

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ASHLEY PERCY OF  
CAMDEN, MI, LEGRAND SMITH  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Ashley Percy, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Ashley is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Ashley is an exceptional student at Camden-Frontier High School and possesses an impressive high school record. She is involved in the National Honor Society, as well as volleyball, basketball and softball. She has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics as well as her involvement in athletics. Ashley also served as a Congressional Page for the United States House of Representatives.

THEREFORE, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Ashley Percy for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SAM SPECTOR AND  
THE OSS-101 ASSOCIATION,  
ROME, GEORGIA

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the OSS-101 Association Inc. represents the men of World War II Detachment 101 of the Office of Strategic Services (predecessor to today's CIA), who served in guerrilla warfare behind the Japanese lines in Burma. Mr. Sam Spector, of Rome, Georgia, is President of this association. He and the other fighting men of "Merrill's Marauders" have remained extremely grateful to the Kachin people of Burma, for the crucial help provided by them during the war.

By 1942 the Japanese were well experienced in jungle fighting. Burma was one of the world's most hostile environments. It was also the home of a very special group of people—the Kachins. They lived in the northern-most state of Burma, and they cherished their freedom as do we. Though the Japanese occupied most of Burma in 1942, they were unable to secure the Kachin State. The Kachins took a stand, and became what was known as Detachment 101 of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services, also known as the American-Kachin Rangers. This was the first United States unit to form an intelligence screen and employ a large guerrilla army deep in enemy territory. General Dwight D. Eisenhower commended Detachment 101 of its exemplary performance.

After the war, members of Detachment 101 distinguished themselves in all services and in private life. An association was formed to join ex-101ers, fraternally, as well as to maintain ties with the Kachins, in Burma (now Myanmar). This friendship has been maintained in spite of the distances and years.

In 1995, 18 Americans, including 12 American veterans of 101, decided to spend their 50th Anniversary in Burma with their Kachin friends. There was a celebration of the American-Kachin Rangers. Among those attending were 3800 Kachins and more than 250 WW II Kachin veterans. Since that time, the Association has printed and distributed thousands of translated grade school readers, a book on Kachin history, and a first aid book; and is active in teaching agriculture.

During March 2001 the group visited the air strip captured by Merrill's Marauders to place a wreath. At that time they noted the Japanese had erected a memorial to their dead, and the group decided it would like to place a memorial to the Americans (Merrill's Marauders, Mars Task Force, the 19th Air Force, and Detachment 101 USA Kachin Rangers). There are no memorials to our veterans in Southeast Asia, although there are many in Europe, and one in the Philippines that honors those Americans and Philippines who died.

I urge all my colleagues, and Americans everywhere to join me in saluting these brave Americans and Kachin heroes, for their sacrifices that were so vital in our victory in the Asian theatre in World War II. I especially salute Rome, Georgia's Sam Spector, who is a leader in this effort.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL  
GWILYM H. JENKINS, JR.

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to inform my colleagues on the upcoming retirement of Rear Admiral

Gwilym H. Jenkins, Jr., Deputy for Acquisition and Business Management for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In the very near future, Admiral Jenkins will retire after over 30 years in the U.S. Navy. He has distinguished himself, the Navy, and our nation with dedicated service.

Admiral Jenkins began his service in the military in 1966, when he enlisted in the Naval Reserve. Throughout his career, Admiral Jenkins has continued his formal education. He received a bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He received masters degrees from the Naval Post Graduate School and is a graduate of the University of Southern California Program for Executives.

Admiral Jenkins has held many command assignments and honorably served the American people throughout the world. Admiral Jenkins has served on the U.S.S. *Savannah*, U.S.S. *Raleigh*, and U.S.S. *Puget Sound*. He has also served as Supply Officer and Comptroller, Ship Repair Facility, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines; Procuring Contracting Officer for the A06E TRAM and Business and Financial Manager of the CH-46 and CH-53 Marine helicopters, Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

As Director of Contracts at Navy Supply Center, Jacksonville, Florida, and while working at the Aviation Supply Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he championed the use of electronic bulletin boards in contracting. Admiral Jenkins also served as Executive Director for Procurement at the Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he was responsible for the implementation of the electric commerce mall on the World Wide Web, significantly reducing unnecessary Department of Defense logistics infrastructure.

Through his work in Navy acquisition, Admiral Jenkins has consistently reached out to communities and to small business owners throughout the United States and has helped bridge the gap between military and civilian America. Admiral Jenkins, through his unique and amiable style, has worked to make this intimidating process easier for Americans to understand. I am especially grateful to Admiral Jenkins for traveling to Warrensburg, Missouri, to take part in my annual Federal Procurement Conference held each year at Central Missouri State University. I know the residents of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District join me in sending their appreciation for Admiral Jenkins's contribution to Missouri's small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, Admiral Jenkins has had an impressive career in the military and has established great relationships among the civilian community. I know that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this fine sailor as he enjoys his retirement with his wife, Nell, and their four daughters Ellen, Caitlan, Andrea, and Kagan.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 221, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

I ask unanimous consent that this statement appear in the RECORD following the announcement of the vote.

**TRIBUTE TO AMANDA PARKER OF QUINCY, MI—LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I rise to salute Amanda Parker, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional scholarship, Amanda is honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Amanda Parker is an exceptional student at Quincy High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Amanda has received numerous awards for her academic achievement and her success as a young athlete. She is active in student government, as well as volunteering her time to various community service projects, such as helping to collect donations for a food drive to provide area families with a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Amanda Parker. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

**HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MASTER POLICE OFFICER JOSH BROWN**

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker: I rise today to honor a gentleman who has devoted a great deal of his time and energy to Fairfax County, Virginia.

Master Police Officer Josh Brown will retire Friday, July, 13, 2001 after 23 years of service with the Mason District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department. He also gave 17

years to the Crime Prevention and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

With his prominent role as an officer of the law, MPO Brown has been able to bring many topics to the attention of his community. He has given many lectures on the importance of school security, as well as a variety of other safety lectures, including: lighting, commercial security, risk assessments, violence in the workplace, and community crime prevention. He has spoken at state, national, and international conferences on community crime prevention, lighting, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

MPO Brown specializes in risk assessments of schools, businesses and communities. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and the International Society of Crime Prevention practitioners have certified him as a Crime Prevention Specialist. He has also been awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the Fairfax County Police and was named Officer of the Year by Police and Citizens Together, a division of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

His knowledge of crime and its prevention has enabled him to write brochures on commercial robbery prevention, substance abuse, and trail safety. He has also produced literature on rape and assault prevention, as well as Neighborhood Watch training guides. His dedication to keeping his community as safe as possible is extremely admirable, and I am proud of his achievements.

MPO Brown has many interests outside the department. He is married with three children, who take up much of his space time. In years past he has given his time to being a Scoutmaster, coach, and fundraiser for children's school groups.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I am glad to pay tribute to MPO Josh Brown who has given so many years to the police department as well as being a devoted father and member of the community. I hope my colleagues join me in saluting such a remarkable individual.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB RILEY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 216, on agreeing to the amendment. Had I been present I would have voted "no." Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 217, on agreeing to the amendment. Had I been present I would have voted "yea." Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 218, on agreeing to the amendment. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

**INTRODUCING THE TROPICAL CYCLONE INLAND FORECASTING IMPROVEMENT AND WARNING SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT ACT**

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to improve the fore-

casting of inland flooding associated with tropical storms and to develop an inland flood warning system to alert residents of dangerous flooding.

The people of North Carolina are all too familiar with the death and devastation that can come from the heavy rains that hurricanes and tropical storms often bring to our state. In 1999, Hurricane Floyd killed forth-eight people and caused nearly \$3 billion worth of property damage, primarily through flooding in inland communities. Recently, Tropical Storm Allison cut a path across the nation, killing more than 50 people.

If Floyd and Allison taught us anything, it was that we have been more successful preparing coastal communities for these types of storms than in preparing inland communities. Too many folks think of hurricanes or tropical storms as something that affects only the coast and beach cottages. These storms hit us where we live.

Floyd and Allison demonstrated all too clearly that the greatest threat posed by these storms are the torrential rains that often do the most damage hundreds of miles inland. A new study by Ed Rappaport of the Tropical Prediction Center shows that since 1970, freshwater flooding caused 59 percent of storm deaths in the United States, whereas only one percent lost their lives in coastal storms surges.

Inland residents need a warning system that raises the awareness of the destructiveness of these storms so they can protect their families and their property.

Currently, technology exists to help track and prepare coastal communities for the wind, rain, and storm surge damage associated with tropical cyclones. But, now we must move forward with efforts to improve inland flood forecasting and warnings. This bill will provide the funds and the road map to get us there. Ultimately, we can save lives.

This legislation builds on work being done by National Weather Service (NWS), emergency management officials, meteorologists and others to reduce the risks of injury due to inland flooding. The bill authorizes \$5.75 million over five years for the National Weather Service to improve its ability to forecast inland flooding associated with tropical storms and hurricanes and to develop and deploy an inland flood warning index or system—such as one similar to the Saffir-Simpson scale for wind speed familiar to coastal residents.

Joe Allbaugh, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Administration, recently expressed a too prevalent view about storm damage when he said, "I don't think that we can fault the forecasters. No one can predict 36 inches of rain."

We must do better than that. It's time to develop the tools so forecasters can warn the public and emergency management officials of the potential for flooding associated with tropical cyclones. We are in the middle of hurricane season, and a deadly storm could occur any day now. I am pleased that my bill has the support of so many Science Committee members including Chairman BOEHLERT and ranking member HALL. I hope we can see action on this life-saving bill soon.

