooklyn, and Bermuda.

For 30 years, Woodie King Jr.'s New Federal Theatre has provided enormously talented imaginative, and creative minorities with the chance to present their work in an established and professional theatrical venue. Without the opportunity to perform at Woodie King's New Federal Theatre, encouraged by Woodie King himself, many of today's most successful and promising theater professionals would have perhaps never achieved their current successes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in acknowledging Woodie King and the pioneers of Woodie King's New Federal Theatre on the theater's thirtieth anniversary. Woodie King's New Federal Theatre, with a stellar record of accomplishment, has truly made an important contribution to American Theater.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from Alaska who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Kari Wise of Anchorage has just been named one of Alaska's top honorees in The 2001 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Ms. Wise is being recognized for developing a program designed to help middle school students lead healthy and positive lives as they begin high school. Her program, named "View on Your Future Is All About YOU," helped young students realize destructive behavior is not the answer for dealing with difficult life experiences.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage the selfless contributions this young woman has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Wise are inspiring all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program brought this young role model to our attention. This program was created by The Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to im-

press upon all young volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued. Over the past six years, the program has become the nation's largest youth effort based on community service, with an estimated 100,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

We are extremely proud that Ms. Wise has been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. I applaud Ms. Wise for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. Clearly, she has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can, and do, play an important role in our communities.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN KANNENGEISER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kevin Kannegeiser, an extraordinary teacher, coach, friend, and mentor to the students at St. Nicholas School in Los Altos Hills, California.

Mr. Kannegeiser or Mr. K, as he is known to his students, came to St. Nicholas School in January, 1977. During his 25 years at St. Nicholas, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of his students. As the 8th grade homeroom teacher and Chair of the Mathematics Department, Mr. K dedicates himself to educating, advising and guiding his students. His commitment is evident through his consistent work to offer his students educational opportunities in and out of the classroom.

Ten years ago, Mr. Kannegeiser launched the idea of taking his Social Studies students on an annual trip to Washington, D.C., so that they would better understand the workings of our government. As athletic director, Mr. K coaches the boys' basketball team, and for the last 27 years he has hosted the Annual Boys Basketball Tournament in the Bay Area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an outstanding community leader and a remarkable teacher who has touched the lives of countless students and serves as an inspiration to so many. Mr. K has sacrificed financially to remain in the Catholic education system. He has earned the deepest respect and admiration of his colleagues, of parents, and his students for his extraordinary dedication and effectiveness in all he does at St. Nicholas School.

Mr. Speaker, we are indeed a better nation and a better people, because of Kevin Kannegeiser and it is a privilege to honor my constituent for his very special leadership.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the House at the time of votes on two measures. Had I been present, my vote on H.R. 861, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9 of the United States Code would have been "aye." In addition, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 721, the Made In American Information Act.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA CORNWALL LYSSARIDES, AUTHOR OF MY OLD ACQUAINTANCE: YESTERDAY IN CYPRUS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Barbara Cornwall Lyssarides, a Cypriot-American journalist whose recently published book, *My Old Acquaintance: Yesterday in Cyprus*, details the recent history of the island of Cyprus. Ms. Lyssarides will be honored on the evening of March 7, 2001 by Cyprus's Consulate General to the United States, Mr. Vasilis Philippou, at a book signing presentation at the Consulate General's office in New York.

Ms. Lyssarides is an accomplished journalist whose previous books include a first-hand account of guerrilla warfare in the Portuguese colonies of Africa, which was published in New York and London. When the National Organization of Cypriot Struggle (EOKA) launched a rebellion for independence from British rule on October 1, 1960, Ms. Lyssarides covered it as a young staff reporter and feature writer for the daily *Times of Cyprus*.

Ms. Lyssarides has spent much of her life living abroad, mostly in Cyprus. She was born in Detroit, Michigan and received her degree in history from Wayne State University, where she also studied journalism. Throughout her career, Ms. Lyssarides has traveled all over the world, serving as a reporter for numerous foreign newspapers.

In her introduction to *My Old Acquaintance*, Ms. Lyssarides writes:

Over the millennia, Cyprus has been sold, colonized, inherited, borrowed, lent, defeated, delivered, neglected, isolated, annexed, mis-ruled, sometimes well-governed, often betrayed . . . To me, it is astonishing that its people have survived at all, not only physically but with religion intact for almost 2,000 years, language even longer, and with customs and beliefs little changed after centuries of foreign impact.

Mr. Speaker, the nation of Cyprus has been beset by instability for too long. Barbara Cornwall Lyssarides eloquently describes her own relationship with this troubled island and I salute her for her admirable efforts to bring attention to her adopted homeland and this extremely important international issue.

