

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE FRESNO CENTER FOR NEW AMERICANS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fresno Center for New Americans (FCNA) on their 10 year anniversary. Their work makes a critical difference in the community and the lives of many new Americans.

The Fresno Center for New Americans is a non-profit organization that assists new Americans in becoming productive, self-fulfilled, and self-sufficient members of the community. They also foster cultural preservation and promote cross-cultural understanding.

FCNA was established in 1991 as a non-profit organization. The organization addresses a wide variety of social issues, including health education, employment assistance and placement, and acculturation services. FCNA's vision is to act as a resource to refugees and new Americans, and to contribute to their quality of life.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fresno Center for New Americans for helping new citizens become productive members of our society. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno Center for New Americans many more years of continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO HARLAND B. JOHNSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man whose devotion to the youth in my district is an inspiration to us all. Mr. Harland B. Johnson helped start the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz, California in 1966, and he served as its founding President of the Board of Directors. On May 11, 2001, Mayor Tim Fitzmaurice of the City of Santa Cruz will proclaim the day as "Harland B. Johnson Day", and I am proud to be able to salute him here, Mr. Speaker.

Since Mr. Johnson first began the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz, he has continued to sit on its Board of Directors. It is this 35 year tenure that is the milestone we are all celebrating this coming May, and I believe that his commitment to the youth of Santa Cruz is a shining example of dedication and community service.

In his 35 years with the Club, Mr. Johnson has raised literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to ensure the operation and maintenance of the facilities and programs that the Boys and Girls Club offers. Because of his tireless efforts, tens of thousands of Santa Cruz youth have had the opportunity to utilize

all that the Club has to offer. This safe environment, which has served as a constant for several generations of schoolchildren, has provided a place for the community to come together and help our children become enriched, educated and dedicated individuals.

Harland B. Johnson has helped make the Boys and Girls Club possible, and has been the driving force behind the success that this institution. For all of his work and dedication for the past 35 years, and for the many years left to come, I join with the City of Santa Cruz in honoring Mr. Johnson.

TAXATION ON MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring attention to the following article by Mr. Dennis Fitzgerald proposing an end to taxation on members of the U.S. armed forces.

George W. Bush has a golden opportunity to effect a meaningful tax cut, spark our flagging economy and restore morale and loyalty in the military in one fell swoop. He should—immediately—end all taxes on members of the armed forces.

It has always seemed to me mildly absurd that those who are being paid by taxes also have to pay them. It would seem that by ending military taxation, President Bush could increase the buying power of our military and at the same time relieve them from the burden of filing federal tax returns. He would also go a long way toward keeping the best people in the service.

Military stationed in a combat zone pay no taxes now. Why should they have to pay while training for that mission? Some training is more dangerous than some combat. And people who change jeep transmissions in a combat zone are often under no more peril than those performing the same task stateside.

It is no secret that re-enlistment rates have reached an all time low. The all-volunteer military is woefully short of competent middle management. And only the Marines last year filled their enlistment quotas. Some have cited the opportunities presented by a booming economy as the reason for the best captains leaving the service before their time.

But the real reason for these departures is morale and a lack of financial incentive. Thirty years ago a career military person could count on a living wage while on active duty, discounted food, gasoline and other creature comforts through the PX system and the GI education bill amounting to a month of education for each month served up to 36 months.

The retirement benefits, if one served 20 or more years, were what kept most "lifers" going. These were one half to three fourths of

the highest salary and medical services and PX aid club privileges for life. Both retirement and active duty benefits have been severely curtailed, leading to a malaise that even George Washington's army would recognize.

The solution is a tax-break—big time. There are approximately 1.4 million service people on active duty with total salaries of about \$42 billion. Tax revenues from this group currently stand at about \$12 billion. This is a drop in the bucket when one considers total tax revenues of \$950 billion.

This move would encourage people both to join and stay in the military. In the worst case it would cost the country little, and, if the Laffer curve is still operational, perhaps would actually increase tax revenues.

Increasing the disposable income of service people makes good economic sense. The newly formed XFL is killing to attract male audiences between 18 and 32. Why? Because they have a lot of money to spend. It should dawn on this administration that they have a lot of that cohort in their employ. And if they freed up their income, they might just spend it on stuff.

Camp LeJeune North Carolina on its web site proudly boasts it contributes some \$3 billion to the local economy. Fine. With a tax cut it might just contribute \$4 billion. And with the multiplier effect, this would pump tens of billions of dollars into an economy that most agree is flagging. And part that increased revenue would find its way to the U.S. Treasury through increased income and excise taxes on civilians who sell to service people.

Congress, especially those members from the South, should support this measure. Increased revenue from businesses surrounding military bases has always warmed their hearts-and filled their campaign chests. With the military tax cut adopted, there would be an easier haul through Congress for a more far-reaching bill later in the year.

These practical considerations aside, the major reason for this measure would be to put pride back in our military. Those on active duty in the armed forces should consider themselves so special that the government exempts them from paying taxes.

In addition to saving administrative headaches, increasing disposable income, bumping up total tax revenues and attracting good people for the military, a zero tax rate would add a certain all-encompassing eclat to serving that medals, decorations or flag ceremonies could never replace.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRELANDS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, SANDUSKY, OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, as Sandusky's first hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, which

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joined with Sandusky Memorial Hospital in 1985 to create Firelands Community Hospital, has cared for generations of Sandusky area families. It gives me great pleasure today to commemorate the hospital's 125th anniversary and its long tradition of providing quality health care to the community.

The hospital can trace its roots to 1876, when Wilborforce Farr, the minister of Grace Church, Sandusky, and other community leaders founded Good Samaritan Hospital, a place where everyone could receive health care, regardless of their financial or social situation. For the past 125 years, the hospital has played a vital role in the lives of Sandusky area residents.

In 1985, Firelands Community Hospital was established through the union of Good Samaritan and Sandusky Memorial Hospitals. At the time the merger of these two institutions was considered a bold, but necessary move. The federal government's push to lower health care costs was forcing hospitals to reconsider how they did business. Those who did not adapt to the changing health care climate would suffer serious financial trouble.

Although the decision to consolidate was not an easy one, the Board of Trustees and Professional Staffs of both hospitals had the foresight and initiative to put the needs of the community first. Their efforts provided the foundation for Firelands Community Hospital's role as one of the area's leading comprehensive health care systems.

Today, Firelands Community Hospital continues to provide new and innovative services and programs to meet the needs of the Sandusky area community. More than 7000 inpatients and 250,000 inpatients are served annually at four Sandusky facilities. In recent surveys, Firelands has been rated the best in Erie County for quality of physician care, personal care and attention, most modern technology, physical environment and range of services.

For the past one hundred twenty-five years Sandusky, area residents have entrusted their health care needs to Firelands Community Hospital, and I am confident they will continue to do so for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Rogers High School and its participants in the "We the People The Citizen and the Constitution" national finals.

I am pleased to recognize the class from Rogers High School who represented Arkansas in the national competition. The outstanding young people who participated are: David Clay, Jessica Diaz, Mitch Dinowitz, Marcus Emerson, Kenni Floyd, Haris Hasic, Jared Janacek, Amanda Lay, Ashley Marcum, Dylan Mory, John O'Connor, Josh Reece, Stephen Reed, Kyle Schoeller, Brian Shook, Bethany Simmons, Luke Siversen, Cody Steussy, Zack Taylor, David Young. The class is coached by Brenda Patton.

"We the People The Citizen and the Constitution" is the nation's most exten-

sive program dedicated to educating young people about our Constitution. Over 26 million students participate in the program, administered by the Center for Civic Education. The national finals, which includes representatives from every state, simulates a congressional hearing in which students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

I wish these bright students the best of luck at the "We the People The Citizen and the Constitution" national finals. They represent the Third District of Arkansas well, and I wish them all the best in their future academic pursuits.

THIS YEAR, EARTH DAY MEANS MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday, America celebrated its 31st annual Earth Day. In the past, Earth Day has been a day of both preservation and celebration. The day has symbolized our commitment to preserving the Earth's beauty for the enjoyment of future generations. This year, however, Earth Day means much more. This year, we are not using Earth Day as a catalyst for the creation of new and innovative ways to keep our environment clean and healthy. This year, we are not spending Earth Day talking about reducing air pollution and cleaning up the water we drink. This year, Earth Day is not a celebration of the environmental accomplishments of the past 31 years.

Instead, this year, we are spending Earth Day toe-to-toe with the Bush Administration to simply maintain the status quo of our country's environmental policies. This year, we are spending Earth Day fighting against the special interests of oil and gas companies. This year, we are celebrating Earth Day with a return to the careless and unhealthy environmental practices of the 1970s. This year, Earth Day means more than it has ever meant before.

In the first 100 days of President Bush's term in office, the Administration has sought to eliminate nearly every major environmental advancement of the past twenty years. Whether it is trying to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), failing to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emissions into the air, or halting a plan to lower arsenic levels in drinking water, the Bush Administration has made it clear that it is not serious about protecting our environment.