TRIBUTE TO ASHLEY TUREK OF  
ADRIAN, MI—LEGRAND SMITH  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Ashley Turek, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Ashley is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Ashley is an exceptional student at Adrian High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Ashley is President of her Senior Class and has served as Captain of her Tennis and Track teams. She has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics as well as her involvement in tennis, gymnastics, and track. Outside of school, Ashley is an active volunteer in various community organizations such as the Lenawee County Youth Council.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Ashley Turek. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

HONORING PATRICIA HALSEY  
LAVERDURE

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and salute Patricia Halsey Laverdure for her faithful service to the United States Military.

Colonel Laverdure has dedicated her life to providing legal counsel to military members and their families. When she joined the U.S. Marine Corps, she was interested in criminal law, and became a very successful judge advocate. However, Colonel Laverdure was drawn to family law because she knows the burdens that military families face, such as long periods of separation, spousal abuse and low pay. She saw the need for family services so she began to practice family law. Colonel Laverdure established the first spousal abuse programs for the U.S. Marine Corps Family Service Centers.

Colonel Laverdure later became the Chief of the Legal Assistance Branch of the Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific for the U.S. Coast Guard in Alameda, California. At a

time when the military was downsizing, Colonel Laverdure was overwhelmed with huge caseloads. Despite the large amounts of casework, she enlisted the aid of military attorneys from the Navy Reserve and, together with other Coast Guard Attorneys, completed their cases and increased the number of clientele.

Colonel Laverdure has won numerous awards such as the Meritorious Achievement Award, the ABA LAMP Distinguished Award and the Coast Guard Meritorious Award. It is only natural that Congress should recognize Colonel Laverdure for her patriotism, her service to the United States military service and her human compassion for her others.

I proudly join Colonel Laverdure's family and friends to pay tribute to Colonel Patricia Halsey Laverdure.

TRIBUTE TO ANGELA PITTS OF  
LITCHFIELD, MI—LEGRAND  
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Angela Pitts, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Angela is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Angela Pitts is an exceptional student at Litchfield High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Angela has received numerous awards for her academic achievement and her success as a young athlete. She is active in student government, as well as the high school and jazz bands. Angela volunteers her time to various organizations, such as her community's youth group, and coaches young children in basketball.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Angela Pitts for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2330) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2330, the Agriculture Appropriations Act, a bill considered on the floor today which makes appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies. But more specifically, I rise in strong opposition to the increase provided in the bill for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and would like to call the House's attention to a problem that one of my constituents has been having with the agency and one that I believe deserves careful consideration by the oversight committees in this chamber.

Recently, the FDA gave final approval of my constituent's Pre-Market Application for both total and partial joint implants after an exhaustive and blatantly biased two year review, but not before costing his company over \$8 million in legal fees, lost wages and profits.

In April 1999, I received a phone call and letter from TMJ Implants, a company located in Golden, Colorado, in my district, which had been having problems with the review of its Premarket Approval Application of the TMJ Total and Fossa-Eminence Prosthesis. Up until last year, the company was the premier market supplier of temporomandibular joint prosthesis.

Over the last two years, I have taken an active interest and an active role in monitoring the progress of TMJ Implants' application, which was finally approved in February. On numerous occasions, I met with Dr. Bob Christensen, President of TMJ Implants, to find out information about the approval of the Partial and Total Joint, and personally talked to FDA Commissioner Jane Henney and to members of the Agency about the status of the company's applications. I was also, and continue to be, in contact with the House Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight, which has sole jurisdiction over the FDA and issues relating to abuse and the internal operations of the agency.

Specifically, I closely followed this case since my office's first contact with Dr. Christensen and TMJ Implants in early May 1999, after a meeting of the FDA's Dental Products Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee was held to review the company's PMA and recommended approval of the PMA by a 9-0 vote. From this point onward, the FDA engaged in an obvious pattern of delay and deception and even went as far as to remove TMJ Implants' Fossa-Eminence Prosthesis from the market, which had been available for almost 40 years. This had done nothing more than to cause harm to patients and cost the company millions of dollars.

This was done at the same time that the application for TMJ Concepts, a competitor of TMJ Implants, sailed through the process. Several allegations have come to light over the last two years detailing the fact that several Agency employees have worked under the direction of TMJ Concepts' associates.

The agency went so far as to reconvene a new Medical Devices Advisory Committee late last year, with a clear majority of its members lacking the required expertise, which denied the company's application.

It was not until Mr. Bernard Statland, the new Director of the Office of Device Evaluation (ODE) was brought in that the logjam was broken the PMA was quickly approved.

As the above demonstrates, several concerns remain about the process that has taken place over the last two years. It is no secret that everyone involved in this case believes that there have been significant questions raised about the process—the sluggish pace of the review of the engineering data for both the total and partial joint and, more importantly, the constant “moving of the goal posts” during the review of both PMAs.

Over the last two years, my office has received numerous letters from physicians all across the country—from the Mayo Clinic to the University of Maryland—each describing the benefit of the partial joint and the fact that the partial and total joint results in immediate and dramatic decrease in pain, an increase in range of motion and increased function.

While I am, of course, pleased that the application has been approved by the FDA after much delay, the circumstances of the last two years calls into question the integrity of the agency and, it is for this reason that I bring it to the House's attention.

Dr. Christensen is a true professional and a pioneer in his field and holder of the first patents. His implants are widely accepted as effective and safe throughout the dental and surgery community—indeed, several of my constituents have literally had their lives changed by the procedure. I am convinced that the work of TMJ is and always has been based on solid, scientific principles and the removal of the implants from the market had been erroneous, contrary to the Agency's earlier findings and the statutory standard that should be applied. This was devastating to thousands in the general public and devastating to the financial status of the company.

Later this year, the House of Representatives will consider legislation reauthorizing the Food and Drug Administration and I would like to urge the House Commerce Committee to hold hearings on the TMJ Implant case and to conduct a thorough investigation into the FDA's review of the Premarket Approval Application of the TMJ Fossa-Eminence Prosthesis.

I would like to take this opportunity to submit into the record two articles from FDAWebview which shed light on the TMJ Implant case.

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HOSPITAL INVESTMENT ACT OF  
2001

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today Mr. Stark from California and I are introducing the Hos-

pital Investment Act of 2001, which aims to address concerns regarding potential conflicts of interest raised by the advent of free-standing specialty or “boutique” hospitals with joint investor-physician ownership arrangements.

Over the past several years, we have seen a growing expansion of these “boutique” hospitals. Each of these hospitals specializes in one particular area of inpatient procedures—such as heart, orthopedic, or maternity—which is high-volume, high-cost, and high-profit to these new for-profit institutions.

Among the many problems associated with these boutique hospitals is the issue of self-referrals, where physicians refer their patients to a hospital in which they have a preferential ownership stake.

Under current federal law, a doctor may not refer his patients to a health care facility in which he has a financial interest. This includes clinical laboratory services, physical therapy, speech pathology, radiology services (such as MRIs, CAT scans, and ultrasound) and other auxiliary health services. Before these laws, commonly referred to as Stark I and Stark II, were passed in 1989 and 1993 respectively, the HHS Inspector General had discovered that Medicare patients received 45 percent more laboratory services when the doctor owned the lab than when the doctor did not.

One exception to the Stark laws allows a physician to refer patients to a hospital in which he or she has a financial interest, as long as that interest is in the whole hospital and not just a particular department or clinic within. With the proliferation of specialty hospitals, this exception has become a loophole by which physicians can legally refer patients to a boutique hospital in which they have a direct personal financial interest.

This preferential ownership provides physicians with increased financial incentives to engage in the very type of overutilization of medical services that the HHS Office of the Inspector General disclosed in its 1989 report, which invariably leads to increased federal Medicare and Medicaid spending without increased quality of patient care. This, as we all know, is the scenario that the Stark laws were designed to prevent in the first place.

The bill we are introducing today, the Hospital Investment Act of 2001, would address this problem by tightening the current law to prohibit preferential hospital ownership terms for physicians who wish to be able to refer patients to the facility. Under this legislation, physicians would be allowed to refer patients to a hospital in which they had an ownership interest, but only if the interest was purchased on terms also available to the general public.

Physicians and facilities that violate this new law would be subject to a civil monetary penalty of up to \$15,000 per referral plus twice the amount billed for the referred service. In cases where there was an arrangement or scheme to refer patients to facilities owned by the physician, penalties could be as high as \$100,000 and twice the amount billed for referred services. Also, the physician and specialty hospital would be denied participation in the Medicare program.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that Congress closes the hospital ownership loophole in the Medicare physician self-referral laws to ensure our nation's health care system is not compromised and to protect the viability of our nation's Medicare and Medicaid programs. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important legislation.

HISPANIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, I was delighted to be given a chance to send my congratulations to the winners of the Hispanic Recognition Awards which are going to be held on August 3 in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The Hispanic Recognition Awards Committee has assembled a very diverse and valuable group of individuals and institutions to receive well merited recognition for their work in helping preserve Latino culture and values in the framework of our national unity. I am delighted to have a chance to share with my colleagues the work of this important organization and I ask that the names of the award winners be printed here so that they may get the recognition to which they are entitled.

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MEDICARE PHYSICIAN SELF-REFERRAL—A BILL TO KEEP SPECIALTY HOSPITALS FROM SKIRTING THE INTENT OF THE LAW

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Rep. KLECZKA—who represents Milwaukee and serves with me on the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee—brought to my attention a report by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Monday, June 25, 2001, that two Milwaukee hospital groups are planning to open free-standing heart hospitals. Both of these specialty hospitals will jointly owned by the hospitals and the groups of physicians who will be referring patients to the facilities. The newspaper article pointed out the potential conflict-of-interest, and the resulting ethical concern, for physicians who refer patients to facilities in which they have an ownership interest. These joint ventures may induce investor physicians to base their treatment decisions on profits generated by the facility rather than on the clinical needs of their patients.