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Mr. Gonka is being recognized for his dedication and continuous support of the Special Olympics. Justin has assumed numerous roles within the Special Olympics and hopes to one day become a coach. Besides being a great student, Justin has also helped to recruit other young people get involved and volunteer for the Special Olympics.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young man has made. People of all ages need to think about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and next door neighbors. Young volunteers like Mr. Gonka are an inspiration to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by The Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all young volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past six years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with nearly 100,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Mr. Gonka should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. I applaud Mr. Gonka for his initiative in seeking to make his community a better place to live, and for the positive impact he has had on the lives of others. He has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. His actions show that young Americans can, and do, play an important role in our communities.

TRIBUTE TO YOLANDA TOWNSEND WHEAT

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute one of the Inland Empire's own, Yolanda Townsend Wheat.

A Board Member of the National Credit Union Administration, and native of the 42nd Congressional District of California, Yolanda will be visiting the area this month, making a number of presentations to schools, businesses, and academia.

We feel in our hearts great pride for Yolanda's achievements, and hope she will inspire a new generation of young people in our area. Yolanda truly embodies the American dream that if you work hard, if you persevere, there is nothing you cannot achieve. I hope the children in the Inland Empire will look to her as a role model and mentor.

I offer my best wishes to Yolanda, her husband, Alan Wheat, former Congressman from Missouri, and their two children. I know they are proud of all she has attained.

Yolanda's achievements are remarkable for their great breadth and depth. An attorney specializing in corporate finance, President Bill Clinton named her to the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) Board in April 1996. She served as NCUA chairwoman for a short time in early 2001.

The three-person NCUA Board is responsible for overseeing more than 10,000 federally insured credit unions with assets totaling over \$400 billion. The NCUA is the independent federal agency that insures the deposits of more than 76 million credit union members in the nation's federal credit unions and most state-chartered credit unions.

During her tenure on the NCUA Board, Yolanda has been a champion for the interests of consumers, focusing on such issues as access to financial services, privacy and predatory lending practices. She has been instrumental in developing incentives that help credit unions expand their membership base so that as many consumers as possible have access to credit union services. She has worked to empower credit unions to provide more services in the financial marketplace in order to remain competitive and thrive in the 21st Century.

Yolanda was raised in a multicultural household in California. Her mother, (the former Mary Sanchez) worked in a law firm and was the inspiration of Yolanda's desire to pursue law as a career. Her father, Art Townsend, was the founder and publisher of *The Precinct Reporter*, a weekly African American newspaper in my district.

As an attorney, Yolanda has nearly ten years of specialized experience in real estate and corporate law. She represented commercial lending and financial institutions at several law firms. She worked in both the Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. offices of the law firm of Morrison and Foerster from 1986 to 1992. She practiced law from 1993 to 1995 with the former law firm of Smith, Gill, Fisher & Butts in Kansas City, Missouri.

A native of San Bernardino, California, Yolanda holds a J.D. for Harvard Law School and graduated with distinction from Stanford University with an A.B. in International Relations. She is a member of the bars of California, Maryland and Missouri.

All of this adds up to a truly remarkable record of achievement and public service. And so, as Yolanda visits the people of the Inland Empire, we wish her God's blessings, good wishes, and our proudest thoughts.

THE SMALL BUSINESS
PAPERWORK RELIEF ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Chairman, today we consider H.R. 327, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act, which will reduce paperwork for America's hardworking small business owners. As the son of a small business owner, I support efforts to reduce paperwork for small businesses and protect them from unnecessary and onerous regulatory requirements.

This measure, while similar to legislation approved by the House in the last two Congresses, excludes controversial language that would have waived civil fines on small businesses for first-time paperwork violations. However, I maintain significant reservations about voting on a small business bill that was never considered by the Small Business Committee on which I proudly serve.

One concern I would have liked to address in the committee is the need to balance the reduction in paperwork with the prevention of willful mistakes and worker safety hazards. It is our responsibility to ensure that the workplace remains safe. Further, we need to maintain our ability to sanction those small numbers of businesses that are undercutting their competition by willingly circumventing or ignoring the law.

Small businesses are the backbone of Rhode Island's economy and account for more than 95 percent of the job market in the state. They create new businesses and jobs; bring new and innovative services and products to the marketplace; and provide business ownership opportunities to diverse and traditionally underrepresented groups. I remain committed to the small business community of Rhode Island and will support the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act, but I strongly urge my colleagues to continue to examine this issue through the appropriate legislative process.