In Florida, we are facing the relentlessness of the oil and gas industries. As recently as last Sunday, the Bush Administration restated its plan to auction nearly six million acres off of the coast of Florida's Panhandle for the purposes of drilling for oil and natural gas. This is a plan that Floridians have both feared and rejected. Florida has maintained a position that any drilling will not occur within 100 miles of Florida's coast. While Florida's neighboring states have chosen to move forward with offshore drilling programs, the people of Florida have recognized the environmental dangers of offshore drilling and chosen not to move forward with any such program.

Drilling off the coast of Florida's Panhandle could have devastating outcomes. Studies

show that the cost of offshore drilling far outweighs the benefits. The potential for oil spills and life-threatening accidents is there. The construction of oil rigs, combined with continued drilling, will undoubtedly disrupt the marine ecosystem that currently exists. One only has to look at pictures of an oil rig sinking off the coast of Brazil to recognize the real dangers of offshore drilling. Now, the Administration is seeking not only to destroy Florida's already delicate environment, but to do it against the obvious wishes of Florida's people and government.

This year, we must view Earth Day as an opportunity to rally our troops and fight against the special interests that have been dictating environmental roll backs for the past 100 years. If the Administration will not fight against the oil and gas companies, then we must. We have a responsibility to recognize the role that we play in preserving our environment. If we do not recognize and accept this responsibility, then no one will.

CONGRATULATING JOHN DIENER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Diener for receiving the Award of Distinction from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis.

The award is the highest designation given by the college to individuals whose contributions enrich the image and reputation of the college and enhance its ability to provide public service.

Diener earned a degree in agricultural economics in 1974. He worked as a pest control advisor, specializing in viticulture, for six years before beginning a farm operation in 1980. In 20 years his farm grew from 640 acres to 4,500 acres. He began organic production practices and helped develop Greenway Organic Farms.

Diener has supported research and started field studies on reclaiming farmland that suffers from high underground water tables. This sort of research has set the foundation for growers to grow crops on acreage considered too salty. The success of his new farming methods can be seen by the abundant harvesting of crops on land that had previously been considered non-fertile soil.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate John Diener on his Award of Distinction. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John and wishing him many more years of continued success.

COMMENDING THE VIRGIN ISLANDS FRESHWATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to commend an outstanding group of Virgin Islanders—Helen George-Newton, Eldra Malone-Drew, Ava Stagger, Carol

Stagger, Kenneth "Cisco" Francis and Renaldo Chinnery, who, as residents of New York, recognized the need to preserve and promote the culture of the Virgin Islands. In March of 1991, they officially established the Virgin Islands Freshwater Yankees, which was later incorporated as the Virgin Islands Freshwater Association, Inc.

Since then, the Association has grown to 75 dedicated members, who contribute to their Virgin Islands community through educational scholarships, supplying equipment to the health facilities on all three islands, helping our senior citizens and the underprivileged children, providing supplies during natural disasters or emergency occurring in the territory.

Although this organization takes their responsibilities seriously, they also find time to have fun and participate in the annual carnival activities on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

They also serve as an oasis for Virgin Islanders on the mainland by sponsoring yearly social events. They promote and offer guidance to the other Virgin Islands associations throughout the United States and continue to preserve the values that are the roots of their heritage.

For the past ten years, in commemoration of the day that the Virgin Islands were transferred from the Danish government to the United States, "Virgin Islands Transfer Day", this organization has honored numerous outstanding Virgin Islanders in the area of sports, politics, education, health and community involvement. This year, the organization and all of its past honorees was recognized at the Tenth Anniversary Transfer Day Dinner Dance held in New York on March 31, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize and commend the Virgin Islands Freshwater Association, Inc. as an outstanding model for community involvement and the preservation of their culture. I invite my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the efforts of this organization.

A TRIBUTE TO BONNIE
GARTSHORE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bonnie Gartshore, a woman of letters and history who will be honored in Monterey, California on June 9.

The living memory of Monterey and Pacific Grove, Bonnie is a mild-mannered journalist, a determined educator, an accomplished poet and a lifelong human-rights activist.

She was a feminist before the term was coined. And as a devoted Catholic, she has always displayed her conviction, piety and humanity through her life and her work.

Bonnie was introduced at a tribute dinner at Carmel Mission in 1983 as "a true peacemaker and an incorrigible advocate for the poor and beleaguered." At that dinner Bonnie, ever the teacher, called attention to the statues of Benny Bufano, pointing out that he always turned the palms of hands outward, "open to receive and also to let go." That's an

important lesson, Bonnie explained. "Something I have learned: If you are busy hanging onto things, you are going to miss a lot along the way."

Bonnie was born in Monterey 75 years ago—on Nov. 23, 1925—in the heyday of the sardine industry that was centered just a few blocks from her Filmore Street home. She called it a great place for living and learning, with few houses and a mix of people that included school principals, doctors, drunks and bums.

It was the Monterey that John Steinbeck wrote about. And it conditioned her for life. "I wasn't surprised by anything because I had seen it all growing up," she said later. As for childhood: "What I did as a young girl growing up in the New Monterey that used to be, was soak in the twin pleasures of forest and beach, develop a delight in reading and a curiosity about people and places, and absorb the values of my mother, who was a mixture of middle-class morality and liberal political views."

Her parents tried to calm her independence by sending her to Catholic school in the 1930s, hoping the nuns would straighten her out. But Bonnie ended up writing some of the services and sermons for the priests of the diocese. Bonnie is one of the few women ever asked to deliver a homily at San Carlos Cathedral. She did it, of course, preaching on her theme: "Jesus doesn't leave anyone out."

She graduated from San Carlos School in 1939 and went on to Pacific Grove High School, where she discovered a knack for writing and became editor of the school newspaper. Bonnie then went to San Jose State College as a journalism major. She edited the campus paper, the Spartan Daily, of course, and graduated with honors in 1947.

Once out of school, Bonnie went to work for the Monterey Peninsula Herald and started what has become a 53-year association as a writer and editor through three locations and four owners. She began her career in the society section, where "the girls" were assigned in those days, as the assistant editor. Her first office was in the tower of the building at Pearl and Washington Streets, which was The Herald's location in those days, Morgan's Coffee & Tea these days.

Bonnie's first stint with The Herald lasted for 15 years. Then she left to tour England and Scotland, work for the Paso Robles Daily Press, do research in Big Sur, and work as assistant editor of The Observer, the weekly newspaper of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Monterey. She also took a variety of jobs that included writing advertising brochures, doing publicity for the Monterey County and Santa Cruz County Fairs and writing the introduction to an aphrodisiac cookbook.

Bonnie also handled special sections for The Herald and wrote occasional stories for The Herald's Weekend Magazine until she eventually returned full time. In 1990, after establishing herself as Monterey's "historian in residence," she started a weekly history column, Looking Back, for The Herald. The Monterey History & Art Association recently published a collection of those columns as a book titled "Footprints from the Past."

Bonnie also developed a writers' workshop for the inmates at the Soledad Correctional Training Facility. She described it at the time

as "something useful I could do." Subsequently, she was hired by Hartnell College in Salinas to teach English and speech classes at the prison, an avocation that lasted for a 20-year stretch. During that time, Bonnie staged a poetry reading at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in Carmel in order to raise money to publish a book of the convicts' poems.

She has also published two books of her own poetry, "Trying to Put it Together" in 1988 and "Taking My Cue from the Walrus" in 2000.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Bonnie's devotion to religion has made her a lifelong activist for peace and social justice. "In the 1960s I came to understand that religion and activism go hand in hand," she explained.

She picketed with the United Farm Workers before it became fashionable, marched with civil rights and peace groups, helped organize a Monterey memorial of the bombing of Hiroshima, interviewed the homeless and presented programs about humanity in Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel. She organized programs for Catholic women, presented retreats and wrote liturgies for the priests of the other gender.

Bonnie has made her home in Pacific Grove for the past 45 years, where she's been active in anything literary, including the Monterey Peninsula Dickens Fellowship, The Robert Louis Stevenson Club of Monterey and the Cherry Foundation in Carmel.

In 1989, when Bonnie was presented the Woman of the Year award from the Quota Club of Monterey-Pacific Grove, she told that audience: "I'm learning all the time. . . . There were all these people along the way, all the wonderful people I was learning from."

COMMEMORATING ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues to remember one of the great tragedies of the twentieth century: the deportations and massacres of more than one and a half million Armenians in the final years of the Ottoman Empire. I extend my sincere sympathy to the survivors and their descendants for the hardships they suffered. Our hearts go out to Armenians around the world, including the Armenian-American community, as they mourn the loss of those innocent lives.

However, Armenians deserve not only our sympathy, but our support as well. Although Armenia has made great strides to become an independent and democratic state, many challenges remain. As Armenia, moves towards forging a lasting peace in the region, it is critical that there be an honest accounting of all those who died and why they died.

Taking a moment here today, is the least we can do to honor the victims of that terrible time, but it is essential nonetheless. If there is to be any hope of preventing future acts of such inhumanity, the senseless acts of violence inflicted upon Armenians must be properly recognized.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE ON THE 125TH
ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRAL MU-
TUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize an institution in northwestern Ohio. Central Mutual Insurance Company has a history as great and rich as Ohio itself.

