

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL AMERICANS: JAMES NEVILLE MORGAN ACKNOWLEDGED POSTHUMOUSLY

### HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2001

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as the nation of Guyana celebrates its 35th Independence Anniversary, I would like to salute an outstanding Guyanese American, James Neville Morgan, recognized posthumously as a Point of Light for all Americans.

James Neville Morgan of Richmond Hill, Queens, was born in Georgetown, Guyana on January 11, 1951. He attended Sacred Heart Primary School then the Guyana Technical Institute.

From his early teen years, James loved music and cared for the well being of people. He joined the Guyana Police Force and worked in various departments as well as playing in the steel band orchestra.

In 1976, James migrated to the United States, got involved in St. Matthews Roman Catholic Church where he was a Director for Remedial and Religious Education. Although he had a Degree in Business, his heart led him to pursue a career in Social Work. He worked for the New York City Department of Social Services and later the New York City Administration for Children Services as an investigator and was elevated to Supervisor Level II. He was also Director for the International Institute of Travel.

James had a passion for politics and social work and strongly believed that is the only way to make changes in the world. Very much involved in the Association of Concerned Guyanese, Guyana North American Association, New Concept Democratic Club, Political Activist Liaison of the New York Congressional Delegation for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Delegate of Social Service Employees Union—Local 371 and many more.

James, whose recent death saddened his family, friends and colleagues, was a man of integrity, he was known to be honest, assertive, intelligent, very outgoing, outspoken, humorous and most of all a loving man.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute James Neville Morgan posthumously as a Point of Light for all Americans.

### 2001 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2216) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, earlier today, during debate on the Crowley amendment, I made reference to my concerns about cuts to the Workforce Investment Act. As I said, I am deeply concerned that the funding for the supplemental is at the expense of this very important program.

As you know, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) provides job training and related services to low-income persons, dislocated workers, and other unemployed or underemployed individuals. The WIA trains people for jobs so that they are prepared to enter the workforce and participate as productive employees. And one major, positive consequence of the program is a true savings in the costs of crime and dependency.

Without a doubt, the WIA is a vital investment in our workforce and our future. I am particularly interested in this program because of the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center which is located in my district. I am proud to say that the Isaacs Center has a long history of helping young people stay in school and prepare for entering into the job market.

Fortunately, the Center was awarded \$1.2 million over a 3 year period to work with 250 at-risk children ages 14–18 to help them complete high school, get work experience and training, and transition to work or to pursue further education.

However, it is very clear: the Isaacs Center's funding and its ability to continue this project is directly linked to the continued funding of WIA. Our children count on this funding. Our future demands it. We must not cut WIA funding.

### IN HONOR OF SAM D. CANITIA

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Sam Canitia, a life-long resident of Ohio, who served his community in various ways throughout his lifetime. He will be missed, not only by his beloved family, but also by countless members of the community.

Mr. Canitia was a former Highland Heights City Council president and Shaker Heights Democratic ward leader. In 1972, Cleveland Mayor Ralph J. Perk hired him to study the County Board of Revision's rulings on tax appraisals and appeals.

He was a past president of the Italian-American Democratic League, the Cosmopolitan Democratic Club and the Akron-Cleveland chapter of the American Society of Appraisers. He was named "Realtor of the Year" in 1977 by the Cleveland Area Board of Realtors, of which he was a past president and board chairman.

Mr. Canitia also taught property appraisal classes at John Carroll University, Cuyahoga

Community College and Dyke College. I'm sure that you will agree that there are few professions more honorable than that of teaching.

My fellow colleagues, please join me today in celebrating the life of this remarkable man. He was a gentleman of honorable intentions and thankless acts of service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FERDINAND HAMMONDS, SR. OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

### HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the long and fruitful life of Mr. Ferdinand Hammonds, Sr. of Madison County, Alabama, an extraordinary man whose ninety-seven years have been marked by his love of country, family and God.

Mr. Hammonds was born in Madison County on June 24, 1904. Throughout his life, he has worked hard and excelled in many roles as a farmer, as a funeral director, at a rock quarry, and until his final retirement at age 86 at the Madison Boulevard Chevron station.

One of Mr. Hammond's biggest successes was raising six happy and healthy children with his dear wife of 67 years, Anna Jones. His children, James, Ferdinand Jr., Sister, Jewell, Piney and Tiney are his pride and joy and lovingly refer to him as "Pops". Mr. Hammonds is also the oldest living sibling out of 15 and his sisters Martha Coleman and Mary Robinson celebrate his birthday as well. He is the eldest member of the St. Peter United Methodist Church having served on the Trustee Board.

With a lifetime love of sports, Mr. Hammonds has become one of Bob Jones High School's most beloved fans. He is a familiar sight at their basketball, football and baseball games even earning a special seat and an assigned parking spot.

On behalf of the people of Alabama's Fifth Congressional District, I join them in celebrating the extraordinary life of this incredible man. I send him and his family and friends my best wishes on this special birthday celebration. I wish Mr. Hammonds a happy and healthy 97th year.

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL AMERICANS: MR. JAMES NORRIS WILLIAMS

### HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2001

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as the nation of Guyana celebrates its 35th Independence Anniversary, I would like to salute an outstanding

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Guyanese American, James Norris Williams, as a Point of Light for all Americans.

James Norris Williams, was born and educated in Guyana. He first started working as a teacher of Latin, Math, English and History at West Demerara High School in 1961. Four years later he took a position as an Assistant in the Reservations Department for Guyana Airways Corporation, which would set the stage for a prolific and enduring career in the company.

Soon after he was initially hired by Guyana Airways, he became Traffic and Operations Assistant and was sent to Trinidad where he worked and underwent training in the Operations Department with BWIA at Piarco Airport and on his return to Guyana, was promoted to Senior Traffic and Operations Assistant; he was quickly promoted to Station Superintendent at Atkinson Airport in Guyana.

James Norris Williams was married to June James in 1967, and only a few weeks later, he was sent to London to train with British Airways Commercial and was presented with a Service Handling Specialist Diploma upon completion of the program.

In 1972, James was promoted to Assistant General Manager of Guyana Airways, and in this capacity, coordinated the Caribbean Free Trade Association and was responsible for cargo, marketing and sales, aircraft operational permits and handling documentation. Later that same year, he was appointed Manager for Cargo Services North American based in Miami, and from 1975 to 1978, he served as General Manager of Guyana Airways.