IN HONOR OF KRIKOS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ANNUAL DINNER, AND THEIR HONOREE MR. COSTAS ATHANASIADIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Hellenic organization KRIKOS and Mr. Costas Athanasiades, who the organization will honor at their annual dinner on March 11, 2001. KRIKOS was founded in 1974 to foster and promote cooperation and fellowship among Hellenes and phil-Hellenes throughout the world. KRIKOS also aims to preserve and enrich Hellenic heritage.

In their attempts to spread the understanding of Hellenic issues, KRIKOS has organized more than forty conferences throughout the world and frequently publishes reports of their proceedings. Among the subjects various conferences have examined include: the Phila-

delphia conference on biotechnology, the Athens conference on telecommunications, and the New York conferences focusing on issues such as the impact of globalization and the Greek response to the Yugoslavian Civil Wars.

KRIKOS has provided guidance to college and college-bound Hellenic youth in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Additionally, KRIKOS has made it possible for students to visit abroad through a world-study program. In keeping with its dedication to scholarship, KRIKOS donated five thousand (5,000) books to the Polytechnic University in Athens.

KRIKOS was instrumental in documenting the artistic and historic treasures located in St. Catherine Monastery on Mt. Sinai. For hundreds of years St. Catherine's has been a prime destination for pilgrims to the Holy Land and KRIKOS helped computerize its properties.

Costas Athanasiades was born in Kalavassos, Cyprus on March 3, 1921, and studied in Italy where he received a degree as an agriculturalist. In 1938, he returned to his native Cyprus and spearheaded the effort to organize farmers into economically potent cooperatives. He undertook similar initiatives with the formation and development of trade unions. Mr. Athanasiades served valiantly with British Commander Montgomery's Cypriot troops during the second World War. His dream of freedom and "Enosis" (union with motherland Greece) was looked upon as subversive and revolutionary by the British colonial authorities.

Accordingly, a British military court condemned Mr. Athanasiades to a two-year detention at a barb-wire prison camp in Egypt. In 1949, he emigrated to Australia and in 1958 he married the former Maria Pavlidou, his wife of 43 years. During his years in Australia, he nurtured and developed Hellenic institutions of his new homeland, much as he did in his native Cyprus. In 1959, he came to America, where he briefly was employed by the National Herald, a Greek American daily newspaper. Mr. Athanasiades purchased the Campana Newspaper in 1961. In conjunction with his Campana newspaper, Mr. Athanasiades has authored more than a dozen books expounding social, political, and economic commentary. He has been cited and acknowledged by many prestigious institutions, including the National Library of Congress and the United Nations, for his insights and contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the wonderful work of Costas Athanasiades, a philologist, author, and contemporary voice of Hellenism in the United States.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS
PROTECTION ACT

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Social Security Benefits Protection Act.

The bill corrects an injustice under the Social Security Act which affects beneficiaries' families. Under current law, no Social Security

benefit is paid for the month in which a recipient dies. A person could live until the last day of the month and still would not be entitled to the Social Security benefits for the month.

The Social Security Benefits Protection Act corrects that injustice. Under the Act, benefits would be paid for the final month of a recipient's life. Regardless of when the person died, they would be entitled to the Social Security payment for the month in which they died.

This small correction will provide a small benefit for the deceased person's survivors. Having lost a loved one, they should not lose the Social Security benefit for that person's last month of life.

I urge my colleagues to join in cosponsoring the Social Security Benefits Protection Act.

MRS. ORA MAE HARN

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Ora Mae Harn, a resident of the town of Marana, Arizona for the past forty-one years. Ora Mae is being honored on the occasion of her retirement last year from the Marana Health Center.

After arriving in Marana, Ora Mae worked for the Marana Unified School District from 1962-74 as a bus driver, a cafeteria cook and a warehouse assistant. Subsequently, she spent a quarter century at the Marana Health Center, serving as director of community relations (1975-79), social services director (1979-91), and finally as director until her retirement last year.

Starting in 1985, Ora Mae was a member of the Marana Town Council, and served as Marana's first female Mayor from 1990-95 and again from 1997-99. Her constant work to cultivate lasting professional relationships with regional, state and federal officials benefited Marana in many ways.

She has served as president of the Arizona Women in Municipal Government, as a member of the Pima Council on Aging (1983-87), as an active representative to the Pima Association of Governments as early as 1990 (including serving as its Chair in 1999) and has represented Marana in the League of Arizona Cities and Towns as early as 1992.

Ora Mae has been the major force in bringing floor control projects to Marana and starting the Pima County Santa Cruz Bank Protection Project. She also played a role in the levee project, which was completed and dedicated last year, and she was instrumental in bringing a federally funded housing program to Marana, earning her several awards from the Community Development Block Grant Program for her outstanding leadership and community involvement.