Mr. Speaker, the situation in Milwaukee is similar to other reports that hospitals and physicians are engaging in such clinical joint ventures, including both freestanding specialty hospitals (e.g., heart, orthopedic, or maternity hospitals), and arrangements in which a high revenue generating unit or service (e.g., cardiology or cardiac surgery) of an existing hospital is restructured and legally incorporated as a separate hospital.

Typically, these point ventures are marketed only to physicians in a position to refer patients to the facility, and they are structured to take advantage of a loophole in the Medicare physician self referral law permitting physician investments in “whole hospitals”.

Mr. Speaker, the development of specialty hospitals is of great concern because they deprive full-scale hospitals of their most profitable business, leaving those existing hospitals much worse off financially. The investors in these joint ventures and specialty hospitals skim the profits of full-scale hospitals, leaving

them to struggle financially. Then the hospitals must look to Medicare and to their local communities to help them financially—and all because these joint ventures are skimming high profits for their investors, including physicians.

Mr. Speaker, these situations not only harm hospitals, they violate the spirit of Medicare self-referral laws. Lawyers have found a loophole in the self-referral laws, and physicians are taking advantage of it.

Today, Rep. KLECZKA and I are joining together to introduce the Hospital Investment Act of 2001 to close the loophole. Our bill would continue to permit physician ownership in these joint ventures and specialty hospitals only if the ownership or investment interest is purchased on terms that are generally available to the public at the time. This amendment would not prohibit physicians from purchasing shares to stock, but it would make sure that such stock purchases are not the result of a sweetheart deal available only to physicians, but set up in a way to skirt the law. My amendment would make it harder for hospitals and physicians to skim profits from hospitals leaving the hospitals worse off financially.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to close this loophole in the Medicare physician self-referral laws, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

TRIBUTE TO 2001 LeGRAND SMITH  
SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is a sincere pleasure to recognize the finalists of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Scholarship Program. This special honor is an appropriate tribute to the academic accomplishment, demonstration of leadership and responsibility, and commitment to social involvement displayed by these remarkable young adults. We all have reason to celebrate their success, for it is in their promising and capable hands that our future rests:

Nicole Albain of Deerfield, Michigan  
Laura Banks of Adrian, Michigan  
Zoe Bliss of Jackson, Michigan  
Jonathan Chapman of East Leroy, Michigan  
Bethany Decker of Adrian, Michigan  
Elizabeth Flack of Jackson, Michigan  
Benjamin Green of Morenci, Michigan  
RaeAnn Herman of Manitowish, Michigan  
Alexander Kennedy of Adrian, Michigan  
Chelsey McConn of Bronson, Michigan  
Ingrid Meyer of Pittsford, Michigan  
Martin Muntz of Manchester, Michigan  
Rebekah Preston of Quincy, Michigan  
Lisa Sellers of Battle Creek, Michigan  
Kristen Taddonio of Manchester, Michigan  
Bethany Wheeler of Morenci, Michigan

The finalists of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program are being honored for showing that same generosity of spirit, depth of intelligence, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan. They are young men and women of character, ambition, and initiative, who have already learned well the value of hard work, discipline, and commitment.

These exceptional students have consistently displayed their dedication, intelligence,

and concern throughout their high school experience. They are people who stand out among their peers due to their many achievements and the disciplined manner in which they meet challenges. While they have already accomplished a great deal, these young people possess unlimited potential, for they have learned the keys to success in any endeavor. I am proud to join with their many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to the finalists of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program.

SPEECH BY AHMET ERTEGUN

**HON. ROBERT WEXLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following speech given by Ahmet Ertegun, Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Records, on May 18, 2001, after receiving the Prestigious Federation of Turkish American Associations (FTAA) Cultural Lifetime Achievement award during the FTAA's Turkish Cultural Week.

As co-founder of the House Caucus on U.S.-Turkish Relations and Turkish-Americans, I believe there is no individual more deserving of the FTAA Cultural Achievement Award than Ahmet Ertegun who is a leading voice in the Turkish-American community and an extraordinary humanitarian.

It would be an understatement to say that Mr. Ertegun is the epitome of the American dream. As a successful businessman and self-starter, he co-founded one of the most successful international recording studios, Atlantic Records. Mr. Ertegun has also been deeply involved in many worthwhile philanthropic activities. Thousands of individuals in the United States and throughout the world have benefited from his commitment and involvement in charities and civic organizations.

The Turkish-American community should be extremely proud to have Mr. Ertegun as a leading spokesman to promote Turkish culture and history in the United States. He, along with the Federation of Turkish American Associations, are the heart and soul of a dynamic Turkish-American community. Finally, I want to thank Mr. Ertegun and the FTAA for their commitment to strengthening the relationship between the United States and Turkey. Like Mr. Ertegun and the FTAA, I believe that the friendship and strategic partnership between America and Turkey are essential to both countries and will grow even more important throughout the 21st century.

Again, I join the Federation of Turkish American Associations and the Turkish-American community in celebrating Mr. Ertegun's extraordinary achievements and congratulate him on receiving the FTAA Cultural Lifetime Achievement award.

Thank you.

Your excellencies, ladies and gentlemen:

It is a great honor for me to be recognized by the Federation of Turkish American Associations.

I deem it a great honor to have been introduced by my dear friend, Arif Mardin.

Arif, as our musical director, has made the key monumental record hits that have been the highlights of Atlantic's history: "Respect" by Aretha Franklin, the Saturday

Night Fever album by the Bee Gees, and "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Midler just to name a few.

I was recently invited to a white-tie gala banquet in Nashville to get a music citation. This was a period when I was using crutches to walk.

As they called my name and I started to walk up to the podium to receive the award, this southern lady turned to me and said: "You must be mighty proud. This is the first time we've given this award to a foreign cripple."

But to be serious, it is wonderful to see such a large group of Turkish Americans. Each and every one of you is an important part of what has become the beginnings of a group which could have some political influence in the near future, both here in America and also in Turkey, through our family and friends.

It is most important that we, as Turkish Americans, champion the causes of freedom and justice, both here and in Turkey.

As you all must know, Turkey is now going through a terrible time because of economic mismanagement. We are all aware of the rumors and accusations in the Turkish press, of chaos and corruption, in both the public and the private sector.

But what has been the savior of Turkey has been the selfless and honest dedication of so many of its citizens, and the ever-present vigil of the Turkish Army, to protect the legacy of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. They have been our saviors through the many difficulties since the formation of the Republic in 1923.

With the coming of the current crisis and the devaluation of the Turkish lira, President Bulent Ecevit sent for a top economist from the World Bank, Mr. Kemal Dervis, to establish reforms and to encourage economic help from our friends in America and in Europe.

He has been promised over 16 billion dollars, but with stringent conditions, which require drastic changes in the economic and political systems initiated by Ataturk at the beginning of the Republic.

Ataturk's dream was to bring his country and its people into the modern world's mainstream, and shortly before he died, he left this important message and I quote:

"I am leaving no sermon, no dogma, nor am I leaving as my legacy any commandment that is frozen in time or cast in stone. Concepts of well-being for countries, for peoples, and for individuals are changing in time. In such a world, to argue for rules that never change would be to deny the reality found in scientific knowledge and rational judgement."

It is my fervent hope that all of you support Mr. Kemal Dervis' mission and support President Ecevit in this critical moment. It is an important moment in Turkish history which will disengage the economic system from the political, which will bring about transparency and accountability in government, and help Turkey reach its destiny as an important member of the modern democratic world.

May the army and the Turkish people persevere in their pursuit of Ataturk's dream.

IN HONOR OF MR. DONALD  
FREJOSKY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Donald R. Frejosky. During the

more than 60 years that Mr. Frejosky resided in Garfield Heights, he was an exemplar of altruism, kindness, and service—not only to his own dear family, but also to the larger family of Garfield Heights as well.

Mr. Frejosky was a proud and loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. Not only did Mr. Frejosky embody the principle of selflessness to his own family, but his example also sets a beautiful precedent for us all to achieve. Mr. Frejosky served his Cleveland community in numerous ways: he was employed as a service and parts manager for White Motor, Richfield Truck, and G&M Towing Co., and as a musical instrument repair artist for more than 35 years, at the diligent service of the Cleveland area.

Not only did Mr. Frejosky bestow upon us his service in these simple and selfless ways, but he also served as a Councilman to Ward 5 in Garfield Heights, and until his last days was serving on the Civil Service Board of the city. Mr. Frejosky worked tirelessly, even up until his last breath, to improve the quality of life for others. It is because of his beneficence, integrity, and diligence that Mr. Frejosky can never be effaced from Garfield Heights' memory, and it is also why we are honoring him today.

Garfield Heights' loss of Mr. Frejosky is not only a loss of a husband, father, and brother, but is also a loss of one of its shining examples of sincerity and service. Today, we honor Mr. Frejosky's past, and honor his indelible imprint on our present and future.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for rollcall votes 148 and 149. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' TRAINING ACT

### HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Law Enforcement Officers' Training Act, a bill to establish a program within the Department of Labor to provide grants for training of law enforcement officers.

Nearly every major study of police and law enforcement agencies conducted over the last forty years, from the Kerner Commission report in 1968 through the recent scandals in Los Angeles, has identified individual training as an essential element of police reform.

My proposal takes advantage of the Department of Labor's expertise in designing, implementing and administering effective programs to improve skills and to promote professional development of our workforce. While the Justice Department makes grants available to governmental entities for projects to fight crime and improve public safety, there has been a failure to focus on individual profes-

sional development as a factor in improving the delivery of law enforcement and public safety services.

My bill directs the Labor Department to focus on training and development in six specific areas: community policing, development of policing skills in a multi-cultural environment, officer survival and defense, the application of technology in law enforcement, supervision and mid-level management skills and techniques, and identification and management of officer fatigue and sleep deprivation.