The "Van Wert County Mutual Fire Insurance Company" was formed on April 5, 1876, the start of what was to become today's Central Insurance Companies. Twelve days later Central Mutual was incorporated and has been providing insurance for automobiles, homes, and businesses through independent agents in 15 states with regional offices in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas and Van Wert. Central Mutual's family is made up of Central Insurance Companies, the All-American Insurance Company, Central Insurex, and CMI Lloyds, located in Dallas, TX.

Soon after its founding, Central Insurance began to operate through independent agents rather than having salesmen sell directly to the public, which was revolutionary at the time. The first agency to meet the call was the Purmort Brothers Insurance Agency, also in Van Wert, which has been continually representing Central Insurance for its entire 125 years. Quickly the Central Insurance Company began to grow and by 1883, they expanded their operations outside of their home state. Since then, they have spread across the country, opening offices while still retaining the important values that guided them to success in the late 1800's.

In today's extremely competitive market, customer service is the key to success. Central Mutual epitomizes that commitment. An insurance policy is simply a promise to pay for covered losses that occur to a policyholder's assets. For the last 125 years, their primary commitment to policyholders has been to ensure that adequate funds are available to fulfill these promises.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize this company for all of its contributions to Ohio, including its Fire Museum, which preserves a vital piece of American history. In addition, I want to wish all of the Central Mutual Insurance Company family the best. You are an example for Ohio and the country.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BETTY TIMES

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Betty Times. Betty Times was a truly unique individual whose record of dedicated community service is an inspiration. Her leadership has meant so much to the many agencies she supported as well as the individuals whose lives she touched.

Her work included the Marin City-USA Project, Sausalito School Board, Marin General Hospital Board, Marin Education Fund, the Marin City Community Development Cor-

poration, the National Women's Political Caucus, and many others. She became the first African-American to head a county department when she was named to direct the newly formed Citizens Service Office in 1978. She has been honored by the Marin Women's Hall of Fame, the county Human Rights Commission (the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award), and the Marin County Grass Roots Leadership Network.

Mr. Speaker, we honor Betty Times for her strength, good humor, wit, and integrity as well as her leadership. The Marin community will be the poorer for her loss.

CONGRATULATING THE ARMENIAN
COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF FRESNO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Armenian Community School of Fresno on celebrating their 24th year of existence at their annual banquet.

The Armenian Community School of Fresno was opened with 24 students on September 12, 1977. This was the first community-wide Armenian day school in Fresno. Through generous donations from the Hovannissian and Sahatdjian Families, as well as other individuals and organizations, the school was able to move from the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Sunday School room to its present location on September 8, 1980.

The essence of the Armenian Community School is to emphasize serious study, to educate on social responsibility, and to lay the foundation for strong, healthy, moral, ethical, and spiritual values.

The student body has grown to over 120 students. Many features have been added to the education program such as the Fresno County Science Fair, Outdoor Education Camps, a solid Physical Education program, and a Student Council. The students receive a bilingual curriculum, which helps them become model Armenian-American citizens with a strong appreciation and knowledge of their heritage and culture.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Armenian Community School of Fresno on the occasion of their 24th year anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Armenian Community School of Fresno many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO JEANNE STINE,
FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF TROY, MICHIGAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2001, the City of Troy, Michigan will pay tribute at a dinner in honor of their former Mayor, Jeanne Stine. She recently left that post she had held since 1992.

During Mayor Stine's tenure, the City of Troy witnessed remarkable growth and prosperity, whether measured by the total market

value of its property, the growth in employment, or most vitally, the quality of life for Troy's citizens. The ground was recently broken for construction of a community center, including a new gymnasium, conference center, computer room, exercise facilities, and a senior citizen dining room. The annual Troy Daze festival prospered under her tutelage. There, I have spent many happy hours with Mayor Stine at the festival, watching her as she proudly spoke to the annual ceremonies swearing in new citizens and touring the many booths of a wide variety of Troy's public service groups.

Beginning with her first service to Troy's citizens when elected to the City Council in 1976, Jeanne Stine has worked tirelessly for her community. She serves as the Immediate Past President of the Michigan Association of Mayors and Vice President of the Michigan Municipal League. She also serves on the Board of Directors of a number of organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of Troy, Arab American Chaldean Council and the Troy Community Coalition.

Mayor Stine received her BS and RA from Wayne State University. She worked as an educator and school counselor in the neighboring community of Clawson for 33 years.

Troy is a far more enjoyable, hospitable and cohesive community today because of Jeanne Stine. No matter was too small for her attention, and I was privileged to participate with her in some of her incessant efforts to better life for Troy's citizens, whether improving the post office, modernization of its highways, or the encouragement of the uniquely successful Troy Community Coalition and its anti-drug program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking my friend, Jeanne Stine, for her years of public service and in wishing her good health and happiness in the years ahead.

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SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stand with the Armenian-American community to commemorate the Armenian Genocide, one of the darkest chapters of world history.

First of all, I would like to thank the gentleman from Michigan and the gentleman from New Jersey for their leadership as co-chairmen of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues.

Today marks the 86th year of the beginning of the Armenian Genocide. The Armenian people were subjected to deportation, expropriation, torture, massacre, starvation, and abduction. April 24, 1915 is recognized the world over as the day the Ottoman Turks rounded and killed hundreds of Armenian leaders in Constantinople. Thousands more were murdered in public. This began an eight year long campaign that claimed the lives of over 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children—half of the world's Armenian population at the time. Moreover, 500,000 Armenians were forcibly driven out of their homeland to seek refuge in other nations.

From 1915 to 1923, in a short eight years, the Ottoman Turks systematically and deliberately slaughtered over 1.5 million Armenians in their homeland. In a short eight years, in the blink of any eye, a 2,500 year-old civilization—the first Christian nation in the world—was almost wiped out.

Because of modern-day Turkey's attempt to disavow the Armenian Genocide and dispute the historical records, we must continue to affirm the Armenian Genocide. We must continue to commemorate the victims and the survivors as a matter of conscience and as a matter of faith. I believe we must have faith that efforts to do so will make a difference and will help keep the memories alive despite the Turkish government's attempt to rewrite history. I believe we must have faith to work together in the hopes of preventing any type genocide from ever occurring again.

As I said two years ago in this chamber and on this floor, we cannot, should not and will not forget the Armenian Genocide. As a matter of conscience, we should all stand together to speak out to remember the victims. While the Armenians have suffered through such tragic horrors, it would be an even greater tragedy if we forget. We will remember and honor their memories in the hopes for a better tomorrow.

IN HONOR OF THE KALINA SINGING SOCIETY

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the Kalina Singing Society of my Congressional district on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Founded in Buffalo, New York on March 1, 1901, the Kalina Singing Society is a women's chorus founded under the auspices of the Polish Singing Circle and a member of the Polish Singers' Alliance of America. For the past 100 years, it has proudly promoted American and Polish culture through song, and has garnered a fine reputation as an outstanding performance group.

Throughout its rich history, and still today, the Kalina Singing Society has promoted the Arts, as well as our City's rich cultural heritage. They have performed countless concerts, operettas, recitals, guest appearances, joint concerts, and holiday offerings, and have participated in national competition.

The Kalina Singing Society has continued to exhibit a strong and dedicated commitment to the Polish-American community, the City of Buffalo, and to the spirit of community service and volunteerism that has always been the hallmark of our Western New York community.

Mr. Speaker, today I join with the group's membership, and indeed, our entire Western New York community, to honor the Kalina Singing Society on this historic anniversary. On behalf of the Thirtieth Congressional district of the State of New York, I want to formally extend my enthusiastic commendation, and offer my personal best wishes for the Kalina's second century.

RECOGNIZING PAULINE BLAYNEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pauline Blayney for being named "Silent Servant" of the year 2001 by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce.

Pauline was born in Fresno and has been a Fowler resident since the age of six. In 1946 she married Laurice Blayney. The couple has three children and nine grandchildren.

Pauline has been involved with several community activities in the community, including: Fowler Improvement Association, Friday Book Club, Iowa Community Club, Presbyterian Church of Fowler, Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Edwin Blayney Senior Center, Girls Scouts, Cub Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pauline Blayney for her "Silent Servant" of the year 2001 award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Pauline Blayney many more years of continued success.

HONORING COMMISSIONER JACK BUELL FOR ACTS OF CARING

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, this week is National County Government Week. Countless counties across the country are represented in Washington, D.C. to honor outstanding elected officials who do so much to serve their communities. As a former Lieutenant Governor of Idaho for fourteen years, I have had the privilege of working with many fine officials on the county level. One of those officials is Mr. Jack Buell.