Ora Mae has been involved with a large number of community projects such as Marana's Founders' Day Committee, the Sister Cities Program, Yoem Pueblo Rehabilitation Project, the Lot Beautification Program, The Great American Smokeout, and The Graffiti Abatement Program. She founded the Marana Food Bank in 1985 and is currently its volunteer director. And she continues to be extremely involved with her community by volunteering for projects as varied as reading to

elementary school students and church-sponsored activities.

Married for almost fifty years to Gerald Harn, who passed away last month, she is the mother of two daughters and a son and the proud grandmother of five. Since coming to Marana, she has been an active member of the Faith Community Church congregation and has volunteered for numerous church-sponsored activities.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to commend Mrs. Ora Mae Harn for her four decades of tireless service to the town of Marana and wish her well in her retirement, which I suspect won't really be a retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA LEARNED

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague from California, Mr. THOMPSON, wish today to honor Andrea Learned. Back in 1989, when Andrea Learned became executive director of Face to Face, an organization located in Sonoma County that cares for people with AIDS, it was a struggling grassroots organization facing a terrible epidemic that was still very new. Over the next eleven years, Andrea shaped Face to Face into one of the best and most comprehensive AIDS services organizations in the nation. Through her creative leadership, courageous innovations, and simple courage in the face of indifference and fear, she has brought new hope to our community, and most especially to Sonoma County residents and families dealing with AIDS.

Andrea Learned has been an outstanding champion of AIDS services and advocacy, not only in Sonoma County, but nationwide. She has served on both the Sonoma County AIDS Commission and on state and national planning boards, inspiring others with her steadfast commitment and refusal to give up.

Today, guided by 11 years of Andrea's leadership, Face to Face provides case management, benefits counseling, emotional support, transportation to appointments, and advocacy to hundreds of clients. It is vital work that we are proud to support.

At the end of 2000, Andrea Learned retired from Face to Face. Her staff, volunteers, and clients will miss her immensely. Mr. Speaker, today we salute Andrea Learned for her many years of dedicated work for Sonoma County.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS METROPOLITAN REGION AND ITS HONOREES, PHILIP CHRISTOPHER AND ELIZABETH KELLY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Jewish Congress Metropolitan Region on the occasion of their annual dinner. I particularly want to recognize its Co-Presidents, Michael Nussbaum and John Heffer, as well as Arthur Flug, the Executive Director, and John Baer and Trudy L. Mason, Chairs of the Executive Committee.

Ever since its inception during World War I, the American Jewish Congress (AJC) has worked tirelessly to serve as a democratic voice of American Jews. Motivated by the need to ensure the creative survival of the Jewish people, deeply cognizant of the Jewish responsibility to participate fully in public life, inspired by Jewish teachings and values, informed by liberal principles, dedicated to an activist and independent role, and committed to making its decisions through democratic processes, AJC has taken an activist role on countless issues.

AJC is an important voice on gun control, reproductive rights, sweatshops, domestic violence, and religious freedom. Members work to advance social and economic justice, women's equality, and human rights at home and abroad. The effort to fight anti-semitism and all other forms of bigotry remains a central focus of AJC. Eight decades after its founding, AJC's dedication to human rights and freedom, to separation of church and state, to the concept of a united Jewish people, to the health and strength of Israel, is as bold, steadfast, and as impassioned as ever.

The Metropolitan Region has been active in working on issues relating to education, most

recently holding forums on charter schools, teacher recruitment, and high stakes testing. The Metropolitan Region also works to promote policies to protect the environment both locally and in Israel. In addition, members work to protect human and civil rights and preserve religious liberty and the separation of church and state.

The Metropolitan Region is honoring two individuals who have been remarkable advocates for freedom. Philip Christopher is the recipient of the Man of the Year Award. Mr. Christopher has been a successful businessman and an energetic advocate for the Greek-American community. As President and CEO of the Audiovox Corporation, he has emerged as a major leader in cellular communications. Despite the pressures of running a major corporation, Mr. Christopher has devoted a great deal of time to public policy and is one of the most prominent proponents of freedom for Cyprus. As a member of the Democratic National Committee Greek American Leadership Council, President of the International Coordinating Committee Justice for Cyprus, President of the Pancyprian Association of America, the Supreme President of the Cyprus Federation of American, and President of the Hellenic American Sports League, Mr. Christopher has brought dynamic leadership and a strong sense of purpose to his efforts to fight for the Greek-American community.