These grants could be awarded to training institutions, educational institutions, and classrooms of law enforcement officers. Funds could be used for seminars, classes, workshops, conferences or other training sessions in accordance with guidelines developed by the Department of Labor.

The Law Enforcement Officers' Training Act will result in better relationships between police officers and the public, improved public safety, more efficient delivery of protective services, and enhanced sensitivity to our multi-cultural environment.

In developing this legislation I have had the opportunity to work with the leadership of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO. I sincerely appreciate their efforts on this proposal.

I urge my colleagues to join me in sponsoring this legislation which will improve the security of all of our constituents.

#### EDUCATION FIGHTS UNDERAGE DRINKING

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Underage drinking and all kinds of distracted driving are in our headlines once again with various legal solutions being discussed both here and in our state capitols. One organization know as The Century Council, a national non-for-profit organization, funded by America's leading distillers, has dedicated itself to fighting drunk driving and underage drinking. What remains clear is that education is a vital component of our efforts to thwart impaired driving and underage alcohol consumption.

Parents, teachers, caregivers, and the community as a whole must initiate a dialogue with young people—as early as elementary or middle school—so that positive values are formed. Teens will realize the potential consequences that result from reckless alcohol consumption and, should young people chose to drink when they are adults, they will do so responsibly and in moderation.

Our former colleague, Susan Molinari, has become Chairman of the Council, working closely with Ralph Blackman, its President and CEO. Robin Carle, former Clerk of the House of Representatives is its Government Affairs Director and Steven Naclerio, an attorney for the Bacardi companies, has worked with the Council since its inception. They all would be happy to have your help and support

With education we stand a real chance of diminishing some of the persistent national problems caused by underage drinking.

IN HONOR OF THE CASE WESTERN UNIVERSITY UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 35th anniversary of the Case Western Reserve University Upward Bound Program, which has been graciously serving the East Cleveland and Cleveland Public High School Districts from 1966–2001.

Throughout its 35 years, The Upward Bound pre-college program has worked assiduously to prepare and realize the full potential of low-income and first-generation college-bound high school students towards post-secondary studies geared towards professional health careers. The Upward Bound Program serves the low-income population, a sector which is all too often ignored. The Program nurtures and makes manifest the talents and capabilities of Cleveland's underprivileged youth. The year-round program imbues in our precious youngsters the skills to prepare them for successful professional health careers by readying them with a well-rounded curriculum in the humanities and sciences during their summer recesses. In addition to this, Upward Bound offers a Saturday Enrichment Program, weekly tutorials, and discussion sessions, which are all geared towards encouraging the amazing personal and spiritual qualities of our youth.

The Upward Bound Program has set an unsurpassed precedent in providing much needed, personal and individual care for our grossly underestimated low-income youth. For the past 35 years, the Program has carried the torch for unveiling and realizing the vast potential and gifts of today's low-income youth.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 35th Anniversary of The Case Western University Upward Bound Program.

#### TRIBUTE TO ARCADIA UNIVERSITY

### HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Arcadia University on officially changing its name. Formerly known as Beaver College, Arcadia University is located in Glenside, Pennsylvania and for almost 150 years has provided students with a first rate education.

Founded in 1853, Arcadia University originally began as the Beaver Female Seminary in Beaver County, Pennsylvania located northwest of Pittsburgh. It was one of the first institutions to offer a curriculum for women only. The school became co-educational in 1872, and in 1907 adopted the name of Beaver College. The college had outgrown its campus space and moved east in 1925 to Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania. This new location provided a larger campus, as well as development opportunities. Owing to the success of the school more land was needed, and a second campus was opened in nearby Glenside.

Today, Arcadia University has an enrollment of more than 2,800 students and boasts a student to faculty ratio of 12 to 1. 88% of the faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees. There

are over 30 undergraduate degrees offered and 11 masters degree programs. The university also operates a continuing education program with evening and weekend classes. The study abroad program is nationally recognized and offers students the opportunity to study in a foreign land. U.S. News and World Report has ranked Arcadia in the top twenty regional universities in the North. The school attained university status in 2000 after completing requirements to attain the new name.

Arcadia University has been a premier institution in Pennsylvania for many years. Our community is very fortunate to have such an outstanding educational presence in our area. I am honored to celebrate this special day with Arcadia University.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E.  
LEONARD, OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William E. Leonard, of the Inland Empire of California, on the occasion of the dedication of the William E. Leonard Interchange (the Interchange of the 210 and I-15). Mr. Leonard was instrumental in the design and funding of this freeway (extension of the Foothill Freeway).

William has a long history of involvement in California transportation issues. He served as a member of the California State Highway Commission from 1973 to 1977 and on the California Transportation Commission from 1985 to 1993. He served as Chairman of the California Transportation Commission in 1990 and 1991. He also currently serves on the state's High-Speed Rail Authority.

William received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley.

He served his country during World War II in the Philippines and Japan with the First and Seventh Cavalry Divisions, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant.

William's productive career includes founding and operating the Leonard Realty and Building Company since 1946, as well as developing, owning, and operating various city auto parks, apartment complexes, land subdivisions, and the San Bernardino public golf course.

William also has served his community and state as a member and chairman of the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation; a trustee of the St. Bernadine's Hospital Foundation; and member and past chairman of the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation; a member of the board of the Water Commission of the City of San Bernardino; a member and past director of the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce; a member and past director of the San Bernardino Valley Board of Realtors; a past director, president, and chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Orange Show; a founding member and president of Inland Action; a member and president of the San Bernardino Host Lions; a member of the Bank of America Inland Division Advisory Board; a member and past chairman of the Security Pacific Bank Inland Division Advisory Board; and a member, treasurer, and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino.

William was honored by the Valley Group with its Excellence in Infrastructure Award; by the East Inland Empire Association of Realtors with its President's Exceptional Service Award; by the Boy Scouts of America's California Inland Empire Council with its Distinguished Citizen's Award; and by the Historical and Pioneer Society with its Citizen of the Year Award.

As the California State Legislature noted, as a result of his tireless hard work and unwavering commitment to the State of California and to his local community in San Bernardino County and the Inland Empire, William E. Leonard has succeeded in compiling an impressive record of personal and civic achievement, a record that has earned for him the admiration and respect of those persons who have the privilege of associating with him.

It is a pleasure to salute William and to join with his family in offering congratulations and good wishes on this happy occasion. This interchange dedication is something that William has earned over a lifetime of achievement, distinction, and public service.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2330) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Olver/Gilchrest amendment to strike the provision prohibiting funds from being spent to implement the Kyoto treaty on global warming.

The Bush Administration's stance on the Kyoto treaty has called the United States' credibility into jeopardy. Because of this Administration's denial of the Kyoto treaty, the U.S. has become the laughing stock of the world and—more importantly—we have seriously put into question our leadership role on global warming and environmental issues.

This amendment would allow for the U.S. to stay involved in negotiations and send a strong message to the world that—although the President has given up on this important agreement—this nation and its other leaders have not.

I encourage my colleagues to support his amendment and commend Mr. Olver and Mr. Gilchrest for their important amendment, which will help to ensure the United States' environmental leadership position.

THE PILOT RANGE WILDERNESS  
ACT

**HON. JAMES V. HANSEN**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce the Pilot Range Wilderness Act which designates lands within the Pilot Peak range as wilderness.

My home state of Utah is blessed with some of the most beautiful scenery this country has to offer. While we often disagree on the best way to preserve these lands for future generations, sometimes those disagreements are used by outside groups to infer that there is only one way to protect these lands and that is wilderness designation. I have often disagreed with those that take this position, and on occasion with great fervor. I believe all of us agree that preservation is, indeed, a noble goal. Many of my friends from the east come to Utah, see the wonders of nature we have there, and want so much to protect it that they advocate placing a good deal in not all of its into wilderness.

Wilderness designation taken to the extreme would severely harm the local economies and restrict the ability of land managers and local governments to best manage these lands. However, there are certain areas where wilderness is the best way to assure the preservation of the land's natural beauty and the unique historical and geological nature of these lands. One of those areas in Utah is the Pilot Range in the west desert of Box Elder County. With that in mind, I am proud to introduce a bill which would classify certain areas in the Pilot Range as wilderness.

Mr. Speaker, when one hears the great conservationists of our day speak of the natural treasures of this nation, one could very well be hearing a description of the Pilot Range. The top of the range provides a majestic view of the sun rising over the Rocky Mountains and Great Salt Lake in the East as well as the spectacular view of sunsets across the flats of Nevada. Elk and deer roam the valleys and canyons of the range, and threatened cutthroat trout makes its home in the Bettridge Creek, the largest in the range.

This is land rugged enough to test the mettle of any hearty adventurer. These mountains served as a guide to the Donner Party as they crossed the great salt flats of the Great Basin. Its streams and springs provided refreshment and a place of refuge for weary travelers. When standing on these peaks, as I have done many times, one can sense the solitude that very few places in this country can match. As wilderness, this land will continue to offer those willing to challenge its rugged terrain a breathtaking view of nature's glory, as well as multiple recreational opportunities, such as hiking, camping and horseback riding.

Given the fact that these lands are adjacent to the Utah Test and Training Range, we have gone to great lengths to ensure that wilderness designation and the role and mission of the UTTR remains compatible. We have worked to ensure that valid existing rights and the traditional and historical use of these lands is protected while removing any remaining obstacles to wilderness designation.

I was proud to introduce the Utah Wilderness Act in 1984. In my 21 years in Congress,

I have had the opportunity to designate and protect more wilderness across the country than almost any other member of Congress. I believe strongly in wilderness designation when it is compatible, when the lands fit the criteria according to the definitions of the 1964 Act and wilderness the highest and best use of the public lands. The bill I am introducing today reflects my belief that wilderness designation is the best way to protect the Pilot Range and I hope my colleagues will support me in that effort.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
OLMSTED FALLS BOY SCOUT  
TROOP 201

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a fine organization that has shaped and molded young men since 1926, the Olmsted Falls Boy Scout Troop 201, on their 75th Anniversary.