Upon moving to the United States in 1979, James worked as a manager at Medas Shipping, before acquiring two trucks of his own and establishing a family business, Williams Shipping and Delivery Service, which delivered furniture to stores throughout the tri-state area. In 1986, the company expanded and its name changed to Williams Worldwide Shipping and Trading which now operates as a worldwide shipping company, servicing Guyana and the Caribbean Islands and is Brooklyn's main cargo consolidator.

James and his wife June have three lovely children: Nicholas, Michelle and Lester. Four granddaughters—Leslie Ann, Shenice, Kennedy and Kristen. They also have one grandson, Ethan Nicholas.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Mr. James Norris Williams as a Point of Light for all Americans.

LORI BERENSON

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, when Peru announced it would retry Lori last August, we hoped for an open and fair hearing. Instead, what she received was a public circus in which the verdict was a foregone conclusion.

Peru has condemned Lori Berenson under draconian anti-terrorism laws enacted during the flawed Fujimori-Montesinos regime. The U.S. Department of State and the Inter-American Human Rights court system have been joined by human rights groups such as the

Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) and Human Rights Watch: Americas, in concluding that the Fujimori-Montesinos anti-terrorism laws violate both international law and the Peruvian Constitution. Her trial should not have been held until those laws were reformed.

International observers, human rights advocates and legal scholars report that Lori's trial has been riddled with violations of due process. Much of the evidence used against her was gathered during her discredited military trial, in many cases from witnesses who had been subjected to torture. Most of the witnesses have since recanted their earlier statements. The only witness against Lori received a reduced sentence for his testimony against Lori and, on the eve of Lori's trial was given a new trial so that he can get another reduction in sentence. Furthermore, court proceedings clearly show that the judges had decided the verdict long before this trial began. How fair is a trial in which a judge proclaims a defendant guilty while witnesses are still being heard?

In her public statement in court yesterday, Lori said that she was sorry for the violence and the deaths that there have been. She has condemned terrorism in the past and she did so again today. Lori has always maintained that she was innocent of the charges against her.

I am hopeful that the Peruvian President will recognize that Lori has already served 5½ years in prison under very harsh circumstances and will pardon her. It is time for Lori to come home.

IN HONOR OF MR. PHILIP PEMPIN

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Philip Pempin in recognition of his valor in saving a young boy's life.

Mr. Pempin has been the dutiful principal of the Riverside Elementary School in Cleveland for the past three years. Mr. Pempin is a luminary of the Cleveland school system. It is because of his guidance and ambition that the Riverside Elementary School stands out in our district. His individualized and scrupulous attention toward each and every pupil in the school has helped the school rise high in terms of performance. Mr. Pempin exemplifies the ambition and diligence that we all strive for. Working without an assistant, Mr. Pempin strove to help his fourth graders pass all five parts of the Ohio proficiency test last year, soaring above the state average. Although Mr. Pempin's feats at work are unprecedented, the quality and beneficence of his person by far overshadow his already tremendous achievements in Cleveland's education system.

Mr. Pempin is also a proud and dedicated father. However, not only is he father to his own children, but also to each and every pupil in the Riverside Elementary School, as demonstrated by his heroic feat on Thursday, June 14, 2001. At 12:30 p.m. in Riverside's cafeteria, six-year-old Cody Boytek was visibly in trouble. Mr. Pempin saw that the child was choking and getting weaker by the minute. Taking quick action, Mr. Pempin successfully

performed the Heimlich Maneuver on little Cody, dislodging the obstruction that almost took Cody's life. Mr. Pempin proceeded to carry the fragile child to his office where he waited for emergency medical workers to arrive. Forever at the service of his children, Mr. Pempin was cradling Cody in his arms as his mother arrived. It is due to Mr. Pempin's sincere love and devotion that little Cody was back at school the next day, alive and well.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Pempin, an outstanding father, principal and human being. Mr. Pempin exemplifies the service and honor that our city and nation stand for.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 177, on agreeing to the amendment to increase funding (by transfer) for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$3 million; the Institute of Museums and Library Services by \$2 million; and NEA Challenge America Arts Fund by \$10 million. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from Rollcall No. 178, on agreeing to the amendment to increase funding for weatherization programs by \$24 million; to increase the account for Payments In Lieu of Taxes by \$12 million; and to increase the account for energy conservation programs by \$24 million. Had I been present I would have voted no. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 179, on agreeing to the amendment to limit the extension for the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program to one year. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 180, on agreeing to the amendment preventing funds in the bill being expended to conduct preleasing, leasing and related activities under either the Mineral Leasing Act or the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act within the boundaries of a National Monument. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 181, on agreeing to the amendment to prevent use of funds to execute a final lease agreement for oil or gas development in the area of the Gulf of Mexico known as Lease Sale 181 prior to April 1, 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 182, on agreeing to the amendment to require that none of the funds in the bill may be used to suspend or revise the final regulations published in the Federal Register on November 21, 2000, that amended environmental mining rules. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 183, on agreeing to the amendment to prevent use of funds in the bill for the purpose of paying salaries and expenses of personal of the Department of the Interior to extend leases, any standstill agreement, or the terms of the settlement agreement that took effect March 30, 2001, concerning the holders

of interests in seven campsite leases in Biscayne National Park, Florida, identified as campsite leases collectively known as "Stiltville". Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 184, on agreeing to the amendment to reduce the amount for National Endowment for the Arts by \$10,000,000. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 185, on passage of the FY 2002 Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

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A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL  
AMERICANS: MR. NIGEL O. PILE

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as the nation of Guyana celebrates its 35th Independence Anniversary, I would like to salute an outstanding Guyanese American, Nigel O. Pile as a Point of Light for all Americans.

Nigel O. Pile hails from Guyana. He was born on December 22, 1950. He held various leadership positions while growing up in Guyana, including Chairman of the St. James The Less Anglican Church Organization. He also represented the Diocesan Youth Association at International Conferences, through various Youth Exchange Programs. Athletics continues to gain tremendous support from Nigel.

Nigel Pile came to the United States in 1977. He holds an Associate Degree in Banking and Finance from Borough of Manhattan Community College and furthered his discipline in finance at Baruch College. He has worked in the New York financial district as an Account Administrator where he was responsible for the investing of cash from various Pension Funds, such as the New York State Pension Fund.