For the past twenty years, Jack has ably represented the citizens of Benewah County, Idaho as County Commissioner. He's a Democrat. But that isn't what distinguishes Jack. A lifelong Idahoan, Jack was born in St. Maries, Idaho. He married Eleanor, his wife of 39 years, raised a family and built a successful trucking business. Through the years, he has developed affiliations that have benefited the citizens of Idaho—including, the Idaho Department of Transportation Advisory Board, the Idaho State Scaling Board, and the timber industry, in which he now serves as President of the Associated Logging Contractors, and as Chairman of the Idaho Forest Products Commission. In that last capacity, he has passionately led the timber industry at rallies throughout Idaho, Montana, and Washington with caravans of diesel trucks.

And even those mighty achievements do not explain why I honor Jack Buell today. In 1996, during heavy flooding and cleanup efforts in St. Maries, Jack selflessly donated the use of virtually every piece of heavy equipment he owned to help move homes to safety, provide escape for trapped victims, and help rebuild the flood-ravaged community. That experience, and many others, resulted in his community and peers awarding him the Idaho As-

sociation of Counties Sidney Duncombe Award.

Jack is a good friend, a solid family man and businessman, and he deserves my thanks, and thanks from fellow county officials—and Congress—for his service to communities and citizens in Idaho.

CONGRATULATING R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF "THE 100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR"

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mr. Andy Schindler and the fine folks at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in being named to Fortune magazine's annual list of "100 Best Companies to Work For."

I have always been proud of R.J. Reynolds and its employees and I remain honored to be their Representative in Congress. Reynolds is one of North Carolina's best corporate citizens, one of its largest taxpayers, and an invaluable asset to our state. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, it's been a long time coming for Reynolds to receive this national commendation as North Carolinians have known of Reynolds' benefits for years.

During my tenure in serving the people of the Fifth District of North Carolina, I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know many of the executives and employees at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. They are all extremely dedicated, hard working, creative, and proud of their work. An organization is only as good as its people; and the workers at Reynolds are second to none, and it shows in the final product.

Congratulations to Reynolds and its employees for winning this award. You've always been at the top of my list. Keep up the good work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, during the week of March 26, 2001, I was absent from the House due to a death in my family. Although I received the appropriate leave of absence from the House, I want my colleagues and constituents of the 2nd District of Wisconsin to know how I intended to vote on the rollcall votes that I missed.

- Rollcall vote 62: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 63: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 64: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 65: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 66: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 67: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 68: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 69: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 70: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 71: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 72: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 73: I would have voted "Aye"

Rollcall vote 74: I would have voted "Aye".
Rollcall vote 75: I would have voted "No".

CONGRATULATING FRESNO AREA
CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER
(FACT)

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fresno Area Congregations Together (FACT) for their service to the community of Fresno. They recently celebrated their 2nd Annual Awards Banquet.

FACT has played a vital role in the community of Fresno since 1997. FACT's mission is to develop neighborhood leaders, while improving the quality of life in areas throughout the city. FACT members fulfill their obligation to seek social justice, dignified relationships, and healthier communities in a meaningful, hands-on manner. The 10 congregations/organizations that form FACT are: Anabaptist Community Action, First Mexican Baptist, Grace Lutheran, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Our Saviour's Lutheran, St. Alphonsus, St. Helen's, St. John's Cathedral, San Antonio Maria Claret, and San Ygnacio Episcopal Mission.

FACT uses a systematic approach to addressing community concerns. Congregational committee's meet with neighborhood residents to listen to their memories, concerns, pressures, sources of pain, and hopes for a better tomorrow. After community concerns are identified, research is conducted to learn about causes and possible solutions to the concerns. The concerns are then brought to the attention of the public official responsible for facilitating positive results.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate FACT for their exemplary community service in the city of Fresno. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing FACT many more years of continued success.

HONORING LIGHTHOUSE OF
OAKLAND COUNTY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to recognize one of the crowning jewels of my district. On April 26, government and community leaders will gather in Pontiac, Michigan to formally unveil the new program headquarters of Lighthouse of Oakland County, the Robert and Mary Flint Campus of Caring. This wonderful facility, named after its two primary benefactors, was completely constructed with the selfless donations of time, materials, and money from hundreds of individuals who realize the significant impact Lighthouse has made in the community.

Lighthouse of Oakland County began in 1972 as an ecumenical ministry at Pontiac's St. Vincent de Paul Church, designed to assist low-income families and senior citizens in need. Nearly 30 years later, it remains committed to these ideals, providing a full range of human services to help lift the less fortunate

from poverty to independence and self-sufficiency. With an army of volunteers and charitable donors, Lighthouse provides service through three subsidiaries Lighthouse Emergency Services, Lighthouse PATH, and Lighthouse Community Development.

With branches in Pontiac and nearby Clarkston, Lighthouse Emergency Services responds to families and seniors with an immediate need for food, medicine, transportation, or temporary shelter. Last year, the two branches assisted more than 76,000 people, many of whom are among Oakland County's working poor.

Lighthouse Pontiac Area Transitional Housing, or PATH began in 1991 and provides a safe, structured environment for 24 women and their children referred by homeless shelters. PATH offers counseling, job training, child care, and instruction in parenting and life skills. With an 84% success rate, many women have gone to become independent and productive members of society.

In 1992, Lighthouse Community Development initiated a neighborhood revitalization program whose goal was to increase affordable housing for low-income families. Through the efforts of community volunteerism and donations, a cluster of vacant and abandoned houses was transformed into the Unity Park housing development. Community Development continues to renovate and repair homes, build new single family housing, maintain neighborhood yards, and also provides financial management training.

Lighthouse's value has been recognized by many, as evidenced by its many collaborations with churches, community programs, and businesses. They have received numerous rewards and citations and serve as one of Michigan's best managed non-profit groups.

Mr. Speaker, I am exceptionally proud to have Lighthouse of Oakland County in my district, and I am grateful for people like Robert and Mary Flint, the Lighthouse staff, and its Executive Director, Noreen Keating. With the new facility, the Campus of Caring will provide programs for computer training center, business and banking, senior independence, and life skills, among others. Through their work, many disadvantaged citizens will indeed reach their full potential. I ask my colleagues in the 107th Congress to please join me in congratulating Lighthouse.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JIM LEEDY

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and lifelong resident of my 34th Congressional District in Norwalk, California. Mr. Jim Leedy recently passed away and I am proud to honor him for his devout community service in organizations like the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Blind Association and the Rancho San Antonio Boys Home.

Jim was born in Los Angeles in 1935 and educated in the Los Angeles Public Schools. He married his high school sweetheart Kathleen in 1956 and was drafted into the Army in 1958, spending his time in Korea. After an honorable discharge, he and his wife bought a

home in Norwalk, where they lived for forty wonderful and memorable years and raised two children, Jim and Theresa.

Jim was a truck driver by trade, however most of his life was spent helping others in various capacities. He became active in the Knights of Columbus in 1972 and was preparing to become a 4th degree Knight when he passed away. Under the leadership of Jim as Community Director, the Norwalk Knights of Columbus won-top honors in Community Service at the State convention in 1977. Since then, Jim has remained very active and involved in many different service areas of the Knights of Columbus, as well as the VFW. During the last two years of his life, Jim served as Family Director for the Knights of Columbus under two different Grand Knights. Even when he was not holding a specific office, Jim constantly worked on programs to better the community, organizing and raising funds for numerous charitable organizations.

Jim was also actively involved in St. Linus Church and gave much of his time to helping others. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, Jim would use his truck to pick up and deliver food baskets to the needy. He also picked up and delivered wreaths and trees for Christmas and palms during the Easter season for the church. In addition to the service organizations that Jim belonged to, he took it upon himself to volunteer to deliver baked goods from local markets to the Norwalk Senior Citizens Center, Rio Hondo Woman's Shelter, Norwalk Social Service Center, and woman's detention center in Norwalk. He did this Monday through Friday every week of the year. The people he delivered bread to affectionately called Jim the "Bread Man", and he could always be counted on for a great big "bear hug" and a smile no matter what task he was undertaking.

Neighbors and friends used to say that there was nothing Jim would say "no" to when he was asked to do for others. I am grateful to have known Jim Leedy and experience his warmth and compassion that touched so many around him. I wish to express my deepest sympathies to Jim's wife Kathleen, his children, Jim and Theresa, grandchildren and step grandchild.

COMMENDING THE ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS
AT HAYS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I offer congratulations to the twenty-nine students from Hays High School in Hays, Kansas for their excellence in academic competition: Kristin Alstatt, Tara Bauer, Travis Beam, Chelsea Boldra, Sarah Braun, Kelly Brooks, Ashleigh Dyck, Elise Eilts, Brandon Fross, Rebekah Girard, Daran Herrman, Bojun Hu, Brandon Klaus, Brandi Legleiter, Matthew Leiker, Abby Maska, Fatou Mbye, Jayna Montoia, Charlotte Moore, Kayla Schippers, Jill Seib, Evan Shaw, Kevin Wasinger, Michael Wasinger, Sonya Wesselowski, Jeremy Wilson, Michael Wilson, Joslin Woofter, Alexandra Zehner.