Boy Scout Troop 201 has a long and distinguished history of molding young men in Olmsted Falls into productive individuals in our society. The troop chartered in 1926 and consisted of 12 scouts that met regularly and attended summer camps together. Over the years the troop grew and flourished, gaining respect both in the International Scouting Association and the local Cleveland community.

As years turned into decades, Troop 201 began graduating Eagle Scouts, scouting's highest honor. Less than 2 percent of all Scouters attain this highest honor. Not only are scouts required to fulfill a minimum leadership requirement to attain the coveted Eagle Scout, but every young man must plan, develop, and implement an extensive community service project. Over the years Troop 201 has dedicated a great deal of time and energy to serving in the community, and scouters have selflessly given of their time and effort. The rank of Eagle is an achievement that requires years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work, and the community. Since 1926, Troops 201 has seen over 70 Eagle Scouts.

Olmsted Falls Troop 201 has always stood tall for the causes of righteousness and equity in our society. The original purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults, to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. The International Scouting Association strives to instill values to develop leadership in young men, and teach them the benefits of a strong character. Scouts are taught to follow and uphold the 12 pillars of the Scout Law in their daily life and treat all people with respect and dignity. At the start of every meeting, scouts hold high their right hand and recite the scout oath, a pledge to remain physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. These three guiding principles instill strong values in young leaders and teach them of respect, dignity, and equality for all.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and celebrating Boy Scout Troop 201 on their 75th Anniversary. This special Diamond Anniversary marks a milestone in this troop's distin-

guished career and celebrates the countless young men affected by this organization. Troop 201 has continually strived to develop young leaders in the Olmsted Falls community, and has earned the respect and admiration of the entire Olmsted Falls community.

HONORING JESSICA L. WRIGHT  
UPON PROMOTION TO GENERAL

**HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, a wise person once said, "All glory comes from daring to begin." This is certainly true of the person I rise today to honor. Jessica Wright is a constituent from my district who has just recently achieved the rank of Brigadier General.

This is an honor and a first. For you see, the newly appointed general is the first woman to achieve this rank in the Pennsylvania National Guard. This achievement is the result of twenty-six years of dedication and duty.

General Wright has been a pioneer of sorts. Throughout her career in the National Guard she was daring enough to be the first to blaze trails where there were none. She was the first female aviator in the Army National Guard when she completed the officer's rotary wing aviator course at Fort Rucker in Alabama.

General Wright was also the first female to become a combat commander in the rank of colonel in the Army. She achieved this prestigious honor when she was took command of the 28th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Indiantown Gap in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, General Wright has served her country with distinction. I ask that you join me in honoring this fine soldier for her service to the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE  
HOMELESS AND HUNGRY

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on June 1st, at the annual awards ceremony of the St. Albans School, 17 year old James Fisher was recognized and honored for his innovative project to feed the homeless of Washington, D.C. I am pleased to share his story, with the hopes that his example might inspire other teenagers throughout the nation.

Homelessness is one of America's most complicated and important social issues. In an effort to combat this complex problem, Congress continues to appropriate funds each year to the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Act which provides funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer programs which assist homeless children and adults. In addition, there are also countless acts of compassion each day among private citizens in their communities to help stem hopelessness and hunger among our homeless population. James Fisher's is but one

story among thousands in which Americans across the nation are working to help the homeless.

After noticing that the breakfast period at a neighborhood McDonald's was the slowest period of the day for sales one morning, James Fisher approached the owner, Mrs. Neva Van Valkenburg, with an idea. Mr. Fisher proposed arranging for students at St. Albans School and its sister school, the National Cathedral School, to have breakfast at the McDonald's every day for one week. In return for this increased business, Mr. Fisher asked for 15% of each morning's sales, in the form of a food credit, to be set aside for low-income and homeless children. This credit would then be used to purchase meals provided by Martha's Table in the District of Columbia. Mrs. Van Valkenburg agreed with James' idea and the program became a stellar success. James Fisher's arrangement with Mrs. Van Valkenburg provided for 250 additional meals for the homeless children who are fed at Martha's Table. Mr. Speaker, I commend James, Mrs. Van Valkenburg and the students who participated in this program to help homeless children in their community.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize the many organizations and individuals in my own Congressional district who assist the homeless and the hungry. These services range from mental and physical health programs, help desks, meals and shelter, job training programs, health care, transitional housing and residential rehabilitation. These organizations are fighting the battle against homelessness and hunger everyday. Some of the organizations I would like to recognize for their work include the Daly City Community Services Center, the North Peninsula Dining Center in Daly City, the Grace Covenant Church in South San Francisco, the South San Francisco Food Pantry in South San Francisco, the North Peninsula Neighborhood Services Center in South San Francisco, the St. Vincent de Paul Society Cafe, the St. Vincent Homeless Help Desk in South San Francisco, the San Mateo Pacifica Resource Center, CALL -Primrose Center in Burlingame, the Samaritan Family Kitchen in San Mateo, and many, many others.

All of these groups help to provide necessary services for the homeless of San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and I would like to pay tribute to the individuals who work and volunteer their time to help the homeless and the hungry in our community.

Mr. Speaker, James Fisher's experience and the efforts of many other organizations, including those on the Peninsula and in the City of San Francisco, should serve as an example to all of us on how each one of us can help our communities work to alleviate hunger and homelessness.

IN HONOR OF THE REOPENING OF  
THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL  
AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY  
CENTER OF NEW YORK

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and

Transgender Community Center of New York will reopen after a two-year renovation. The Center is housed in a historic former high school in Greenwich Village. The Food and Maritime Trades High School was built in 1844 and became the spiritual home of the Gay and Lesbian community of New York in 1983.

Since its founding, the Center has served as a meeting place for those committed to improving the lives and assuring the rights of those who suffer because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation. The Center is an inclusive organization that recently changed its name to demonstrate a commitment to serving the Bisexual and Transgender community.

Newcomers to New York have always joined together in fraternal and social groups. Just as some organizations help immigrants adjust to life in the City, so too, the Center helps newcomers from the gay community as they adjust to a new life in New York. Quarterly orientations and regular support groups for young people are some of the Center's most important programs.

The Center is the "heart" of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community in New York City. Each week, more than 5,000 people visit the center to take advantage of the numerous services and programs it offers. It has also become a social center for many people in the community. The monthly schedule at the Center includes more than 100 political and social groups. The AA program alone provides counseling and support for several hundred people in recovery. The Center Library is a valuable resource for both the gay and straight community.

The Center's real contributions can be seen in the lives of those who have been transformed by the Center. The HIV positive patient who is strengthened through the AIDS support group, the counseled teen who is empowered to stand up to taunts, and the participant in a 12-step program who can face the future with friends from the Center, have all improved their quality of life through Center programs.

I am honored to salute the many people who work so hard at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center of New York. The reopening of the Center is indeed a cause for celebration.

#### CITIZENSHIP IMPORTANT

### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member wishes to commend to his colleagues the July 4, 2001, editorial from the Omaha World-Herald entitled "Americans All." It ran exactly 225 years after America's forefathers declared independence from England. At that time, no one could have envisioned how the ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence would continue to attract immigrants from around the world.

Mr. Speaker, immigrants who legally traverse the U.S. immigration system should be highly lauded. Indeed, they have made incredible sacrifices to attain freedom and the chance to pursue their dreams. Therefore, it is incumbent upon this body to continue to support legal immigration and the efforts of immigrants to become U.S. citizens for only

through citizenship can immigrants, who contribute so much to other aspects of American society, fully participate in our unique political process.

[From the Omaha World-Herald, July 4, 2001]

#### AMERICANS ALL

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.—Declaration of Independence

As Midlanders celebrate the 225th anniversary of America's decision to end its status as a collection of colonies, it is instructive and heartening to note that this region is in a real sense a showcase for the degree to which the Declaration remains a living document.

Nebraska and Iowa in particular are increasingly becoming a focus not just of immigration but of immigrants who take the important and self-affirming step of becoming U.S. citizens. Those who do so are immersing themselves in the old, yet ever young, quest for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which often were not available in their native lands.

The numbers are not yet huge, but the math involved is impressive. Naturalizations—mostly of people from Latin America but also from Lithuania and Asia and points all over—have grown impressively in the last decade. Many come for jobs, often in this region's meatpacking plants.

But it is noteworthy that increasingly they are coming here, rather than to more traditional venues like California, Texas and the East Coast. Many believe that economic prospects are brighter in this part of the country, and for the most part they find easy acceptance. Last year, 4,245 people became U.S. citizens in Iowa and Nebraska. Contrast that with the figure of 897 as recently as 1992—almost a fourfold increase. (this Friday, at least 250 new citizens will be sworn at Lexington, Neb.)

He has endeavored to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither. . . .

It is worth remembering that one of the complaints the authors of the Declaration fielded against England's King George III was that his policies sharply restricted immigration. George correctly saw burgeoning population as a threat to his hold on the colonies. And while he could do nothing about population growth in America due to the natural margin of births over deaths, he could and did try to strangle further influx.

Today, although immigration and naturalization still present some roadblocks, the picture is much brighter. Among those who want to plant their futures here, for the most part they do better if they become citizens. They then have more of a stake, more of a say. And, to their credit, the process requires work. It's not like signing up for a supermarket discount card or acquiring a driver's license.

The procedure usually takes about a year. There's a standard \$250 processing fee, and along the way there's an FBI background check, an interview and a civics test. So it's not easy, but at least it's achievable and the process is regularized and fair. Completing it is, and ought to be, a source of pride.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. . . . We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. . . .

