

30, 2001, after serving the people of Pasadena for four successful terms. During his tenure as Councilman, some of his many accomplishments include: revitalization of the North End, the Capitan Theatre and the Corrigan Center; creation of the hike and bike trail between Thomas and Harris; hiking trail at Deepwater; repaving of Harris and Burke; miles of new sewer lines, water lines, and street lights; and cleaning of ditches for flood control.

In addition to his tireless efforts as a Councilman, Gene's giving heart also comes through for many charities. He never turns his back on anyone in need or a charitable cause. He loves donating his time cooking for many local charitable fundraisers. He has always believed in being active and involved in community organizations. His civic involvement includes: The Elks; The Eagles; American Legion; San Jacinto Day Foundation; Strawberry Festival; Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo; South Pasadena Rotary Club; Pasadena Volunteer Fire Department; Life Member of the 100 Club; Life Member of the National Guard Association of Texas; Pasadena Chamber of Commerce; Deer Park Chamber of Commerce; Chef for Deer Park's Men Who Cook; Former Pasadena Police Officers' Association; CASI Pasadena POD; Board of Directors for Houston Fire Museum; CITA Council for City of Pasadena; 1st graduating class of Pasadena Police Citizen's Academy; Disaster Chairman for American Red Cross; Life Member of Stephen F. Austin High School Alumni; and Parliamentarian for S.F. Austin High School Alumni.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Gene Garison on his continued outstanding contributions to our community. Everyone who knows Iggy knows of his great sense of humor and his tremendous dedication to his family—wife, Susie, son John, stepdaughter Tammy, stepson Sam, grandson Tyler, and mother-in-law, Jane. He is an inspiration to all of us in public service and this honor by the Pasadena Strawberry Festival is well deserved.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLEAN EFFICIENT AUTOMOBILES RESULTING FROM ADVANCED CAR TECHNOLOGIES ACT (THE CLEAR ACT)

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2001

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, today, I am reintroducing legislation that would provide incentives to encourage the development of alternative fuel technologies and consumer acceptance of these products. The primary purpose of the legislation is to enhance overall energy security and diversity goals by reducing U.S. dependency on foreign oil. Transportation accounts for nearly 2/3 of all oil consumption and is almost 97% dependent on petroleum.

Providing tax incentives for a limited period of time to consumers is needed to help offset the higher costs associated with new technology and alternative fuel vehicles. As the vehicles gain consumer acceptance and production volumes increase, the cost differential between these vehicles and conventional vehicles will be reduced or eliminated.

This legislation will develop market acceptance of a wide range of advanced technology

and alternative fuel vehicles including: Fuel Cell Vehicles, Hybrid Vehicles, Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Battery Electric Vehicles.

Historically, consumers have faced three basic obstacles to accepting the use of alternative fuels and advanced technologies: the cost of the vehicles, the cost of alternative fuel, and the lack of an adequate infrastructure of alternative fueling stations.

My legislation provides a tax credit of 50 cents per gasoline-gallon equivalent for the purchase of alternative fuels at retail establishments. To give customers better access to alternative fuel, we are extending an existing deduction for the capital costs of installing alternative fueling stations. We also provide a 50 percent credit for the installation costs of retail and residential refueling stations.

Finally, my legislation provides tax credits to consumers to purchase alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles. To make certain that the tax benefits we provide translates into a corresponding benefit to the environment, we split the vehicle tax credit into two. One part provides a base tax credit for the purchase of vehicles dedicated to the use of alternative fuels or vehicles using advanced technologies. The other part offers a bonus credit based on the vehicle's efficiency and reduction in emissions.

Tax incentives will sunset within 6 years for all applications with the exception of fuel cell vehicles which are extended to 10 years. With minimum development cycles of 2–4 years for new vehicles, incentives are needed now to move existing designs to the market so they can accelerate the process for customer acceptance.

COMMEMORATING DEDICATION
AND SACRIFICES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 116, a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a Peace Officers Memorial Day should be established to honor law enforcement officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. This resolution also calls upon the citizens of the United States to commemorate and pay homage to these officers with appropriate ceremonies of appreciation and remembrance as well as respect for the sacrifices they have made while protecting and serving our communities and our country.

As someone who spent twenty six and a half years as a law enforcement officer, I realize how important it is to recognize the men and women who stand in the line of fire everyday and protect our cities and our neighborhoods. The establishment of a Peace Officers Memorial Day will ensure that everyone in this country recognizes the service given to us by our law enforcement community. Most of us can imagine such a day to include the flying of flags of tribute; the attendance of memorial services for fallen officers; the embraces given by family members, some to comfort and some to express gratitude; many will offer

their thanks in knowing that our streets are safer since they are being watched by men and women brave enough to carry the badge of a law enforcement officer. The time has come to declare such a day of commemoration.

Twenty-two police officers from my district of El Paso, Texas who were killed in the line of duty will be remembered at the El Paso Police Memorial Service to be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2001. The dates of their service range from the late 19th century to the present. Proud public servants such as Assistant City Marshal Thomas Mode who was killed on July 11, 1883 while answering a report of disturbing the peace; Officer Newton Stewart who died on February 17, 1900 during a jailbreak; Officer William Paschall who was killed by suspected burglars on the night of December 4, 1914; Detective Guillermo Sanchez, a two-year veteran of the El Paso Police Department and father-to-be who was killed by burglars on December 14, 1957; and Officers Arthur Lavender and Roger Hamilton who both died in traffic accidents respectively in 1966 and 1970. These officers will forever be remembered within the El Paso law enforcement community. These men served their community proudly, and I ask that they receive the recognition and respect they deserve by granting them a national day of remembrance.

Finally, I am reminded of one of the most honored monuments that rests in our Nation's capital. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which has inscribed on its marble walls the names of more than 14,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1794, contains an inscription that captures the spirit of all who are blessed upon seeing this Memorial. It reads: "In Valor, There is Hope." May that hope live on forever, and continue along with the memory of every officer etched on that wall.

RECOGNIZING CAROLE KENT FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS IN CARING FOR CHILDREN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carole Kent for her continuing work in improving the lives of the children in our community. Carole has been invaluable to the people of the Napa Valley by directly working with our community's children and by teaching her unique skills to her colleagues in child development.

Currently, Carole is a professor of Child and Family Studies at Napa Valley Community College. She has taught at Napa Valley College for over 23 years, and under her stewardship the number of students in the College's child development program has grown tenfold to a total of 1500 students in 32 classes today.

Carole's influence goes beyond the classroom—she is a founding member of both the Napa County Self Esteem Task Force and Napa County Community Resources for Children. Moreover, she has been actively involved in national and international child development issues. In addition to her research