This past weekend, Hays High represented the state of Kansas in the national finals of the

We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. These Kansas seniors joined over 1200 students from across the United States to compete in Washington, DC. These young scholars worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy. I commend each of these students for their hard work and success.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, Sue Boldra, for helping prepare these young students. Ms. Boldra's commitment and dedication to nurture and encourage our youth shines through the accomplishments of her students. The First Congressional district has been proud to be represented by Hays High for the past four years on the national level in this prestigious competition. I commend Ms. Boldra for her excellent job promoting education and patriotism among the youth of Kansas.

I also applaud Professor Richard Heil at Fort Hays State University for his three years of service as a judge at the We the People national finals. Dr. Heil's commitment to this program has helped students from across the United States take a strong interest in the principles that govern our nation.

It is an honor to recognize such a meritorious group.

HONORING ELMA MANKIN, HERNDON ROTARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a friend of Northern Virginia, Ms. Elma Mankin, who is being recognized by the Herndon Rotary Club as Citizen of the Year at a ceremony on April 25, 2001 in Herndon, Virginia.

Ms. Mankin has dedicated herself to making our community a better place. As an active philanthropist, she spends countless hours volunteering in Herndon's many historical sites. She is involved with the Herndon Historical Society, the Herndon Women's Club, Reston Hospital, Herndon United Methodist Church, the Council for the Arts in Herndon, and other local organizations.

A lifelong member of Herndon, Ms. Mankin has seen it grow from a one-stop-light town to the booming technological corridor it is today. She began her career as a secretary at Herndon High School and eventually moved to the Herndon Elementary School. She retired when she gave birth to her two daughters. After the last of her children grew up, she looked for ways to remain active in the community.

She went to Northern Virginia Community College to receive her associate's degree in fine arts. Her works became well-known, but she decided to keep art as a hobby. Ms. Mankin continues to enjoy art, but her real joy is her love of volunteering. She became involved in over ten organizations after finishing her degree.

Ms. Mankin continues her volunteer efforts, visiting Reston Hospital once a week to assist in the rehabilitation center. She also partici-

pates in a social group for local women called "Lunch and Fun Bunch." She serves as a trustee on the Herndon School Board, a lifetime member of the Historical Society, and has served as a town election official for 22 years. Her countless hours of service make our district proud to have such a fine citizen.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish the very best to Ms. Elma Mankin as she is recognized as the Citizen of the Year. She certainly has earned this recognition, and I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in applauding this remarkable achievement.

HONORING PAUL BESSELIEVRE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor Paul Besselievre, the recently retired C.E.O./Owner of Valley Trane, who was recently featured in an Executive Profile for the Fresno Business Journal newspaper. The question and answer Executive Profile, printed in the Fresno Business Journal on February 26, 2001, reads as follows:

Q. What is the best thing about your job?

A. Dealing with professionals within the company and the community.

Q. What is the worst thing about your job?

A. Those 7 a.m. meetings.

Q. What is your best professional accomplishment?

A. Training many young engineers and other professionals to be successful in the industry, and hopefully, in life.

Q. If you could effect any change in the business community, what would it be?

A. To get back to doing business with a handshake, where a man's word is his bond, and lawyers are used mostly to write your will.

Q. What is your best personal accomplishment?

A. My wife of 39 years is still my sweetheart. Every Friday is date night. And we still make out.

Q. What is a good yardstick of success?

A. Good friends and a family that loves you.

Q. Best decision?

A. I asked Carol Poljansek to marry me.

Q. Worst decision?

A. To skate across Bear Butte Lake before the ice was thick enough. This should stimulate thought.

Q. What is the community service project or event closest to your heart?

A. I belong to too many organizations to pick one. Each has a special place in my heart, or I wouldn't be a part of it. I couldn't pick a favorite child. Any organization or project that improves the livability of my community is close to my heart.

Q. Best advice you've ever received?

A. One night in 1965 while working late, Earl Nightengale came on the radio and asked a simple question. What do you say when someone asks, "Will you do me a favor?" Most people ask what it is. He encouraged them to just say "sure." It's an attitude. Expect the best of people. If they ask for something unreasonable, you can always recant. What you learn when you expect the best of people is that you usually get it. This change in attitude becomes a way of life. That 10-minute broadcast had a profound impact on me. Life as an optimist is a lot more enjoyable.

Q. Favorite book?

A. The Children's Stories of the Bible. My parents read it to my sister and me, and Carol and I read it to our children.

Q. Favorite recreational activities?

A. Camping, skiing, fishing, cooking. Any activity outdoors, especially in the mountains.

Q. Where did you spend your most recent vacation?

A. A trip to Kansas City to spend Thanksgiving with my children, grandchildren, mother, sister, niece, nephew, and friends who are also family.

Q. What type of car do you drive?

A. A 1983 Buick Riviera convertible.

Q. What is your favorite restaurant?

A. Every ethnic restaurant. We will never run out of favorites. This area is rich with them. Indian, Thai, Chinese, Japanese, Basque, Italian, Mexican, Cajun, Vietnamese, Armenian, etc.

Q. What was your first job?

A. Emptying wastebaskets in an office building after school in Lemmon, South Dakota when I was 10 years old. Moved on to a lawn mowing and snow shoveling business when I was 12.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend Paul Besselievre for his years of dedicated and distinguished service to his community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Besselievre a pleasant retirement and many more years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained in Hawaii on official business during which two rollcall votes were taken. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 85, Motion to Instruct Conferees on the FY 2002 Budget Resolution, "Yes".

Rollcall No. 86, Motion to Suspend the Rules on HR 428 concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization, "Yes".

COMMEMORATING ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 86th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, in hopes that we will work to ensure that our country's foreign policy reflects a respect for human rights, and renounces ethnic cleansing and genocide. This Special Order brings forth an opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of the 1.5 million Armenians that lost their lives as a result of this tragic event.

As we arrive at this anniversary once again, the United States should now more than ever promote healing with Turkey and the Armenian community in this nation and abroad. By acknowledging the great tragedy of the Armenian Genocide, we would be doing something

today that is right for the wrong endured by Armenians 86 years ago. Although we are conscience of the current crisis in the Middle East and value our relationship with Turkey, it does not diminish the need to recognize what Armenians experienced during the early 20th Century. There are many people across the world who will agree that this is a highly sensitive and serious issue to discuss. But in order for us to correct the errors of the past we must never forget they took place by officially recognizing the Armenian Genocide and standing up against such atrocities.

On this April 24th, 2001, we remember and mourn the loss of all the Armenians killed from 1915 to 1923. But we also look forward to the day when we will see peace and stability realized by not tolerating acts of severe cruelty and injustice. Unfortunately, genocide is not yet a vestige of the past. In more recent years we have witnessed ethnic killings in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Kosovo. We must continue on with a commitment to prevent such assaults on humanity from occurring again. There are many Armenians living in California today who form a strong and vibrant part of the State's community. The strength they have displayed in overcoming the suffering is an example to us all.

Surrounded by countries still hostile to them, to this day the Armenian struggle continues. Our nation must work to prevent further aggression and assure Armenians throughout the world that they can live free of threats to their existence and property. Now with an independent Armenian state, the United States has an opportunity to contribute to a true memorial of the past by strengthening Armenia's emerging democracy.

Mr. Speaker, as we remember and honor the dead, we also honor the living. Out of the ashes of their history, Armenians all over the world have clung to their identity and have prospered in new communities. For my part, I will vigorously fight to help improve the lives of Armenians in the United States and abroad.

TRIBUTE TO DR. THOMAS STARZL

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of one of the truly great Americans of the 20th century, Dr. Thomas Starzl, the renowned "Father of Transplantation."

Dr. Starzl turned 75-years old on March 11th, and his former students, colleagues, patients and others are gathering in Pittsburgh in late April for the dedication of a portrait to hang alongside other University of Pittsburgh medical research luminaries such as Dr. Jonas Salk, who discovered the polio vaccine. Dr. Starzl's pioneering work on organ transplantation is no less important to our society.

One considered to be mere science fiction, the reality of organ transplantation is today often taken for granted. For years throughout his early career, Dr. Starzl tirelessly experimented with transplantation in the face of adversity and the skepticism of his colleagues and academics. But he succeeded, and because of his work thousands of lives are saved each year by organ transplant surgery.

It was 20-years ago this year that Dr. Starzl performed the first liver transplant in Pittsburgh. Since that time, more than 11,300 transplants have been performed in what is now the UPMC Health System, making Pittsburgh the busiest transplant center in the world. Even though he retired from surgery in 1991, his work and dedication to the field of transplantation continues and is unmatched.

Now as we proceed into a new century, his work continues. Just because he's now emeritus does not mean he will be idle. He still contributes on a daily basis (just a few years ago he was named the most cited in clinical medicine) and he will provide leadership and vision to the program that bears his name.

Few in their lifetimes have pioneered and developed a field of medicine and seen it flourish, as has Dr. Starzl. And expect more from him—there are breakthroughs around the corner.

COMMEMORATING ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, every year on April 24 we commemorate the Armenian genocide. Between 1915 and 1923, in what is called the first genocide of this century, more than one million Armenians perished and 500,000 survivors were exiled from their homes in Ottoman Turkey. We mark this unspeakable tragedy each year on that date so that we can examine what occurred and honor the memory of the victims. Sadly, Mr. Speaker, the massacre of the Armenians was not the last genocide of the 20th Century. In designing his "final solution to the Jewish problem" Adolf Hitler reflected, "Who today remembers the Armenians?" Decades later, the cries of these victims echoed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo.