As has been often noted, this is a nation of immigrants. In the Midlands, that immigration has to a great degree meant Germans

and Irish, and in lesser numbers Poles, English, Scandinavians, Czechs and the descendants of freed slaves. Today, Latinos and, to a lesser degree, those of Asian origins are changing the face of society here—figuratively and literally.

It is, we believe, incumbent on those who got here first to extend a welcome to those who are making their own trips and taking up citizenship as the 20th century fades into the 21st. For the most part, this is happening seamlessly. For the most part, this is happening seamlessly. The newest arrivals are being assimilated and recognized for their strengths. To be candid, Iowa and Nebraska would have difficulty sustaining population growth without them. The process feeds on itself. Newcomers who become citizens (or legal residents) are in turn entitled to serve as sponsors for relatives' applications.

And so it goes. The faces change somewhat. The goals and dreams do not.

Nearly everyone who comes here and becomes a part of the American matrix is seeking essentially the same things the Founders were taking about 225 years ago. Americans are all in this together. They draw strength for new blood, new ideas. That's the indisputable past, and it is the inevitable future.

#### IN MEMORY OF STANLEY KRAMER

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of an exceptional film maker, Stanley Kramer.

During his lifetime, Stanley Kramer produced dozens of films. They included such classics as *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, *Judgment at Nuremberg* and *Inherit the Wind*.

Stanley Earl Kramer was born and raised in New York City's Hell's Kitchen neighborhood, where he later attended New York University. Before he left for the military service in World War II, he established himself in the movie industry as a researcher, editor and writer. His first film, *So This is New York*, was released in 1948.

Working in the 1950s and 60s, Kramer stood for things in which he believed and intertwined them into his works. For example, he highlighted issues such as race in *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* and *The Defiant Ones*, Nazi war crimes in *Judgment at Nuremberg*, fundamentalism vs. modern science in *Inherit the Wind* and nuclear holocaust in *On the Beach*. He also depicted his courageous demeanor in his films, not even realizing it, by creating characters who fought against fear while others stayed behind.

Even though Kramer was known as a "message director", his friends and beloved ones knew him as much more. Steven Spielberg once said that Kramer was one of the greatest film makers due to the impact he made on the ethical world, and not solely based on the art and passion he conveyed on screen.

Eighty of his films were nominated for Oscars, 16 of them which won and six were nominated for Best Picture. Three of his finest films made the American Film Institute's list of 100 Best Movies of All Time. Kramer himself was nominated as Best Director three times, and in 1962, he was presented the prestigious Irving B. Thalberg Memorial Award for Outstanding Work. He also received the Producers Guild of America's David O. Selznick Life Achievement Award.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Stanley Kramer for all of his achievements in the movie industry. His love and dedication in portraying significant films has touched the hearts of all.

DISTRIBUTED POWER HYBRID  
ENERGY ACT

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Distributed Power Hybrid Energy Act. This bill would direct the Secretary of Energy to develop and implement a strategy for research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of distributed power hybrid energy systems.

Distributed power is modular electric generation or storage located close to the point of use, well suited for the use of renewable energy technologies such as wind turbines and photovoltaics, and also of clean, efficient, fossil-fuel technologies such as gas turbines and fuel cells.

Distributed power avoids the need for and cost of additional transmission lines and pipelines, reduces associated delivery losses, and increases energy efficiency. In addition, distributed power can provide insurance against energy disruptions and expand the available energy service choices for consumers.

By their very nature, renewable resources are distributed. Our ability to cost-effectively take advantage of our renewable, indigenous resources can be greatly advanced through systems that minimize the intermittency of these resources. Distributed power hybrid systems can help accomplish this.

"Hybridizing" distributed power systems—combining two renewable sources or a renewable and a fossil source—enables us to offset the weaknesses of one technology with the strengths of another. For example, in a hybrid system, the intermittency of wind power can be offset by the reliability and affordability of power generated by a microturbine.

My bill would direct the Secretary of Energy to develop a distributed power hybrid systems strategy identifying opportunities for and barriers to such systems, technology gaps that need to be closed, and system integration tools that are necessary to plan, design, build and operate such systems.

Mr. Speaker, distributed generation represents the most significant technological change in the electric industry in decades. Knowing this, it makes sense to focus our R&D priorities on distributed power hybrid systems that can both help improve power reliability and affordability and bring more efficiency and cleaner energy resources into the mix. My bill would help us do this. I look forward to working with Members of the House to move forward with this important initiative.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JESUS  
CARREON

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jesus Carreon for his unfailing leadership and his dedication to the Southern California community. Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon, current President of Rio Hondo College, will be leaving the district to assume a new position as President of Portland Community College in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Carreon has been an active contributor to the Southern California community for quite some time. After spending his childhood in the San Diego area, he pursued his Bachelor's Degree from the University of San Diego. He later earned his Master's of Science Degree from the University of California, Irvine, and his Doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California.

After completing his own education, Dr. Carreon immediately became a teacher. Since then, he has been involved in the educational process at nearly every level. He served as Assistant Dean of Instruction at Laney College in Oakland and as Assistant Dean of Vocational Education at San Bernardino Valley College. Dr. Carreon later served as Vice President of Instruction at El Camino Community College and, most recently, as President of Ventura College.

Jess has made immense strides during his tenure as President of Rio Hondo Community College. In addition to greatly improving the school's image, Dr. Carreon has worked tirelessly to increase Rio Hondo's involvement in the community. Under his leadership, members of the school's management team were awarded seats on Chambers of Commerce in each of Rio Hondo's sending districts. In addition, Dr. Carreon pioneered the creation of the school's first satellite campuses in the towns of El Monte and Santa Fe Springs.

Still, Dr. Carreon's involvement reaches far beyond the classroom. When not teaching, he serves on local community boards and acts as an advocate for economic development. He sits on the Board of Directors for both the American Association of Community Colleges and the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital. Dr. Carreon is an active member of Whittier and San Gabriel economic councils and, in 1999, was named President of the National Community College Hispanic Council.

Dr. Carreon's expansive knowledge and considerable expertise have made him a popular speaker at the regional, state and national levels. He lectures frequently on a host of topics, including economic development, workforce preparation, and leadership.

Dr. Carreon has devoted his life to improving education throughout Southern California and the 34th Congressional District. He is a model citizen, active throughout the community. I want to personally congratulate Jess for all his contributions and wish him success in his new position.

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE FISCAL  
YEAR 2002 AGRICULTURE  
APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION

**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 Agriculture Appropriations legislation (H.R. 2330) that would provide \$74.6 billion in funds for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, and other related agencies. I believe we must support our nation's agriculture programs and am very pleased that this year's bill including sufficient federal funding for nutrition research programs.

I am particularly pleased that this legislation includes \$75 million in additional federal funding for the Agriculture Research Service (ARS), a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The ARS conducts and funds a variety of research projects, including nutrition research. The ARS provides funding for six human nutrition research centers, including the Children's Nutrition Research Center (CNRC) at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. The CNRC is the only human nutrition research center which focuses primarily on pediatric nutrition and helps to make recommendations about childhood diets.

As the representatives for the CNRC, I applaud the innovative pediatric nutrition research which the CNRC conducts each year. I am also pleased that this bill includes an additional \$500,000 for the CNRC so they can expand their pediatric nutrition research next year. I believe that this investment will not only save lives but also reduce health care costs as we learn more about what is the best, most nutritional food for our children to eat. This additional funding will fund valuable research which will help families to provide nutritional food for their children so that these children will live longer, healthier lives.

There are many examples of CNRC's research which will have a direct impact on our lives. For instance, CNRC researchers are currently examining the metabolic, hormonal and dietary factors that affect the body's absorption and utilization of essential mineral nutrients such as calcium and zinc. Lack of adequate calcium intake in childhood can predispose children, especially females to fractures and osteoporosis. By understanding how our bodies process calcium and other nutrients, the CNRC will be able to make important recommendations on how to help children to prevent osteoporosis. Another CNRC study is working to identify the factors that influence children's eating habits and how best to help children and families to adopt healthier habits to avoid the long-term health problems linked to poor nutrition, such as obesity, diabetes, stroke, and osteoporosis. The CRNC is also doing research on the nutrition of mothers and their infants during pregnancy and lactation. These studies will examine the optimal dietary calorie, protein, and mineral requirements for maternal health during pregnancy and lactation. With this study, mothers and their infants will learn more about the necessary nutrients they need to maintain optimal health during pregnancy and lactation.

I will continue to work with the House Appropriations Committee to ensure that the

CNRC gets sufficient federal funding to conduct pediatric nutritional research. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation which provides necessary funding for agriculture and nutrition research programs.

COMMENDING BEN AFFLECK

**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special person, Ben Affleck, who came to town yesterday to host a fund-raiser on behalf of the A-T Children's Project. A-T (Ataxia-Telangectasia) is a genetic disease that attacks children. How Ben became involved is noteworthy.

Ben met Joe Kindregan, then 10, three years ago while Ben was filming a segment of his hit film, *Forces of Nature*, at Dulles Airport. Joe had just started using his power wheelchair and was given the opportunity to meet Ben on the set during filming. Ben and Joe immediately hit it off and their friendship has grown since then. Ben and Joe meet occasionally and keep in touch by e-mail. Recently, Ben invited Joe and his family to the premiere of his new movie, *Pearl Harbor*, in Hawaii. Over the last few years, Ben has been able to witness first-hand the toll A-T has taken on Joe, and Joe's increasing dependence on his family, just to get through the day. Ben's devotion to Joe—and the Kindregan family's work with the A-T Children's Project and families—has made a tremendous difference in their lives and has given them additional hope that, with the help of people like Ben, a cure is possible.