In 1983, he started a small Travel Agency on Fulton Street in the Bedford Stuyvesant area. National Pride, as it is known, has become a household name to the Guyanese family. From a one-desk, one-phone and one-staff agency, National Pride is now one of the most successful enterprises in New York and Guyana. Nigel Pile has expanded this operation to two offices in New York and five in Guyana. Through this expansion, he has created opportunities of entrepreneurship and employment for the residents of the Flatbush and Queens communities. The establishment of National Pride has created channels through which Guyanese Americans can initiate and maintain contact with relatives and friends in Guyana.

In the spirit of fostering unity among Guyanese, Nigel Pile maintains his sponsorship of the Ms. Guyana New York Pageant, and continues to support social programs for youth as well as the elderly.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Mr. Nigel O. Pile as a Point of Light for all Americans.

2001 SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 20, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2216) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I would like to add additional comments to the previous statement I gave regarding my good friend from New York, Mr. CROWLEY's amendment to the Supplemental Appropriations bill.

A few weeks ago this body voted on the President's education bill, showing support for our students. Nothing is more important to our children's future than a sound education.

We all agree on that matter, but our schools cannot meet the needs of our children if they are underfunded.

This amendment would strike 25 million dollars under the Operations and Maintenance account of the Army that has been requested for Recruiting and Advertising for this branch.

These much needed funds would be transferred to the Department of Education for their Magnet School Assistance Program.

Many of the students in my district benefit from Magnet Schools. Specifically Community School District 30 which serves a diverse student population in Queens, New York. Magnet Schools are important places of learning because these are specialized theme schools focusing on areas such as math and science. These schools often provide innovative educational programs. And perhaps most importantly because these schools are public, they provide parents a choice within the public school system.

This amendment would provide additional funding to increase assistance to Magnet Schools and other Local Education Agencies to create or expand Magnet schools in needed communities.

CSD 30 has created an interactive learning community employing the teachers, parents, students, and local universities of Queens, New York, and its mission would greatly be supported by additional funding.

I join with my dear friend from New York, in that it is my hope that this body will find the additional 25 million dollars for the Magnet School Assistance Program at the U.S. Department of Education as this bill works its way through the process.

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HONORING JOSE MARIANO  
CASTILLO

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with utmost pleasure and privilege that I rise today to recognize a wonderful American, Mr. Jose Mariano Castillo, for his admission into the Order of Queen Isabella the Catholic with the

rank of Officer's Cross by His Majesty the King of Spain. Through his selfless work in providing valuable assistance, counseling and legal services for the protection of citizens of Spain residing in Los Angeles, Jose Mariano Castillo has earned this distinction.

Achievement and accolade have followed Jose throughout his life. Born in San Jose de Colinas, San Barbara, Honduras he graduated high school Suma Cum Laude and received the National First Place Honor gold medal presented by the President of the Republic of Honduras. Jose continued his studies in the United States at Los Angeles City College, learning the language of his newly adopted home. The next stop on his educational journey was the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where he pursued general undergraduate studies in Political Science and Public Administration. Jose interrupted his studies to serve in the United States Army for two years. He continued his military service in the ready active U.S. Army Reserves Control Group for four years, all the while completing both his undergraduate and law degrees.

Following graduation from Southwestern University School of Law and passage of the California Bar Exam, Jose embarked on an impressive law career. He counts among his major clients the governments of several countries and numerous national and international companies. In addition to a thriving law practice, Jose has been involved in many professional associations and community service activities including service for two separate terms as the President of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Rightfully, Jose has earned a multitude of special honors and acclaim for his many accomplishments. He has been honored by the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and by the countries of Argentina Ecuador, Guatemala and Honduras. Of course, for Jose being husband to Nancy and father to Yvonne are the most cherished honors ever bestowed upon him.

Mr. Speaker, as family and friends gather in Los Angeles to witness the presentation of the Order of Queen Isabella the Catholic to Jose Mariano Castillo by the Consul General of Spain, it is with great honor that I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting this exceptional American and cherished friend.

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A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL  
AMERICANS: MR. ED AHMAD

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as the nation of Guyana celebrates its 35th Independence Anniversary, I would like to salute an outstanding Guyanese American, Ed Ahmad, as a Point of Light for all Americans.

Ed Ahmad is a successful entrepreneur who owns and operates many businesses. He is currently the broker/owner of Century 21 Ahmad Realty, Inc. and Ace Mortgages, Inc. He is also the CEO/President of the Chateau Royale, Inc.

A Guyanese immigrant, Mr. Ahmad arrived in the United States in 1983. He came in search of prosperity for himself and his family. He worked hard and obtained a Bachelor of

Science Degree from The City College of New York in 1988. he is a licensed real estate broker, mortgage banker, and insurance broker.

Mr. Ahmad is very versatile; he is knowledgeable in all office, data based and modern business products. He is experienced in all facets of business, from training to budgeting and advertising.

His personal awards include a Gold Medalion, and Certificates of Achievement for exceptional sales in real estate. Century 21 Ahmad won first place in Queens County and was ranked third in real estate in the Northeast Division. The Chateau Royale won first place for best in design and architecture from the Queens Chamber of Commerce in 1997.

Mr. Ahmad is an active participant in community and political affairs. He is the founder of the New Concept Democratic Club. He supports and donates to many community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Mr. Ed Ahmad as a point of Light for all Americans.

### 2001 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2216) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes:

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of the Slaughter/Dicks Amendment and to highlight the importance of NEA and IMLS funding for the small towns in my own district.

Last year's NEA funding increase created the Challenge America program, to help smaller communities gain access to the arts. The Arts Council of Snohomish County in my home district was one of the first organizations to receive this grant. This organization offers weekly art classes to juvenile offenders, many of which have no adult role models in their lives, and provides them with opportunities to express creativity and interact in a forum outside of a detention center. Without this grant, the program would have had to cut back drastically or even be eliminated. That would be truly unfortunate, Mr. Chairman, because it is programs like these where the arts can provide hope and opportunity for troubled youth. Challenge America is doing great things for youth in my district, yet this program would not exist if the NEA did not receive increased funding last Congress.

I would also like to offer my support for IMLS, which also funds key services in my district. The Museum of Northwest Art in La Conner—a town of 900—received a key grant from the IMLS to help attract more tourists to the Skagit Valley region in my district. Because of the IMLS grant, La Conner brings in many more visitors who come to experience the Skagit Valley, thereby boosting their econ-

omy. Unfortunately, other museums in my district do not receive funding because of the lack of IMLS funding. The executive director of the Whatcom Museum contacted me earlier this year to share his frustration that the Whatcom Museum and Bellingham Library were denied important funding, not because of their qualifications, but because of the lack of funding for the IMLS. The Slaughter/Dicks amendment will provide key funding increases for the IMLS, and help small libraries and museums in districts like mine continue to flourish and reach out to the community.