We must remember, Mr. Speaker, but we must also learn from this event and ultimately act on that knowledge to prevent such indescribable horror from ever occurring again. There are those who deny that there was an Armenian genocide. Mr. Speaker, Yehuda Bauer, historian of Yad Vashem, has said that "to deny a genocide . . . is a denial of truth." We must speak the truth, and that is what we do here in this House today.

As we honor the memory of those who perished, we marvel at the strength of the survivors and the generations which have followed. In the diaspora, the Armenian people have prospered and flourished throughout the world. The creation of the independent state of Armenia in 1991 not only provided the Armenian people with a homeland, but is a beacon of hope for the future. It is our hope, Mr. Speaker, that Armenia will thrive and prosper and continue to fortify its democracy.

It is also our hope, Mr. Speaker, that the people of Armenia and Azerbaijan will redouble their efforts to find a solution to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabagh. I commend our government for bringing the parties together in Florida recently for renewed negotiations, and I hope that this intensified effort will result in an agreement that will ensure lasting peace for all the people of the region.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RICHARD CHRISTMAS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Richard Christmas of Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Christmas has been writing letters for over forty years to government officials in an attempt to set aside a day dedicated to space exploration. Over the years his letter writing campaign has payed great dividends. Ten Michigan cities, sixteen cities in other states, and a few states have dedicated a day, and sometimes a week for space exploration.

Mr. Christmas has always had an interest in space ever since he was a young boy. However, due to a severe accident he was forced to put his space ambitions on hold. After his recovery he started to write letters to government officials. At first there were few replies but as the United States Space Program gained momentum so did his letter-writing campaign. He has received several letters from mayors and governors commending him on his continuous effort and dedication to space exploration.

Today, Mr. Christmas wants more cities to become involved with making space exploration a national holiday. With the National Air and Space Museum's 25th anniversary around the corner, this would be a perfect time to promote Space Day across the country and I encourage my colleagues to support the efforts of my civic-minded constituent, Mr. Richard Christmas.

HONORING PAUL POLO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Connecticut business leader and my dear friend, Paul Polo, who has been honored by the Italian American Historical Society of Greater New Haven with their 12th Annual Distinguished Service Award.

Each year, the Italian American Historical Society of Greater New Haven honors members of Connecticut's Italian American community for their service and dedication. The Distinguished Service Award is a reflection of their commitment to the Society and to its mission—preserving the culture and heritage of Italian-Americans. Throughout his life, Paul has demonstrated a unique commitment to public service in both his professional and philanthropic efforts.

Paul's contributions to the Italian-American community are innumerable. For over four decades, Paul has been a member of the Order Sons of Italy in America, serving as president of the nation's largest and oldest Italian American organization for two years. Under his leadership, the organization raised millions of dollars that was contributed to education, medical research, and social awareness issues. Paul now serves as the president

of the Sons of Italy Foundation, where he has again played a crucial role in fund-raising efforts on behalf of a variety of service organizations. In addition to his work on the national stage, Paul is also involved in several organizations in Connecticut. A member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks, Mount Carmel Society, the Chamber of Commerce, and as an organizational representative of the American Society of Association Executives, Paul has dedicated much of his life to making a real difference in the lives of others.

An avid political activist, Paul has long been a figure in Washington as well as Connecticut. In 1991, Paul met with former President Bush as a representative from the Order Sons of Italy in America during an Oval Office meeting to discuss initiatives for social equality. In addition, he served on President Bush's policy round table. Former President Bill Clinton named Paul an alternate delegate to the U.S. Small Business Administration. Currently serving as the chairman of this year's Democratic National Convention and co-vice chairman of the Italian American Democratic Leadership Council—an organization which he helped to establish—Paul remains an active participant in public affairs.

As a respected business leader, volunteer, an political activist, Paul has left an indelible mark on the State of Connecticut. His commitment and dedication has gone a long way to enrich our communities and strengthen the bonds we share. It is with great pride that I rise today to join his children, Paul Jr., Daniel and Michael; grandchildren, Daniel Jr., Anthony, Philip, Nicole and Emily; family, friends, and colleagues in extending my sincere appreciation and congratulations to Paul Polo for his outstanding service to Connecticut and our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote 85, on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H. Con. Res. 83, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, I would have voted "nay." Rollcall vote 86, on H.R. 428, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization, I would have voted "yea."

COMMEMORATING THE 2600TH BIRTHDAY OF LORD MAHAVIR

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to praise the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Vajpayee, in declaring this year as the year of nonviolence. April 6 commemorates the 2600th birthday of the greatest prophet of Jainism, Lord Mahavir.

Jainism is a beautiful religion originating in India over two millennia ago, built on the prin-

ciples of nonviolence, working on the self, and realization of multiplicity of truth through our varying perspectives of life. Lord Mahavir worked tirelessly all his life until he reached Nirvana, and then embarked barefoot to spread his message of truth across the great nation of India.

Lord Mahavir practiced and preached environmental protection to safeguard trees, plants and animals for the living. The observation of the nonviolent practices of the Jainis was a major influence on the philosophy of the great Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi. The same principles of nonviolence and respect for life were practiced more recently by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the United States, as he led the struggle for civil rights for all Americans.

Mahavir's principles are extremely important today as well. Mahavir or The Great Soul taught us liberation of soul by right knowledge, right faith and right conduct. We must all bring this into our lives to make this world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

April 6th marks the beginning of pioneering celebrations throughout the world for nonviolence, and thus I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the year 2001 as the year of nonviolence worldwide.

LETTER CARRIERS DELIVER HOPE TO FAMILIES IN NEED

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 12, 2001, the largest one-day food drive in the country will take place. Letter carriers from across the nation will join together and collect nonperishable food items from their customers and the supplies will be taken to food pantries for distribution. In Milwaukee, last year's food drive benefited the community by providing a total of over 376,000 pounds of donations for more than 100 local food operations.

These contributions come at a critical time when donations to food pantries traditionally fall. During the summer months, demand for food to feed school-aged children typically peaks as access to school breakfast and lunch programs is restricted. Students suffer as their parents struggle to provide well-balanced meals. It is because of this that the National Letter Carriers Food Drive is so important to the health of our communities.

This project has been made possible by the generous sponsorship and efforts of the National Association of Letter Carriers, U.S. Postal Service, AFL-CIO, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Covenant Healthcare, and Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee.

Mr. Speaker, I am here today to ask that my colleagues lend their support to the letter carriers' food drives in their own hometowns and districts. To my neighbors in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties, I ask that they look deep in their hearts and pick up a few extra nonperishable items while doing their weekly shopping. As all food collected remains in the community, these essential donations will benefit those that we work and live with.

Together we can make a difference in the fight against food shortage. May 12, 2001, the

National Letter Carriers' Food Drive provides a practical step in the march to stamp out hunger.

TRIBUTE TO MARY LOU RAYNES

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Mary Lou Raynes, who will retire from Central Missouri State University on July 31, 2001, after more than 31 years of devoted service to the Army ROTC Fighting Mules Battalion.

Mrs. Raynes began her service to the Fighting Mules Battalion in August of 1969. During her first decade at CMSU, she served as the university-hired secretary of the department. Later, she was promoted to government service, spending over 20 years as the department's Military Personnel Technician.

Mrs. Raynes has continually gone above and beyond the call of duty. She has received numerous cash awards, two consecutive Annual Formal Inspections with laudatory ratings and received commendation from Cadet Command for excellence on six different occasions. She is continually cited as the "subject matter expert" in Cadet Personnel Management and has been praised many times for "far exceeding the standards expected of a civil service employee." Mrs. Raynes has been a loyal ally of the ROTC Fighting Mules Battalion, even when the group was severely short-handed in both instructors and administrative support.

On top of her overwhelming support to Central Missouri State University's Army ROTC program, Mrs. Raynes has been successful in other areas. She was recognized as the Warrensburg, Missouri, American Business Woman of the Year. She was also commended for organizing the community Christmas Store and the radio show KOKO Expo Home Show.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Lou Raynes' passion for excellence in Central Missouri State University's Army ROTC has made a difference in the lives of students and teachers. I know all Members of Congress will join me in paying tribute to her outstanding service to the Army ROTC Fighting Mules Battalion.

TRIBUTE TO MATTIE M. HOLLIMAN

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding woman who did so much in our community to help those who are less fortunate. If only there were more people like Mattie M. Holliman; then this world would be a better place. I am saddened to report that Mattie passed away on March 9 after a brief illness. This lady, known as "Mother Holliman" in our community, leaves behind an outstanding legacy.

During her 79 years, Mattie was a tireless worker who looked out for others who were

homeless, hungry or unemployed. Sitting still was a concept that was unknown to Mattie. If there was a community issue to be addressed then Mattie would organize a community meeting with local officials to discuss the issues. She had a special way of bringing people together to solve problems. She was an organizer with an empathetic soul, and she was as much at home with her Mayor or Senator as she was with the homeless person sleeping under the freeway.