Ben is a gifted young actor, popular, and hitting all the right high spots that a demanding career in Hollywood requires. He has gone beyond acting and has journeyed into the entrepreneurial world of producing shows as well. He has many developing interests in his life; takes the time to stay close to his mother; and seems to truly strive to make a real difference in this world.

Ben has taken the time to learn about the disease and the various research projects that are focusing on finding a cure. He appeared before the Senate yesterday as a compassionate and informed witness to talk about this dreadful disease, and the remarkable progress this small foundation has made in so short a period of time in its search for a cure. He requested that Congress provide increased funding to NIH for A-T research. He also joined many Members of Congress and friends last night to do push-ups and shoot hoops at an event to raise money and awareness about A-T.

I believe that Ben Affleck is an exceptional person. In his work with A-T, he has demonstrated a deep compassion and interest in his fellow man, which is particularly notable when coming from someone in the midst of achieving enormous fame and fortune. Ben has been a true hero to the A-T kids, and I extend my personal thanks to him.

IN HONOR OF MR. CARROLL  
O'CONNOR

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Carroll O'Connor, a truly remarkable man, who has influenced the lives of many people throughout his acting career, most notably known for his character of Archie Bunker in "All in the Family".

Mr. O'Connor was very enthusiastic about "All in the Family" which began in 1971 and lasted eight seasons. Mr. O'Connor portrayed a cranky, ignorant, and even caustic man whose wholesomeness and honesty won over the sympathy of audiences. He stated about the show, "Right from the start I loved the idea of this show. It was frank and refreshing, a lot more true to life than anything on the air. Everybody was talking about creating shows that were relevant, but nobody wanted to touch the real thing."

As the television show grew, Mr. O'Connor's popularity soared to unbelievable heights. He was not just the character that he was known for, but he was a lovable man who truly cared for all. The show's other cast members spoke of the cast as a family. After the death of his son he spent a significant amount of his time working against drug abuse. Mr. O'Connor was dedicated to the cause and traveled the country promoting laws in the state legislatures that would allow victims of drug abuse to sue drug dealers for monetary damages.

Let us honor the memory of Carroll O'Connor for his remarkable contributions to the people through his life of service, most notably playing the role of "Archie Bunker."

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2330) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Gilchrist/Olver amendment. The amendment would strike the language that was inserted in the bill to ensure that the Kyoto Protocol is not implemented prior to its ratification in the Senate.

This language has been added over the past several years ago to numerous appropriations bills. As I understand it, the reason what that some were concerned that President Clinton was moving too fast to address global warming.

It's important to note that the Inspector Generals of the EPA, the Department of Energy,

and the Department of State all agreed that the Clinton Administration was not trying to prematurely implement the Kyoto Protocol.

But that's all beside the point now.

We have a new President who has made it clear that he intends to do nothing about global warming, except study it. He has pronounced the Kyoto Protocol fundamentally flawed and "dead," and he has reversed his campaign promise to regulate carbon dioxide.

As it stands, this bill seems to say we still need to restrain any federal efforts to address global warming. But if there is ever a time NOT to send cautionary messages about acting too fast to address global warming, it's now. The danger we face today is in acting far too slowly.

Last year, efforts on the floor to amend the Kyoto language were successful. I urge my colleagues to send the same good message that we sent last year—this anti-Kyoto language wasn't necessary in past years, and it's not necessary now. There is now a scientific consensus that global warming is real, and it is time for Congress to confront it.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HOWARD  
L. HOGAN

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary man, Mr. Howard L. Hogan, who is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service to the El Rancho Unified School District.

A native of California's 34th Congressional District, Mr. Hogan was born and raised in the town of Whittier. After graduating from Whittier High School in 1958, Howard attended California State University at Long Beach, where he received his Bachelor of the Arts Degree in 1962.

Upon completing his undergraduate education, Mr. Hogan immediately began his teaching career. He taught one year with the Santa Ana School District before serving his country in the United States Army. After his service, Howard rejoined the workforce as a teacher with the El Rancho Unified School District in 1965.

Since that day, over 36 years ago, Mr. Hogan has involved himself in all levels of the educational process. He has been a teacher of the industrial arts, a high school dean, a high school counselor, and an assistant principal. In 1986, he became Principal of the El Rancho Adult School, a position he has held ever since. In the last 15 years, he has brought significant change to the District, working constantly to elicit excellence from students.

Throughout the years, Howard has been a fervent advocate of adult study, emphasizing the importance of life-long education. As Principal of the El Rancho Adult School, he supported and directed the creation of a new site for the program. This school, designed to serve the needs of Southern California's adult community, is something that Mr. Hogan and the entire neighborhood take great pride in.

After 36 years of unwavering service, Howard's retirement is greatly deserved. He plans to devote his retirement to personal business

matters, volunteer activities, and, most importantly, his wife, Jo Anne.

Howard Hogan is an ideal citizen who has shown enthusiasm and commitment to the students of El Rancho Unified School District. In his 36 years as a teacher, he has made limitless contributions to both faculty and students alike. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Howard for all his accomplishments and wishing him the best of luck in his retirement.

“HONORING A FALLEN HERO,  
YASBEL ‘MAC’ ARREDONO ORTIZ”

### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ysabel “Mac” Arrendondo Ortiz, who proudly served his county in Korea. Although he was listed as Missing In Action on Dec. 2, 1950, his family never gave up hope that he would return home. In January of 1954 his mother, Concha, received notice that Corporal Ysabel A. Ortiz had been awarded the Purple Heart Award posthumously for making the supreme sacrifice for his county.

Cpl. Ysabel was born and raised in the 31st Congressional District city of El Monte, California. He was a third generation El Montean. His grandfather, Longino Ortiz, came to America in 1915 to look for a better life for his family and escape the troubles of the Mexican Revolution. He arrived in El Monte and sent for the rest of the family from Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico.

Ysabel A. Ortiz, or Mac as his friends and family knew him, attended school in El Monte at a time when Mexican-American children were segregated from white school children. Mac attended school up to grade 5 at Lexington School and then Columbia school from grade 6 through 8. He attended El Monte High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 18.

Mac’s service to his country has not gone unrecognized. His name appears on a bronze plaque honoring our nation’s war dead at the El Monte Historical Museum. Mac’s photo also hangs in the La Historia Society Museum/Museo de Los Barrios Veterans Exhibit, which is also in El Monte. To this day, Cpl. Ysabel “Mac” A. Ortiz’s Purple Heart is proudly displayed by his sister Chata.

Mac Ortiz was survived by his mother, Concha Ortiz (now deceased); his father, Ysabel M. Ortiz, Sr. of West Covina, CA; his brothers Harold Ortiz (now deceased) and Jose Lucio Ortiz, of Oklahoma; his sisters Esmeralda “Chata” Ortiz Ureno of Covina and Jennie Sanchez of Whittier; his step-brothers Manuel Ortiz of El Monte and Rudy Ortiz of Bakerfield; and his step-sisters Rose Soto of West Covina and Ana Sanchez of Arcadia.

Mac Ortiz’s loving memory lives in the hearts of Chata and the entire Ortiz family. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mac Ortiz’s contributions to our great nation.

### THE KIDNAPPING OF THREE ISRAELI SOLDIERS

### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, on October 7th of last year Hezbollah terrorists crossed the Israel-Lebanon border and perpetrated the cowardly kidnapping of three Israeli soldiers. In the last nine months Hezbollah has repeatedly refused to provide any information on the fate of these young men, leaving their families and friends in a state of torturous limbo.

Last week it was revealed that the United Nations is in possession of a video tape that was made of the scene of this crime the day after it occurred. The Israeli government investigators believe that this tape may contain material evidence that will help them identify the terrorists who committed this act.

U.N. peacekeepers should be expected to keep the peace. This includes assisting in the apprehension of those who violate international borders to commit war crimes.

I have introduced a House Resolution that calls for the United Nations to immediately provide Israeli investigators with an unedited copy of the crime scene video tape and any other material evidence that would help bring these terrorists to justice and to end this nightmare for the families of Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, and Omar Souad.

I urge my colleagues to join me to show our strong support for the rule of law, for the sovereignty of our ally Israel, and for these men held in captivity by terrorists.

### RECOGNIZING MR. PAUL MARKLOFF

### HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Markloff, whose honesty and character have made him a hero to an elderly woman in the wake of Hurricane Allison. Mr. Markloff is a nineteen-year employee of Nationwide Insurance and a resident of Sellersville, Pennsylvania. On June 19 he was assigned to the case of a woman whose apartment had been flooded and then burned when the water caused a natural gas explosion in the building. She had no family to help her recover from the damage. Her apartment was devastated by the fire and she told Mr. Markloff that she had lost everything. She mentioned that she had \$8,000 in cash inside her apartment. When Mr. Markloff and a maintenance worker went in and searched the charred furniture, they found a total of \$420,000 cash in a dresser. Despite the fact that the woman had not mentioned this much money—she said, in fact, that she didn’t even know she had that much—Mr. Markloff gathered the money together and drove her immediately to her bank. He made sure that all the cash was carefully deposited in a special account and then took her to dinner and found her a room for the night.

Mr. Markloff’s actions in assisting this woman in a time of crisis would have been

commendable even had they not also included such an impressive display of honesty. Had he only helped her find housing, he would have earned our praise. By returning her savings, about which she herself was unaware, he has shown himself to be a man of high moral and ethical standards. It is always inspiring to know that there are people like Mr. Markloff, who are generous enough to do the right thing without thought of personal gain. Mr. Markloff told a local newspaper that he didn’t expect any reward for his actions because he was “just doing his Job.” Perhaps he was not rewarded monetarily, but he certainly deserves our recognition and thanks. His actions remind us how much good is in all of us and I am honored to pay tribute to him today.

### IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John West Shore Hospital in commemoration of its 20th anniversary. Since its establishment in 1981, the hospital has been faithfully serving the needs of western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain county residents.