Mr. Chairman, let's continue to show our support for the arts, the humanities and our museums and libraries by supporting the Slaughter/Dicks amendment.

TRIBUTE TO PEGGY RABIDEAU,  
BRAD OTT, NOELLE CANNON  
AND BETH BESAW

**HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the contributions of Peggy Rabideau, Brad Ott, Noelle Cannon, and Beth Besaw—teacher, principal, reading specialist, and school nurse, respectively—at Morrisonville Elementary School in my New York 24th Congressional District.

On June 29, Peggy, Brad, Noelle, and Beth will be honored at the Time Capsule 2000 Dedication Ceremony taking place at Red Cross Square here in Washington.

For the last five years, under Peggy, Brad, Noelle and Beth's supervision and leadership, students at Morrisonville Elementary School have been involved in a Junior Red Cross program. Morrisonville is the only school in the area involved in such a program.

In 1996, the group was presented with an award by the New York State Red Cross for holding a fundraiser to help families impacted by the flood in Morrisonville. The group had hoped to raise \$10,000, but, in fact, raised \$22,000 to help the victims of the flood.

That same year, the group designated January as Community Contributor month. In the second year of this program, the group made "comfort packs" containing books and stuffed animals, among other items, and contributed them to the local hospital.

The group has also worked with the Humane Society and, in 2000, sent 12 cartons to Nicaragua containing food and other supplies.

The group's contribution to the time capsule will include a "comfort pack," a copy of the 1996 award the group received, T-shirts designed by two of the students, a button that was made for the ice storm volunteers, and the names of 22 children and their social security numbers so that they can be contacted in 50 years when the time capsule is opened.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize the contributions Peggy, Brad, Noelle, Beth, and their students have made to their community. Theirs is truly a tremendous accomplishment, and, on behalf of the community which they serve, I offer them my congratulations and thanks.

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL  
AMERICANS: DR. STEPHEN  
CARRYL

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as the nation of Guyana celebrates its 35th Independence Anniversary, I would like to salute an outstanding Guyanese American, Dr. Stephen Carryl, as a Point of Light for all Americans.

Dr. Stephen Carryl is the Director of Surgery at the Brooklyn Hospital-Caledonian Campus and also an Attending Physician at the Brookdale University Medical Center in Brooklyn. He specializes in Laparoscopic Surgery. He received his Bachelor's Degree at Oakwood College in Alabama and subsequently earned his MD Degree from Loma Linda University in California. He has been in private practice for 8 years and is the President of OMAT (Overseas Medical Assistance Team). OMAT consists of a team of volunteer Nurses and Doctors who provide medical care to the underprivileged in 3rd world countries and the Caribbean. Treatment that is not readily available in those respective countries are rendered here in the United States through funds donated by OMAT. OMAT has gone on missionary trips to Haiti and Guyana.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Dr. Stephen Carryl as a Point of Light for all Americans.

### 21ST CENTURY MONTGOMERY GI BILL ENHANCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2001*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the passage of H.R. 1291 that amended the Montgomery GI Bill which would greatly increase the appropriations for our veterans who are seeking higher education. Under the GI Bill veterans would receive \$800 a month—a \$150 a month increase—during fiscal year 2002; \$950 in 2003; and \$1,100 in 2004. These funds are essential in order to keep up with soaring education costs.

One of the biggest reasons why I'm such a staunch supporter and believer in the Montgomery GI Bill is because I was a beneficiary. Following my service in the Korean War, the subsidy provided under the program allowed me to attend and graduate from New York University and St. Johns Law School.

Madam Speaker, fellow congressman, even though I would have liked more Democratic input in the bill, I am satisfied with the final product. H.R. 1291 is a piece of legislation that veterans and all Americans can be proud of.

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL  
AMERICANS: REV. DR. EVELYN  
R. JOHN

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as the nation of Guyana celebrates its 35th Independence Anniversary, I would like to salute an outstanding Guyanese American, Rev. Dr. Evelyn R. John as a Point of Light for all Americans.

Rev. Dr. Evelyn John was born and raised in Georgetown Guyana. All through her childhood she was exposed to a Christian upbringing, and in her adulthood she joined the Guyana Unity Church. After several years as a Truth Teacher, she was ordained a Minister in 1980.

Rev. Dr. Evelyn John migrated to the United States in 1983 and on February 12, 1984, she founded the New Life Center of Truth in the Flatbush Brooklyn Community, with an initial membership of about sixty members. Today the "New Life Center for Truth" serves over five hundred active members and approximately three hundred non-registrants.

She also caters to a cross section of youths in the Youth Group and Sunday School, in the form of guidance counseling and self development which provides incentives for the pursuit of higher learning. Over the past several years, she has traveled to seminars overseas, namely India, Antigua and Peru where she made vocal presentations.

It has always been her desire to serve. Hers is evident in her untiring devotion to people and their spiritual needs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Rev. Dr. Evelyn R. John as a Point of Light for all Americans.

**HONORING EAGLE SCOUT  
RECIPIENTS**

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize three of New York's outstanding young students, Bruce Russo, Paul Lapreziosa, and Gregory Smith. These young men have received the Eagle Scout honor from their peers in recognition of their achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor

skills; they must earn a minimum of 23 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Bruce, Paul, and Gregory and bring the attention of Congress to these successful young men on their respective days of recognition. Congratulations to you and your families.

**PATENT REEXAMINATION EN-  
HANCEMENT ACT OF 2001—H.R.  
2231**

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, the high-technology industries based in Silicon Valley need effective patent protection for their inventions. Patents, in particular, are integral components of the valuation and structure of many companies, whether they are startups trying to attract venture capital or other funding, or established companies.

The value of these rights, however, is dependent on the patents being valid and enforceable. What we recognize is that an invalid patent—a patent that either should never have been issued or which confers protection beyond what is entitled—can cause significant damage not only to individual companies but to competitors. Those individuals who rely on their patent and discover a defect, or those who face the threat of litigation on the basis of a patent that is invalid each have a substantial interest in having a mechanism to "fix" the problem with the patent.