For 16 years she worked as a certified social worker at the Sheldon Complex. But her work didn't stop when she turned off the lights and closed the door at the office. Mattie was always doing something to help somebody or some cause. In addition to her job at the Sheldon Complex, she was the founder of two grassroots organizations, Community Volunteers Agency and the Men's Supportive Task Force.

Mattie's dedication and work did not go unnoticed in our community, which is evident by the numerous awards she received for her efforts in community service. Among her many honors were the United Way's Volunteer of the Year Award, YWCA Tribute, Giants Award, NAACP Award, and in 1993 she was recognized by President Clinton for being the first inductee into the Creative Communications Centres Women's Hall of Fame.

All of us who knew Mattie Holliman are thankful for the opportunity to have shared in her life. Her leadership, thoughtfulness, and caring ways will be missed by those who had the privilege of knowing her. She was a remarkable woman with a heart of gold who did so much for so many during her lifetime.

A TRIBUTE TO HOWARD
RUBENSTEIN

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the extraordinary talent and civic contributions of Howard J. Rubenstein, who will be honored on Sunday at the Fifth Annual Heritage Dinner of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, Howard Rubenstein was dubbed by Newsweek Magazine as the "Dean of Damage Control." That praise is indeed appropriate because Howard is one of America's foremost public relations consultants. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he later finished first in his class in the night school division at St. John's University School of Law, and later was awarded an honorary doctor of law degree from the University. Howard founded his public relations agency in 1954 and ran it from his parents' kitchen table until his mother refused to answer the family phone, "Rubenstein and Associates." Today his firm is one of the nation's largest and best-known independent public relations agencies with a staff of more than 190 people.

Mr. Speaker, the Museum of Jewish Heritage—a Living Memorial to the Holocaust, opened to the public in 1997. Overlooking the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, its mission is to educate people of all ages and back-

grounds about the 20th century Jewish experience before, during and after the Holocaust. The Museum contains more than 2,000 photographs, 800 artifacts, and 24 original documentary films. The Museum's core exhibition combines archival material with modern media to provide a thoughtful and moving chronicle of history, keeping the memory of the past alive and offering hope for the future.

Howard Rubenstein is being honored by the Museum of Jewish Heritage for his extraordinary commitment to public service. He has served as a member of numerous civic and philanthropic organizations, and currently sits on the Executive Committee of the Association for a Better New York. He is a trustee of the Police Athletic League, the Central Park Conservancy, and the Inner City Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of New York. He is Vice Chairman of the New York State-New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission and is a special advisor to the New York City Commission on the Status of Women. Howard has served on the Mayor's Committee on Business and Economic Development for Mayors Beame, Dinkins, and Giuliani, and he is a member of the board of directors of the Center for Democracy here in Washington, D.C. He also served as a consultant to the United States Foreign Claims Settlement Commission and, as an attorney, he was assistant counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, one particular episode stands out in my reflection upon Howard Rubenstein's service to his community. In 1991, the Brooklyn community of Crown Heights exploded in a chain reaction of violence, riots, and ever mounting divisions between the area's African-American and Hasidic Jewish populations. These disputes escalated, eventually dividing the city and receiving national attention. Responding to a request for his assistance from then Mayor David Dinkins, Howard undertook the difficult task of diffusing the tensions between the African-American and Jewish communities. He organized a "Peace Conference" in Crown Heights and then planned a "Neighbor to Neighbor" event at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. There he screened the movie, "The Liberators", a film depicting the liberation of a Nazi concentration camp by African-American soldiers, to an audience of over 1300 Jews and African-Americans. The showing was broadcast live on New York television, while simultaneously 500 "Neighbor to Neighbor" meetings were held in homes and community centers around the City. Howard's efforts were critical to defusing tensions as well as restoring civility and understanding in Crown Heights. I believe that this efforts speak volumes about the character and commitment of this outstanding man.

Mr. Speaker, in an era when business leaders all too often fail to demonstrate a devotion to the needs of our society, Howard Rubenstein is a model for all of us to emulate. I invite my colleagues to join me in extending warmest congratulations and sincere appreciation to Howard J. Rubenstein on this special occasion.

U.S. INTERVENTION IN SOUTH
KOREA

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I am placing into the record the attached article from yesterday's Wall Street Journal, as I believe it accurately depicts the problem that many nations face in attempting to resolve their difference once our government decides to insert itself into internal or regional matters in other parts of the world. Instead of hindering peace in the ways pointed out by this article, we can play a constructive role in the world. However, to do so will require a change of policy. By maintaining open trade and friendly diplomatic relations with all countries we could fulfill that role as a moral compass that our founders envisioned. Unfortunately, as this article shows, our current policy of intervention is having the exact opposite effect.

SOUTH KOREA FEARS BUSH TEAM IS
HINDERING DETENTE WITH NORTH

(By Jay Solomon)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—Amid heightened tension between the U.S. and China over the downing of an American spy plane, frustration is mounting inside President Kim Dae Jung's government that President Bush's Asia policies are undercutting ties between North and South Korea.

President Kim has made his peace initiative toward reclusive North Korea—with whom the South remains technically at war—a cornerstone of his administration. Mr. Bush's advisers say they are still reviewing the merits of engaging the communist North, but a number of Mr. Kim's aides fear time is running out since his term ends next year.

Fueling this unease among some in Mr. Kim's government is their belief that the Bush administration views peace on the Korean Peninsula as working against its principal security interests. Central to this is Mr. Bush's plans to build a national missile-defense shield, for which North Korea's missile program is a primary justification. U.S. military and intelligence officials have played up in recent weeks both the military and nuclear threats posed by North Korea's military, re-emphasizing the Pentagon's need to maintain 37,000 troops in South Korea.

Now, the U.S.-China standoff over an American surveillance plane that landed on China's Hainan island is fanning fears that a renewed Cold War will grip North Asia. "The U.S.'s dependence upon a Cold War strategy . . . is causing the detente mood (on the Korean Peninsula) to collapse," says Jang Sung Min, a legislator with the Millennium Democratic Party and an aide to Mr. Kim. He fears the U.S.'s pursuit of missile defense will exacerbate this tension by leading to a renewed arms race between regional powers China, Japan and Russia.

The South Korean Foreign Ministry, while officially maintaining that it is too early to judge Mr. Bush's policy vis-a-vis North Korea, also is expressing skittishness toward Washington's intentions. Spokesman Kim Euy Taek says the ministry hopes "the Bush administration will rethink its skepticism" toward North Korea after completing its review of the Clinton team's policies toward Pyongyang.

For its part, the Bush administration doesn't accept the premise that its actions

are undermining Seoul's peace initiative. "We continue to strongly support President Kim's policy of engagement with North Korea," a State Department spokesman in Washington says. "We share a common concern about the nature and level of the military threat from North Korea, and we continue to discuss ways to deal with that."

Just three months ago, expectations were high that a peace pact could be signed between allies South Korea and the U.S. and North Korea. Then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had held an unprecedented meeting with North Korea's supreme leader, Kim Jong II, after the North sent a senior envoy to Washington. President Clinton was seriously considering a deal in January where North Korea would scrap some weapon programs in exchange for financial aid.

Kim Dae Jung's government followed up by scheduling a March summit with Mr. Bush in Washington in hopes of picking up where Mr. Clinton left off. Instead Mr. Bush voiced "skepticism" toward Kim Jong II's intentions and placed all talks with North Korea on hold pending the Clinton-policy review.

This rebuke has fueled a marked deterioration in North-South relations. Last month, Pyongyang halted peace talks with the South, a sporting exchange has been cancelled, and Kim Jong II's proposed trip to South Korea during the first half of the year has been delayed to the second half—at the earliest.

Now, President Kim and his supporters are left hoping Mr. Bush's team will quickly wrap up their review of North Korea policy and sign on to new peace talks. If not, however, there is a helpless sense of what can actually be achieved without Washington's imprimatur. Hahn Hwa Kap, a senior member of President Kim's Millennium Democratic Party, says: "The longer this process takes, the longer it will take for North-South relations to improve."

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAUL TESANOVICH

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Paul Tesanovich, a former representative to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 110th Representative District, which is comprised of six counties—Gogebic, Ontonagon, Baraga, Iron, Houghton, and Keweenaw—in my congressional district.

Paul was first elected to the House in 1994, and he has just concluded his service in the Michigan House because of the Michigan term limits law. This law was enacted at the will of the voters of Michigan, but I have to confess that in this case I believe the law has turned a dedicated public servant out of office.

Mr. Speaker, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where Paul and I are from, is an area rich in natural wealth and scenic beauty. It is also an area that, because of its sheer size, offers a wealth of diverse social and political issues. Because its population is sparse, however, its representation in Lansing is meager in numbers.

Spokesmen for this region, therefore, must stand taller and speak more eloquently than their downstate counterparts. Paul served on the important Appropriations Committee in the Michigan House, a position that allowed him

an excellent platform to speak on behalf of his region.