Elizabeth Kelly is the recipient of the Devorah Award. She has been a strong advocate for better health care. Shortly after her arrival in the United States, she founded the Uninsured Irish Foundation to provide health care to uninsured Irish Americans. Today she is President and Chief Executive Officer of New York Network Management LLC and the affiliated Physician Independent Practice Association. In 1996, Ms. Kelly petitioned New York State to grant discounts based on the risk management that could be achieved through her organization. This program set a precedent that allows physician members of Independent Practice Associations to receive malpractice premium discounts for the first time in the history of the State. An advocate for better models for the delivery of health care, Ms. Kelly has been an innovator and a visionary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the achievements of the American Jewish Congress Metropolitan Region and its honorees, Philip Christopher and Elizabeth Kelly.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 21

9 a.m.
 Environment and Public Works
 Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on harmonizing the Clean Air Act with our nation's energy policy.
 SD-406

9:30 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold oversight hearings to review current United States energy trends and recent changes in U.S. energy markets.
 SD-106

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
 To hold hearings to examine the use and effects of the drug ecstasy.
 SH-216

Armed Services
 Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on installation readiness.
 SR-232A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings to examine activities of the the Surface Transportation Board since its establishment; and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Board.
 SR-253

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Defense Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine issues surrounding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
 SD-192

Judiciary
 Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on S. 520, to increase and maintain competition in the domestic aviation industry.
 SD-226

2 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Water and Power Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings on the Klamath Project in Oregon, including implementation of PL 106-498 and how the project might operate in what is projected to be a short water year.
 SD-628

Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings on the nomination of Grant S. Green, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Management.
 SD-419

3 p.m.
 Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.
 SH-219

MARCH 22

9 a.m.
 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 To hold hearings to review the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture.
 SH-216

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SR-222).
 SD-106

10 a.m.
 Veterans' Affairs
 To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Retired Officers Association, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.
 345, Cannon Building
 SD-419

Governmental Affairs
 Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to assess the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department's year 2000 performance.
 SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 Business meeting to markup S. 149, to provide authority to control exports.
 SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Public Health Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine increasing access to essential health care services.
 SD-430

10:30 a.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold a closed briefing on the intelligence assessment of emerging national security threats.
 S-407, Capitol

11 a.m.
 Budget
 To hold hearings to examine debt management issues.
 SD-608

2 p.m.
 Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.
 SH-219

Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the goals and priorities of the Member Tribes of the National Congress of the American Indians for the 107th Congress.
 SR-485

2:30 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.
 SD-192

Finance
 To hold hearings to examine prescription drug issues and Medicare financing.
 SD-215

MARCH 27

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements; to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SH-219).
 SH-216

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Interior Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine trust reform issues.
 SD-138

10:30 a.m.
 Foreign Relations
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
 SD-419

11 a.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings on the nomination of William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.
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10:30 a.m.
 Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings on S. 210, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments; and S. 214, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health.
 SR-485

MARCH 29

9 a.m.
 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 To hold hearings to review environmental trading opportunities for agriculture.
 SR-328A

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Titles I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.
 SD-628

10:30 a.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings on the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be

Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. SD-419	tional Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy. SD-124	MAY 16
2:30 p.m. Energy and Natural Resources Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Administration's National Fire Plan. SD-628	MAY 1 10 a.m. Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain Department of Energy programs relating to Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy, science, and nuclear issues. SD-124	10 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. SD-138
APRIL 3	Judiciary To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet. SD-226	JUNE 6 10 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science Technology Policy. SD-138
10 a.m. Judiciary To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law. SD-226	Appropriations Interior Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. SD-138	JUNE 13
APRIL 5	APRIL 24	10 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Environmental Protection Agency and the Council of Environmental Quality. SD-138
10 a.m. Appropriations Interior Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Energy. SD-138	MAY 2 10 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Veterans Affairs. SD-138	JUNE 20
APRIL 24	MAY 3 2 p.m. Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for Department of Energy environmental management and the Office of Civilian Radio Active Waste Management. SD-124	10 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. SD-138
10 a.m. Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Bureau of Reclamation, of the Department of the Interior, and Army Corps of Engineers. SD-124	MAY 8	POSTPONEMENTS
Appropriations Interior Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of the Interior. SD-138	MAY 9	MARCH 27
APRIL 25	10 a.m. Judiciary To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology. SD-226	10:30 a.m. Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee To hold oversight hearings on issues relating to Yucca Mountain. SD-124
10 a.m. Judiciary To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions. SD-226	MAY 8	APRIL 3
Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Corporation for National and Community Service. SD-138	MAY 9	10 a.m. Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee To hold oversight hearings to examine issues surrounding nuclear power. SD-124
APRIL 26	10 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. SD-138	
2 p.m. Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Na-		