This is why I am calling for an enhancement of our patent reexamination system. The patent reexamination system was designed to be an efficient and fair procedure for reviewing the validity of patents when there is a substantial reason to call that validity into question. It was set up originally as an "ex parte" process that only the patent office and the patent owner could use. Congress tried to expand that system to allow more participation for third parties in 1999 in the American Inventors Protection Act. Unfortunately, these efforts fell short in making reexamination the system it should be.

I believe a modest set of changes to the law will further our goal of providing a cost-effective and fair procedure for reviewing patent validity. Some of the changes have already been addressed in legislation introduced by Chairman Howard Coble and supported unanimously by the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property. Those bills, H.R. 1866 and H.R. 1886 address specific concerns with the AIPA inter partes system.

The additional changes that I believe must be made address two general concerns.

First, I am proposing to expand the grounds upon which one may initiate a patent reexamination. Under current law, reexaminations may be based only on patents or printed publications. In a number of fast-moving technologies, such as business methods and software, there is often a substantial body of information that is not formally published or found in patents, so that other information is not considered when making the determination to issue a patent. The Patent and Trademark Office has demonstrated its competence when evaluating other aspects of patentability beyond defects based on prior patents or printed publications available for review. I am proposing that we allow parties to start a reexamination proceeding on the basis of evidence, for example, an

Second, I believe the original sanctions that would apply to parties who initiate reexamination procedures were too onerous. The instant the Patent Office issues its order to consider the matter, under the present system, the party requesting the reexamination is barred from going to court. For this reason, I am proposing to adjust the bar, the estoppel as it's called, until there is a final determination and that final determination would bar those parties who unsuccessfully participate in this reexamination procedure. Thus, a third party who participates in a reexamination procedure would, under my bill, at the conclusion of that proceeding be barred (estopped) from challenging the patent in any other judicial or PTO proceeding. Any issue actually raised or that could have been raised based on the evidence presented by that party and before the Patent Office will still be barred under my amendments. Thus, the adjustments to the law are fairly minor but, I think, fairly important as to the timing of the estoppel. These changes make the process fair and also perceived as fair.

Let me emphasize that the legislation I am offering is not designed to preclude or substitute for the possibility of litigation over important and valuable patents. It also will not make reexamination a substitute for situations where complex factual or legal issues must be resolved to reach a conclusion on validity of the patent. Instead, the legislation makes important but carefully measured enhancements to the system without undermining either the current structure of the process or its balance.

Indeed, this bill would ensure that the reexamination procedure retains important safeguards to prevent third parties from using the procedure to harass patent owners who hold valid patents. First, as noted, the estoppel imposed on unsuccessful challengers should prevent frivolous challenges. Those who challenge the patent in the PTO will not be able to challenge the patent later in a court on validity issues. Second, the PTO will still be required in every proceeding to first make an independent finding that there is a substantial question of patentability before it will start the proceeding. This is an essential component of the structure of the current law and any future system. Third, under the proposed system, no discovery or hearings will be allowed—meaning that a third party will not be able to conduct proceedings that will place the patent owner in a compromised situation.

In short, the legislation removes some of the shortcomings of the current inter partes system, and should present a viable and beneficial option for addressing the validity of some patents without the necessity of costly and complex litigation in a court.

Finally, I am honored that Chairman Howard Coble has agreed to be the principle co-sponsor of this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MASTER  
SERGEANT DALE E. BUCKINGHAM

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to Chief Master Sergeant Dale E. Buckingham upon his retirement from the United States Air Force.

Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham has served our nation with honor and distinction for over 30 years, and his performance throughout his career has been characterized by the highest standards of professional ethics and commitment to the military. He grew up in Lowville, New York, and graduated from Lowville Academy and Central School in 1970. He entered the Air Force in 1971 and attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham was assigned to the 4642 Air Defense Squadron (SAGE) at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, in 1972.

Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham's record of service is outstanding. In 1976, he was selected to be a recruiter with the 2543rd USAF Recruiting Squadron where he was named rookie recruiter of the year. In the following year he received the gold bald eagle signifying top recruiter and recruiting excellence. In 1983, Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham was assigned to Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt AFB, Nebraska. While there, he served with the 1st Combat Evaluation Squadron and Strategic Air Command Bombing and Navigation Division.

Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham, in 1987, was selected for the Defense Attache System being posted at the American Consulate in Hong Kong. Two years later he was reassigned to the American Embassy, Ankara, Turkey, as the Operations Coordinator. Following the completion of his tour in Ankara, Turkey, he was then assigned to Whiteman AFB, Missouri, and the 509th Bomb Wing. At Whiteman, he served as the base's chief of information management responsible for over 100 information managers. Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham was then assigned as the superintendent of the information systems flight in the Communications Squadron. In March 1998, he developed and established the First Term Airmen Center to help ease the transition for young airmen moving to Whiteman. He became the Command Chief Master Sergeant in March of 1999.

Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham is married to the former Christina Kay Rocky of

Hiawatha, Kansas, and they have two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Chief Master Sergeant Buckingham and his wife, Christina, all the best. We thank them for over 30 years of service to the United States of America.

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL  
AMERICANS: REV. DR. HENRY A.  
CHAN

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as the nation of Guyana celebrates its 35th Independence Anniversary, I would like to salute an outstanding Guyanese American, Rev. Dr. Henry A. Chan as a Point of Light for all Americans.

The Rev. Dr. Henry A. Chan was born in Guyana in 1946 at Golden Grove, East Bank Demera to Ruby and Clarence Chan. While growing up at Pin Schoon Ord, he attended primary schools on the West Bank of Demerara and obtained his secondary education at Queen's College in Georgetown, Guyana.

At the age of thirteen, Dr. Chan felt the call to the Priesthood in the Anglican Church and was tutored in his teenage years by then Archbishop of the West Indies and Bishop of Guyana, the Most Reverence Dr. Alan John Knight.

On completion of his studies at Queen's College in 1964, Dr. Chan was directed by Archbishop Knight to work for some years in order to obtain experience in the world before going on to Codrington College in Barbados and afterwards, to Durham University in England.

In 1967, instead, Dr. Chan came to the United States of America to further his studies in Engineering and Computer Science. He felt that the priestly vocation might have been a boyhood fantasy. But God had endowed Dr. Chan with many gifts and a broad knowledge during his Queens College years. He enrolled initially as a student in the Electronics Technology program at RCA Institutes.