Paul brought an essential understanding of the region with him when he went to Lansing. He knew that the part of the state he represented has a rich and diverse heritage. In fact, one community, Calumet, once was so vital and prosperous that it came within one vote of becoming the capital of Michigan.

Paul and I had the opportunity to work together on many major issues, perhaps the most important of which was trying to rebuild the region's economic vitality in the face of challenges like imports, which have devastated its copper mining industry.

In trying to address the problems of unemployment arising from the closing of the White Pine Mine and related economic fallout from that closing, Paul and I have shared the knowledge that we have great resources at hand in this part of Michigan, which will be at the heart of any development effort. These resources include the excellent quality of the area's workforce and the strength of its nationally-renowned engineering school, Michigan Technological University.

I wish Paul and his wife Julie and their three children the best in Paul's post-legislative career. He has my respect and friendship, and I will miss working with him.

COMMEMORATING ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise with my colleagues in calling for the remembrance of the Armenian Genocide. I remain deeply concerned that the United States has not officially recognized this tragedy as a genocide, and believe it is time this nation acknowledges the truth.

That truth is told by those who were there. Many Armenians that saw the killing, saw the destruction and lived through the persecution, are now our neighbors and friends. For years, these brave individuals who lost their loved ones have told the painful story of their experience, yet it has often fallen on deaf ears. They have told of the day in 1915—April 24th—when Turkish officials arrested and exiled 200 Armenian political, intellectual and religious leaders. That terrible day started a campaign of terror that would last for eight years, resulting in the death of 1.5 million Armenians.

Today, despite all of our advances, we still see this kind of brutal ethnic cleansing in several places around the world. In Kosovo, an international military force had to be called in to end ethnic cleansing in that tiny province. And across Africa, in places like Sierra Leone and the Congo, entire groups of women, children and men have literally been wiped out in attempts to control land and resources. If we are ever to stop such inhumane treatment, we must ensure that we speak the truth about the past. We must ensure that our young people hear the wrongs that have been committed against humanity, so that they have the opportunity to stand firmly for basic human rights as they rise to become our leaders.

As a nation, the United States speaks often about respect for human rights. I am proud

that we hold such values so close—but until will accept the truth about atrocities like the Armenian Genocide we fail to reach our goals.

BEADS OF HOPE PROJECT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, lymphoma advocates are coming to Washington, DC for the 3rd annual Lymphoma Advocacy Day on April 25, 2001 to unveil a project that will put the rising incidence of lymphoma into perspective for Members of Congress and the public.

Mr. Speaker, according to the American Cancer Society, 1996 saw over 85,000 new cases of lymphoid malignancies in the United States. These included Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, the lymphocytic diseases known as CLL (chronic lymphocytic leukemia) and ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia) as well as multiple myeloma. Lymphoma is the second most rapidly rising cancer over the last 20 years. Sixty percent of all childhood malignancies are lymphomas or their cousin, leukemia.

The project being unveiled is called "Beads of Hope", it consists of a necklace of beads to symbolize the 64,000 Americans who will be diagnosed with lymphoma in 2001. Each bead represents one newly diagnosed person.

Mr. Speaker, these Beads of Hope have a story of their own that I would like to share, it makes me proud to be an American. The project was conceived by Karl Schwartz, whose wife, Joanne, is a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor. Karl circulated his idea over several lymphoma Internet list-servers and received an enthusiastic response. One member of his email group, Jessica Chen, took off with the bead idea, shared it with Debra of the Bead Fairies and received a donation for all 64,000 beads from The Beadery of Hope Valley, Rhode Island.

Email group members are volunteering to string beads in sections that will be brought to Washington, DC and assembled on Capitol Hill. Jessica estimates that when connected the necklace will be 600 yards long! At the suggestion of Cure For Lymphoma board member Katherine Adams, advocates will continue the theme by wearing beaded safety pins on their clothing and distributing pins to Members of Congress with whom they will be meeting on the 25th. Each bead on a pin will represent one year of being touched by lymphoma.

I ask my colleagues to show your support for this caring initiative by wearing these beaded pins. Make and distribute pins to your family, friends, business associates and Congressional reps. Carry the theme forward into National Lymphoma Awareness Week (Oct. 7–13).

I thank the Lymphoma advocates who have come to our Nation's Capitol, I thank the Lymphoma Research Foundation of America for all the hard work they have done to fight this dreaded disease. As you know I strongly support the increased funding of the National Institutes of Health, and hope to see its budget doubled over the next five years, and with that hopefully diseases such as lymphoma will become history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 87, 1 was unavoidably detained on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

TRIBUTE TO THE FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY LIONS FOR THEIR NSCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say a few words about a great accomplishment by a small university in my congressional district—one of the nation's newest universities, as a matter of fact.

Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan, up on the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula, is

less than a year old. That age is deceiving, however. Finlandia is actually a new name for Soumi College, a school founded by Finnish immigrants in 1896 to ensure their children would have a better life through advanced education.

One of the qualities of Finnish culture is a respect for the quality of "sisu," translated variously as persistence, determination, drive, or stamina. The Finlandia Lions, the university's basketball team, recently demonstrated the characteristic of sisu by capturing the National Small College Athletic Association national championship in basketball.

The team entered the tourney with a 14–14 record and came up in the first round against St. Mary's College of Ave Maria University, an Orchard Lake, Mich., school. After defeating St. Mary's by a score of 76–50, Finlandia University next faced the tournament's No. 1 seed, Northwest Christian College from Eugene, Ore. In a comeback victory, 69–66, Finlandia won the right to meet Southern Virginia College of Buena Vista, Va., which it defeated 98–84 to take the title.

The Finlandia Lions basketball team was led by second-year coach Art Van Damme and assistant coach Duane Snell. Nine Michigan students and one student from Finland make up the roster of the National Small College

Athletic Association championship team. Team members are Nick Forgette and Jacob Polfus of Carney; Jeffrey Stiefel of Capac, Jeremy Suardina of Gwinn; John Abramson, Painesdale; Mark Nolan, Watton; Jon Paul Katona, Negaunee; Pete Flaska, Ishpeming; Bill Loeks, Iron Mountain; and Marcus Ylainen of Helsinki, Finland.

Mr. Speaker, Finlandia University is the only private university in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and one of only 28 colleges and universities in the U.S. affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In its vision statement, Finlandia University says it is "committed to offering liberal arts based, globally connected, international, ecologically sensitive, spiritually engaged and career focused baccalaureate and associate degree programs as well as community education opportunities."

Clearly, Mr. Speaker, Finlandia is also offering its students an opportunity to cheer for one heck of a basketball team. I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in offering the warmest congratulations to Coach Van Damme and the Finlandia Lions for their success in capturing the NSCAA basketball crown.

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 Thursday, April 26, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 1

9:30 a.m. Armed Services To hold hearings to examine the report of the panel to review the V-22 Program. SH-216

Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine climate change issues. SR-253

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

Appropriations Interior Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. SD-138

Judiciary To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions. SD-226

Small Business To hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration's funding priorities for fiscal year 2002. SR-428A

Appropriations Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Commerce. S-146, Capitol

2 p.m. Foreign Relations East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the future relationship between the United States and China. SD-419

2:30 p.m. Armed Services Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the United States military's capabilities to respond to domestic terrorist attacks involving the use of weapons of mass destruction. SR-222

MAY 2

9:30 a.m. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe To hold hearings to examine the current status of human rights and democracy in Ukraine and the role of the United States in assisting Ukraine's development as an independent, market-oriented democracy in the face of the current political crisis. 334, Cannon Building

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee To hold hearings on individual fishing quotas. SR-253

Environment and Public Works To hold hearings to examine the science of global climate change and issues related to reducing net greenhouse gas emissions. SD-628

Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Labor. SH-216

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

Appropriations To hold closed hearings on Plan Colombia. S-407, Capitol

2 p.m. Judiciary Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee To hold hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act and its impact on competition in the industry. SD-226

2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee To hold hearings on certain cloning issues. SR-253

MAY 3

9:30 a.m. Armed Services To hold hearings to examine the lessons learned from the attack on USS Cole, on the report of the Crouch/Gehman Commission and on the Navy's Judge Advocate General Manual Investigation into the attack, including a review of appropriate standards of accountability for United States military services, to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SR-222). SD-106

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-253

10 a.m. Appropriations Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on assistance to producers and the farm economy. SD-138

Appropriations Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of State. SD-192

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

Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine certain aspects of United States immigration policy, focusing on asylum issues. SD-226

MAY 8

10 a.m. Judiciary To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology. SD-226

Appropriations Interior Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Energy. SD-124

MAY 9

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

MAY 10

10 a.m. Appropriations Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services. SD-138

MAY 15

10 a.m. Judiciary To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet. SD-226

MAY 16

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

JUNE 6

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Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Sub-
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To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 2002 for the Na-
tional Science Foundation and the Of-
fice of Science Technology Policy.

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 2002 for the En-
vironmental Protection Agency and
the Council of Environmental Quality.

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 2002 for the De-
partment of Housing and Urban Devel-
opment.

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