Since its induction as a fledgling medical facility on March 1, 1981, St. John West Shore Hospital has subsequently expanded and broadened its services, making it a bastion of service and charity for the Westlake community. The hospital’s initial years were filled with uncertainty, but its current success renders the institution an emblem of triumph and progress for us all to admire. The Westlake community welcomed and supported the hospital since its induction as a medical facility, forging the reciprocal relationship that has been so integral to the hospital’s survival and growth. A testament to this mutual support and rapport was the monumental opening of Medical Buildings 2 and 3.

In 1989, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine became the sole sponsors of the hospital, setting the framework for the hospital’s establishment as an institution dedicated to the well-being of the community. However, the hospital does not qualify its services to solely the physical needs of the Westlake residents, but also nurtures their spiritual needs as witnessed by its induction of the annual Festival of the Arts in 1992. In line with its commitment to serving the public, the facility pays arduous attention to the needs of each individual. To expedite the fulfillment of each patient’s particular and unique needs, the hospital became part of a not-for-profit juncture in 1999, under the auspices of University Hospitals Health System and the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Health System. This Joint effort further compounded the hospitals’ steadfast dedication and mission as a health care advocate at the service of its people.

I laud St. John West Shore Hospital on its 20th anniversary in sincere awe and reverence for its magnanimous and unrelenting efforts in the service of the residents of Westlake.

HONORING ROBERT F.  
PAILTHORPE

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise before you today to recognize the accomplishments of Chief Navy Journalist Robert F. Pailthorpe, who will be retiring September 28, after 20 years of loyal service to our country.

Born in Swartz Creek, Michigan in 1963, Robert Pailthorpe graduated from Swartz Creek High School, where he served as editor of the student newspaper, after founding a community newspaper at the age of 15. He joined the United States Navy in August 1981, and after graduation from basic training, reported to Naval Technical Training Center in Meridian, MS, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class, qualifying him for accelerated advancement to Petty Officer-Third Class. After a stint on the USS Saratoga, Chief Pailthorpe attended the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and returned to the Saratoga as Petty Officer—Second Class. During this time, Chief Pailthorpe coordinated international media response to the American bombing of Libya after the Achille Lauro ocean liner hijacking.

Chief Pailthorpe went on to serve as Public Affairs Officer and Department Head for the Navy second largest recruiting district in Chicago. His success there resulted in two nominations as Sailor of the Year and three selections as Support Person of the Quarter. While in Chicago, Chief Pailthorpe reenrolled in the Defense Information School, where he became Commanding Officer of his class, and he was advanced to Journalist-First Class.

After completing a tour on the USS Forrestal, Chief Pailthorpe next assignment was as Assistant Public Affairs Officer and Assistant Department Head of the Navy's Blue Angels. He oversaw the public affairs mission requirements for over 120 air shows and many other special projects during the team's 50 the Anniversary. He was nominated as Blue Angel of the Year, and selected as Blue Angel of the Quarter for his efforts.

In October 1996, Chief Pailthorpe reported to his current post, Strategic Communications Wing One as Assistant Public Affairs Officer and Administrative Department Leading Chief Petty Officer. In May 1999, he coordinated national media response in the wake of one of Oklahoma's most powerful and destructive tornadoes.

Chief Pailthorpe has been recognized many times for his service. He has received three Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals, and four Good Conduct Medals, among many other awards. In addition, he has always strived to be an important figure in his community. He has been an active member of the Boy Scouts, the Sea Cadet Corps, was editor of Chicago's American Red Cross newspaper, and was adviser and newspaper editor for the Oklahoma State Chapter to Prevent Child Abuse.

Mr. Speaker, as the father of two sons who have served in our nation's military, I know very well that it takes a special person to serve our country in the service of the military. I am grateful for Chief Robert Pailthorpe's

dedication and commitment to justice, and I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating him on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF  
FAYETTEVILLE

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the City of Fayetteville on its recent selection as an All-America City for 2001. This is quite an honor, and indeed one that is well-deserved.

In particular, I would like to pay special tribute to those individuals who served on the Fayetteville All-America City Award Committee for their tremendous efforts to bring due recognition to this fine city located in the Seventh Congressional District of North Carolina.

Under this committee's exemplary leadership, Fayetteville has been recognized as a model for all cities across the nation to emulate. By encouraging community-wide involvement to help address and solve local issues, the residents of Fayetteville have shown that they truly have what it takes to be All-America citizens.

They are to be commended for their efforts to implement three innovative programs known as Operation Inasmuch, MetroVisions, and Study Circles. By fostering an atmosphere of commitment, cooperation, and community, these programs have served to make Fayetteville an even better place to call home.

The City of Fayetteville is indeed privileged to have such dedicated citizens working tirelessly to promote all that this community has to offer. With hard work and dedication, the residents of Fayetteville have what it takes to make a real difference. I am confident that whatever challenges Fayetteville may have—now or in the future—the citizens of this fine city will overcome them and go forward with inspiration, imagination, and innovation.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting Fayetteville for this distinguished honor of being named an All-America City for 2001.

TRIBUTE TO HEINZ PRECHTER

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable citizen of Michigan, of our nation, indeed of the world, Heinz Prechter.

Like so many, many others, I was deeply saddened and shocked at his death on July 6. I did not know Heinz Prechter well enough to know about his inner self. I did not know that he had been fighting the illness of depression for many years. I did know him well enough to have seen firsthand his immense vitality, his grit, his supreme intelligence and his unique curiosity.

It was only a few weeks ago that he dropped by the office in D.C. for a chat. He was very tanned, I thought perhaps from playing golf with one or more of the endless luminaries with whom his life was intertwined. But

our discussion was very down to earth, which was the hallmark of Heinz Prechter.

The day before he had been elected the new Chairman of the U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee. He had agreed to take this post, even though he knew that he had already overcrowded his schedule with a wide variety of other endeavors such as the Global Automotive Institute, work on the board of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, various projects in the Downriver communities, all in addition, of course, to his day to day business dealings. With enthusiasm he discussed how he intended to pick up the pace on efforts to win for American businesses and workers more equal access to the markets of other nations. On this subject, as was true for so many others in his life, there was no barrier because he was an active Republican talking with a Democratic member of Congress. For him, life was a web of different pursuits with changing alliances. He felt that he had the best chance to get things moving again, using his impeccable credentials in the automotive world and his relationships within the political party to which he was dedicated.

When he was leaving, we put our arms around each others shoulders; the last thought in my mind at the time was that I would never see again that ball of fire, that bundle of energy.

His life is an example for all—his dedication to human endeavors and relationships.

May his death serve not only for us to remember him well, as he so richly deserves, but also to tackle with the kind of energy he possessed the illness, depression, that cost him his life and cost us an invaluable citizen and friend. My condolences reach out to the entire Prechter family.

HONORING DR. OLIVE JACK FOR  
HER EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE  
TO THE NAPA COMMUNITY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Olive Jack's tremendous commitment to the health and well being of the citizens of the Napa community. Dr. Jack has served admirably in many health care roles and has been a tremendous success in every one.

We can all look to Dr. Jack as a true role model for serving the public selflessly and tirelessly. Currently, Dr. Jack is serving on the Napa County Commission on Aging, the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging, and is membership chair of the Napa Association of Retarded Citizens Board. She is also a member of the Board and Executive Committee of ALDEA, an agency that operates residential treatment programs for disturbed teenagers.

Dr. Jack began her long career in public service in the Napa area when she started as the School Physician for Napa County Superintendent of Schools and as a consultant to Napa County Health Department, in charge of Child Health Conferences. Following her success working with the school district, Dr. Jack served five years as Director of Health Services for the County of Napa.

Previous to her career in public service, Dr. Jack served her internship and residency at

the Children's Hospital in San Francisco. Following this, she practiced pediatric medicine privately in Napa as a Licentiate of the American Board of Pediatrics.

The California Medical Association, the Napa County Medical Society, and the Northern California chapter of Academy of Pediatrics are all privileged to have Dr. Jack a professional member. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Nebraska, Lincoln, a Master of Public Health from University of California, Berkeley, and has her M.D. from Temple University School of Medicine.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to honor Dr. Olive Jack on the occasion of the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging's tribute to her outstanding career of public service. Please join me in recognizing Dr. Jack's unparalleled work towards improving the health care of the citizens of Napa.

IN HONOR OF REV. HENRY  
JEZESKI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the deceased Reverend Henry Jezeski, a man who will forever remain in our memories as an exemplar of virtue, integrity, and altruism.

Rev. Jezeski's death at the age of 75 marks the end of a life characterized by compassion and selflessness. Born and raised in the Cleveland area, Rev. Jezeski set a compelling example for us, his neighbors, and moreover for all of humanity. Ordained to priesthood in 1951, Rev. Jezeski tirelessly and unrelentingly offered his services as a pastor up until his death. His dedication to people is reflected in his numerous assignments as assistant pastor to a litany of churches in the Cleveland area.

In 1982, Rev. Jezeski was transferred to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Southeast Cleveland, where he served for 14 years until his retirement. It was at Our Lady of Czestochowa where Rev. Jezeski's imprints on his community are most palpable. The attendees of Our

Lady of Czestochowa can most attest to this fine human being's tireless sacrifice of his time and energy in order to ameliorate the lives of others. Rev. Jezeski was also a prominent leader of the Polish community, exemplified by his position as Chaplain of the Alliance of Poles, where he worked diligently to promote understanding and rapport between the Polish and larger Cleveland communities.

Rev. Henry Jezeski led a life to make Cleveland proud and honored to have such a precious human being as its leader and counsel. Rev. Jezeski will be sorely missed by us all.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EVA M. CLAYTON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday morning July 12, 2001, I was unavoidably detained and as a result missed one rollcall vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 222, on approval to the House Journal.