During the ensuing years, Dr. Chan discovered that he had a hobby—collecting academic degrees. His degrees include Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Science (State University of New York, 1978); Master of Business Administration in Management (Dowling College, 1980); Doctor of Public Administration (Nova Southeastern University, 1981); Doctor of Ministry (University of the South, 1987); Master of Sacred Theology in Spiritual Direction (General Theological Seminary, 1990) and Doctor of Philosophy in Pastoral Psychology (Graduate Theological Foundation, 1994). He is also a 1982 graduate of the Mercer School of Theology in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, New York.

During the years 1969–1982, Dr. Chan held many positions in data processing, including systems analysis, project management, and long-range planning.

Dr. Chan is married to Jean Flora Chan, and they have three children, Anthony, Andre and Natasha. Dr. and Mrs. Chan became proud grandparents for the first time when Anthony and his wife Gloria, were blessed with a son, Justin on May 24, 2001.

Events in his life led Dr. Chan to test his vocation to the ordained ministry in the Episcopal (Anglican) Church. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1982 and to the Priesthood in 1983 in the Diocese of Long Island, where he has served up to this day. Dr. Chan has been at St. Peter's Church, Rosedale from January 1, 1988 to the present. He came to St. Peter's Church at a time when one of the considerations for the future of this Church was to close its doors because of the small size of the membership and financial giving. Under his pastoral leadership, however, St. Peter's is a thriving Church today with a membership of about 150 families from all parts of the Caribbean, Central and South America, and the United States of America. Furthermore, the Church is debt-free. During the past thirteen years, the buildings and ground have been restored and the people can tell from this that God is present in Rosedale and surrounding communities.

Each year in January and August when Dr. Chan has a break from his parish duties at St. Peter's Church, he travels to Guyana at his own expense, to render assistance to the Diocese of Guyana where there is an acute shortage of clergy. Dr. Chan eagerly looks forward to serving the Church in Guyana on these occasions, pastorally and spiritually, for Guyanese are hungry for growth in their relationship with God. But in parishes where there are no full-time priests, they are like sheep without a shepherd.

In addition to the demands on his time as priest and pastor at St. Peter's Church, Dr. Chan serves as a volunteer mediator with the Queens Mediation Network, Community Mediation Services, from which he received his training.

Dr. Chan feels blessed by God in his ministry as a priest and pastor and he has only one burning desire, that is, that in whatever he does, to God be the glory.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Rev. Dr. Henry A. Chan as a Point of Light for all Americans.

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL  
TEAM WINS STATE TITLE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. LARRY COMBEST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join Midland and West Texas in congratulating the Midland High School baseball team in their great victory in the Class 5A state championship title. Their June 9th victory over Austin High is an accomplishment that is truly deserving of recognition and praise.

The Midland High baseball program has been built upon a solid foundation of hard work, dedication and sportsmanship. The Bulldogs have shown what today's youth can accomplish when teamwork and determination are applied. They will forever hold a place of honor in the pages of Texas athletics.

It is with great pride that I recognize the members of the Midland High School baseball team and their coach Barry Russell for this accomplishment. I would also like to recognize the administration and fans that carried them through victory's final inning. Thanks to their

tremendous efforts, Midland, Texas is now home to the 2000-2001 Class 5A State Champions. I sincerely wish to congratulate the Midland High Bulldogs for bringing home a state baseball title.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to an unavoidable meeting on Thursday June 21, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 177, on Representative SLAUGHTER's amendment to increase funding for the NEA and the NEH. I am a strong supporter of both the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and had I been present, I would have voted yea on this important amendment.

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URGING RATIFICATION OF THE  
CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF  
THE CHILD

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2001 the House passed H. Res. 124 recognizing the importance of children in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of American Youth. This piece of legislation was adopted by a unanimous vote of 424-0. I commend the U.S. House of Representatives on passing the resolution and believe that we all share the desire to secure the safety and well being of all children in our great nation and abroad.

More than a decade ago, the largest group of world leaders ever convened for the World Summit for Children to discuss their responsibility to children. At the end of the World Summit, 71 heads of state and other world leaders signed the World Declaration on Survival, Protection and Development of Children. The standards and obligations adopted place children center stage in the quest for a just, respectful and peaceful society.

The leaders attending the summit also adopted a Plan of Action to achieve a set of precise, time-bound goals, including: Improving living conditions for children and their chances for survival by increasing access to health services; reducing the spread of preventable diseases; creating more opportunities for education; providing better sanitation and greater food supply; and protecting children in danger.

To date, 192 states have ratified or signed the convention. The convention was ratified more quickly and by more countries than any previous human rights agreement. Unfortunately, the United States is not among the 192 nations that have joined in this historical convention, and no other industrialized nation has failed to make this legal commitment to children.

As a Member of the United States Congress I am saddened and embarrassed that our great nation has not ratified this historical con-

vention. Our nation's children are our future. The Convention on the Rights of the Child embodies the very principles our country was founded upon and only enforces the rights afforded to all children born in our great nation of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Ratification clearly signals a state's commitment to uphold standards of the convention and to respect, protect and fulfill the rights of children around the world. The House of Representatives commitment to the well being of our nation's children is exemplified through the unanimous passage of H. Res. 124. I urge the United States Senate, which has the sole power to ratify treaties, to act soon on this important matter and stand up for the rights of children worldwide.

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TRIBUTE TO DONNA BLITZER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer tribute to one of those persons who toil endlessly, without complaint, and generally in the background, but who make some of the largest and most important contributions to our lives: our staff. In particular, I rise today to congratulate and thank my long-time staffer, Donna Blitzer, who, after nearly 20 (I'm sure in her eyes) I-o-n-g years, has decided to explore other career opportunities. Ms. Blitzer is now the Director of Government and Community Relations for the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Donna began in my office when I was in the State Legislature, serving as one of my support staff. As I grew in elected office, she grew as staff and together we served as partners in many initiatives to improve and protect the quality of life on California's Central Coast which I represented then and continue to do so today. Throughout it all, Donna was my constant advisor and supporter, my advance and back up, my most loyal and trustworthy counsel. She was always there to put me back on track when my ideas de-railed, and to bring form to my vision. Most important, she protected my ethical and moral compass from ever going astray.

Mr. Speaker, we all have good staff. They are the heart and soul of our public selves as we reach out to our constituents. But sometimes there is one who just gives so much to so many that it deserves our special acknowledgment and praise. Donna Blitzer is such a person.

I will miss having her on my staff and at my side as I have for 20 years. But I wish her well in her new job and know that her contribution to the public will still be appreciated, no matter where she finds herself.

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MAYOR REMEMBERED

**HON. LARRY COMBEST**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my deepest sympathy to the people of West Texas for the loss of Odessa Mayor Bill Hext.

Bill was a selfless leader, a visionary, and a faithful statesman. Bill personified service and will be remembered for his relentless pursuit of improving the lives of the people of Odessa. Prior to being elected mayor in 2000, Hext had served as a City Council member since 1998, and continued his work in public service as a member of many civic and charitable organizations. Bill's commitment to serving his community and his influence on Odessans will be an inspiration for generations to come.

It is with great empathy that I salute Bill Hext as an outstanding individual and faithful mayor to the city of Odessa. He will forever hold a place of honor and respect in the pages of community service.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes: 182-185, during the consideration of the Interior Appropriations Act. Please let the record show that had I been present I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 182, the Inslee amendment to uphold current regulations on hardrock mining; "no" for rollcall vote 183, the Deutsch amendment regarding historic campsites in Stiltsville, Florida; "no" for rollcall vote 184, the Stearns amendment to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts; and "yes" for rollcall vote 185, final passage.

I strongly support the final passage of H.R. 2217, the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2002. I am extremely pleased that this bill honors our commitment to the environment. The expansion of funding for land acquisition, wildlife protection, and other preservation and conservation programs is a victory for the country.

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A SALUTE TO DR. EDWARD TYSON  
HONORING HIS YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO NORTH CAROLINA'S STUDENTS

**HON. ROBIN HAYES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Edward Tyson of Kannapolis, North Carolina for his years of service to the parents, students and educators of Cabarrus County, North Carolina.

Dr. Tyson has been the Superintendent for Kannapolis City School since 1992. He has also served as a teacher, principal, and associate superintendent in the Cabarrus County School System.

Dr. Tyson has made a positive and profound impact on the students and faculty of Kannapolis City and Cabarrus County Schools. He has worked hard to improve the opportunities for all students throughout Cabarrus and Rowan Counties.

Dr. Tyson has been a tremendous leader in our community, serving on the Board of Directors for Cabarrus Bank, the Salvation Army, Cannon Memorial YMCA, and Cabarrus College of Health Sciences. He has also represented North Carolina on education issues

as a member of the American Association of School Administrators, the North Carolina Association of School Administrators, and the North Carolina Committee of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

Dr. Tyson's accomplishments in education have been recognized. He has received numerous awards including: 1995–1996 Southwest North Carolina Superintendent of the Year, 1999–2000 Professional Educator of the Year by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and the 2000 Time-Warner Distinguished Educator.

Mr. Speaker, while I have only touched on a fraction of Dr. Ed Tyson's many accomplishments and the impact he has made on his community and profession, I proudly join his friends and colleagues in thanking and saluting him for his years of service and commitment to education and wishing him well in his retirement.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF  
PASADENA MAYOR JOHNNY  
ISBELL

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the end of his current term quickly approaches, I rise to celebrate the career of Johnny Isbell, Mayor of the City of Pasadena, Texas. Mayor Isbell has been a central figure on the Pasadena City Council, serving, in various capacities for more than 24 years.

As a dedicated and committed public servant, Johnny Isbell has earned the respect and admiration of the citizens of Pasadena for the many years he has given to local government. He served with distinction on the Pasadena City Council from 1969 to 1978 and again from 1989 to 1993. He first served as Mayor from 1981 to 1985. He was again elected Mayor in 1993 and again in 1997.

Mayor Isbell was born in San Antonio in 1938 and has been a Pasadena resident for more than 50 years. He attended Lee Junior College and received a bachelor of science from the University of Houston in 1968. Johnny also served in the U.S. Army National Guard and the Air Force Reserves.

Johnny has been a presence in all aspects of life in Pasadena, Texas. He is the founder and president of the Apache Oil Company. He is also the former director of the YMCA and served on the board of directors of the Houston Area Transportation Safety Council. He is a past president of the South Pasadena Rotary, a past president of the San Jacinto Day Foundation, an honorary life director of the Pasadena Rodeo Association and a former member of the Harris County Civil Service commission.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that I speak for many when I say that his tireless work will not soon be forgotten, and we are all thankful to him. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the career of Pasadena Mayor Johnny Isbell and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES  
SERVICEMEN WHO PERISHED IN  
THE KHOBAR TOWERS BOMBING

**HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the individuals killed in the Khobar Towers bombing that took place five years ago. On June 25, 1996, terrorists cut nineteen United States servicemen's lives drastically short when they set off a bomb in the allied forces camp in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The allied forces contained many members of the U.S. armed forces who revealed their undying loyalty to America through their bravery in the ongoing struggle to prevent Saddam Hussein from ever again threatening his neighbors.

On that fatal day, courageous Americans were continuing their efforts to control the US air operation over Iraq. Pilots, ground crews, communications specialists, and anti-missile operators all worked out of the Khobar Towers for the noble cause of fighting against the Allies' enemy.

With one deafening blast, terrorists sent the entire camp into chaos. The earth shook. To the sound of splitting window panes and crumbling walls, the allied forces ran for their lives. As they struggled to find cover from flying debris, nineteen innocent, patriotic individuals breathed for the last time.

This horrific incident was particularly shocking to those of us from Pennsylvania. A short five years before, 28 servicemen and women died when an Iraqi Scud missile plummeted from the sky into a US Army barracks in Saudi Arabia. The attack left 27 Pennsylvanians assigned to the 14th Quartermaster Unit from Greensburg, PA, dead. The attack was the single worst catastrophe suffered by the Allies during the Persian Gulf War.

Like the Scud attack of February 25th, 1991, the attack on Khobar towers was a jolting reminder of the cost of defending freedom. The mission of the 19 heroes of Khobar was the same as their comrades in the Gulf War—to protect our national security by defending our allies against despotism. The risk was the same, and the price paid—an ultimate sacrifice for their country—the same.

These servicemen deserve America's utmost respect for fighting for our country with little regard for their own personal safety. In light of America's approaching birthday, we should honor all of the individuals who sacrificed their lives to preserve this nation for us and our children. Along with these nineteen servicemen, I ask you to join me in honoring all of the members of the armed forces who may no longer be with us, but whose lives we shall remember forever as the great protectors of this wonderful nation. And, to those who continue to fight for the American cause in the Middle East and elsewhere, you have our profound and complete admiration and respect. Our thoughts are always with you.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO  
AMEND THE FEDERAL WATER  
POLLUTION CONTROL ACT TO IN-  
CREASE THE FEDERAL SHARE  
OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING  
TREATMENT WORKS IN THE DIS-  
TRICT OF COLUMBIA

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today we introduce a bill to make permanent an 80–20 match for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA), which serves jurisdictions in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia through its facility at Blue Plains. In fiscal years 1998 and 2000, the 80–20 match was included in appropriations bills. Because the Fiscal Year 2000 provision expires at the end of Fiscal Year 2001, this legislation to make the 80–20 match permanent is necessary.

The Blue Plains facility operated by WASA is the largest advanced waste water treatment plant in the world, serving two million users in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs as well as the District of Columbia. The financial and operational health of this facility is vital to the efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay as well as waters that serve the City of Vienna, and the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince Georges. Blue Plains is responsible for the largest reductions of nitrogen into the Bay of any facility in the entire Bay Watershed.

WASA has only been able to undertake major facility improvements—including biosolids digestion and handling facilities, major renovations to preliminary treatment facilities, new chemical feed operations, and additional electrical system enhancements—because of the 80–20 formula.

We also seek this change as a matter of fairness. In enacting the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (Act), Congress recognized that the District, a city without a state, shoulders an unfair financial obligation in programs in which municipalities normally have state financial assistance. The Act provided for federal support for the state share of several such programs. The region has been unable to take advantage of the usual combination of state and city matches only because this facility, which serves regional partners, happens to be located in the District of Columbia.

A permanent 80–20 federal-local match would place the District on a par with other municipalities and states in the United States. The 20% that the District would continue to assume is equivalent to the burden borne by many other cities in the country. Of course, local rate payers in the region would continue to bear their share.

We urge our colleagues to join us in supporting this important provision that would provide tangible benefits to regional residents and to the Potomac and Anacostia rivers, as well as the Chesapeake Bay, a national treasure.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD A.  
BOWLES

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2001*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to Gerald A. Bowles for his 30 years of exemplary service to the House of Representatives. Each of us here in the House have benefited from Jerry's talent, professionalism and congenial manner. In the 30 years that Jerry has served with the office supply service, he has seen many changes. From the limited scope of office equipment in the early seventies to the high tech demands

of today, Jerry has managed to assure that each member's office has all of their supply needs ready and at hand.

Jerry started working for the office supply service on August 1, 1971, as a stock clerk. He was promoted to special orders clerk then to inventory control specialist, sales floor supervisor, assistant chief and then director of office supply service. Jerry will be retiring from office supply service on August 31, 2001.

Jerry was born on May 26, 1951, to John Ignatius Alberta Ellis Bowles of Compton, Maryland. Jerry is the fifteenth child out of sixteen children, having nine sisters and six brothers. Growing up in a family of this size, Jerry learned the importance of working hard, getting along with everyone and being able to figure things out. These skills have helped him

to be an effective manager—well liked, yet able to get the job done. There never was any problem which didn't have a solution in Jerry's mind. He has always been able to find an available resource, offer an alternative fix and make the customer happy.

Staff from all around the Hill and particularly his colleagues from the office supply service will miss his smile, his willingness to listen and his "can do" attitude. Jerry has served the House well. His loyalty, determination and professionalism will long be remembered.

As Jerry retires to enjoy his home in St. Mary's County where he will fill his days with fishing and crabbing in the Patuxent River as well as working at the Drift Inn Crab House, we wish him well and a long happy retirement.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 27

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings on the nomination of Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, the nomination of Reginald Jude Brown, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the nomination of Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, the nomination of Michael Montelongo, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, and the nomination of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-106

## Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business, to be followed immediately by a hearing on the nomination of Vicky A. Bailey, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs and Domestic Policy; and the nomination of Frances P. Mainella, of Florida, to be Director of the National Park Service, and the nomination of John Walton Keep, III, to be Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation (pending receipt by the Senate), both of the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

9:45 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Clark T. Randt, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China; and the nomination of Douglas Alan Hartwick, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

SD-419

10 a.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the protection of the innocent, focusing on competent counsel in death penalty cases.

SD-226

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine prescription fraud, focusing on consultants selling doctors bad billing advice.

SD-215

## Budget

To hold hearings to examine the outlook of the U.S. economy.

SD-608

## Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the federal governments role in retaining nurses for the delivery of federally funded health care services, focusing on the effects nursing shortages have on health care and long-term care programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's and defense health.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

## Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine a report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights regarding the November 2000 election and election reform in general.

SR-301

11:15 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Pierre-Richard Prosper, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, the nomination of William A. Eaton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, the nomination of Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and the nomination of Clark Kent Ervin, of Texas, to be Inspector General, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2 p.m.

## Appropriations

## District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the government of the District of Columbia.

SD-138

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

## Economic Policy Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funding for the Defense Production Act.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

## Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.

SH-219

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9 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the new Federal Farm Bill.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act.

SD-538

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine climate change issues, focusing on science and technology studies.

SD-366

## Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the impact of electric industries restructuring on system reliability.

SD-342

10 a.m.

## Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine election reform issues.

SR-301

## Aging

To hold hearings to examine long term care, focusing on preparation for the aging baby boom generation.

SD-226

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the goals and priorities of the member tribes of the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leadership Council for the 107th Congress.

SR-485

## Appropriations

## Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Federal Communications Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-192

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings on proposed legislation providing for certain veterans' benefits.

SR-418

## Budget

To hold hearings to examine the status of the budget surplus.

SD-608

## Appropriations

## Transportation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the status of intercity transportation, focusing on airways and railways.

SD-138

2 p.m.

## Appropriations

## Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine international democracy programs.

SD-138

## Foreign Relations

## African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Zimbabwe's political and economic crisis.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense program, focusing on the 2002 budget amendment.

SD-106

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Surface Transportation Board rail merger rules.

SR-253

JULY 10

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Lori A. Forman, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, United States Agency for International Development.

SD-419

JULY 11

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings on S.803, to enhance the management and promotion of electronic Government services and processes by establishing a Federal Chief Information Officer within the Office of Management and Budget, and by estab-

lishing a broad framework of measures that require using Internet-based information technology to enhance citizen access to Government information and services.

SD-342