

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST TOLEDO FAMILY CENTER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of the East Toledo Family Center in Toledo, Ohio.

Begun by a cadre of East Toledoans who felt great pride about their neighborhood and wanted to further enhance opportunities for its residents, the East Toledo Family Center was born in 1901. It has established itself as a stalwart beacon in a community which saw continued and great change in its century of existence.

Evolving with the neighborhood and its changing needs, the center has grown into a full service neighborhood center with 40,000 square feet of space providing educational, recreational, and social programs including preschool, school age childcare, youth enrichment, programs for teens to learn about themselves and their environment, human services case management on site, a family health clinic offering family and maternal health care, and a police substation. It also coordinates with community organizations offering special programs on site.

Amazingly, the East Toledo Family Center serves more than 10,000 people each year. Its longtime former director Warren Densmore, who led the center through unprecedented growth for 38 years, encapsulated the feeling and vision of the East Toledo Family Center: "We want to create a feeling of neighborliness by helping individuals and groups to be interested in one another and to help each other try to better the conditions around themselves physically, culturally, socially, and morally. We try to develop our own leadership, so that when a community problem or need arises we can go to work on it, individually and as groups." It is a philosophy which is a guiding principle yet today. The East Toledo Family Center is governed by the community, of the community, and for the community. Therein lies both its strength and its success. The East Toledo neighborhood is center stage in the planning and implementing of all of the center's opportunities.

Its mission is to "provide quality programs and services to enhance the lives of individuals and families by meeting the emerging needs of our community. We will accomplish this by assisting seniors in maintaining independent lifestyles; preparing young people to do well in school, developing and fostering good character, and helping them become productive members of society; building strong family units within the community; coordinating services and cooperating with other agencies to improve the quality of life in the community." Anyone who has visited the East Toledo Family Center can attest to how well it lives its mission. It is truly a jewel in our city's crown.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE TIMES REPORTER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, the exemplary work of the staff of the Times Reporter earned them distinguished recognition at the Annual Associated Press of Ohio Awards; and,

Whereas, staff members received high marks for their coverage of the tragic murder of the missing teenager, Elizabeth Reiser in the breaking news category; and,

Whereas, contributing to this successful effort were Benjamin Duer, Joe Mizer, Renee Brown, Kathy Vaughan, Lee Morrison, and Kate Winther; and,

Whereas, also recognized for their accomplishments were Pat Burk, for his photo essay titles, "Sweet Science" and Steve Long, for his editorial column titled "Part of the job";

Therefore, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the impressive accomplishments of these talented individuals that have brought honor and pride to their family, friends and community.

IN HONOR OF MR. WILLIAM J. ROSENDAHL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize perhaps the most well-liked and respected man on the California political scene, Mr. William J. Rosendahl, on a lifetime of distinguished achievements and dedicated public service.

Mr. Rosendahl, since 1987, has produced over 2,000 shows that focus on political and social commentary. Now serving as Regional Vice President of Operations for Adelphia Communications, Mr. Rosendahl has served in many other capacities throughout his distinguished career. His civic achievements and public involvement have led him to countless posts during the past few years, including Chairman of the California Cable Television Association, member of the boards of the California Channel, Cable Positive, and the League of Women Voters. In his current professional capacity, Mr. Rosendahl oversees day-to-day operations for 1.2 million customers and more than 3,000 employees. He produces and occasionally hosts public affairs programming that discuss political and social issues of the day.

As moderator of several talk-show programs, Mr. Rosendahl has had the opportunity to host hundreds of political leaders and activ-

ists, including Vice President Al Gore, Ralph Nader, James Carville, and Charles Keating Jr. His sincere and heartfelt questions have gained him the respect and admiration from people at both ends of the political spectrum.

Mr. Rosendahl's deep commitment and passionate activism to social justice and equality is clear evidence to his strong integrity. He tries to give everyone, regardless of one's creed, age, race, gender, or sexual orientation, a strong world voice. He has spent many hours tackling global issues and volunteering on senatorial and gubernatorial campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring not only a fine and distinguished producer, but a respected American, Mr. William J. Rosendahl. His contributions to society have touched countless people.

IN RECOGNITION OF GLORIA WALLICK

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Gloria Wallick, a highly respected and influential child care advocate who recently announced her retirement from the Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc. In her 23 years as Chief Executive Officer, Gloria was the voice of child care in Nassau County. She made the Council the leading agency for child care by sponsoring the first USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program in New York State by a not-for-profit agency and establishing the Child Care Switchboard, an early child care referral service.

Gloria received her undergraduate degree from Brown University and an M.A. in Policy Analysis from the New School of Social Research, now New School University. She began her work in Child Care when she chaired the Policy Advisory Committee of Head Start in her home town of Rockville Centre. She then helped to establish the Rosa Lee Young Child Care Center where she served as Board President for six years.

While serving as CEO of the Child Care Council of Nassau, Gloria worked diligently on various committees to improve the quality of child care in New York. In 1984, she was appointed by Governor Cuomo to the New York State Commission on Child Care. Later, in 1988, as a member of the Nassau County Task Force on Day Care, Gloria helped to create the first salary enhancement program in America for teachers in the child care field. In 1997, she was appointed to the Nassau County Legislature's Commission on Child Care, which was created as an out-growth of her advocacy.

Throughout her career, Gloria has received numerous awards from elected officials, outreach organizations such as the Health & Welfare Council and the United Way, and child care providers for her commendable leadership and advocacy on behalf of parents and their children.

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Gloria Wallick is responsible for the current strength and upward trend of Child Care in Nassau County. She leaves behind a strong legacy and is a good example of the difference that one person can make. I applaud Gloria for her dedication to our community, and thank her on behalf of the parents and children of Nassau County who have benefited from her hard work and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO RUSH LIMBAUGH

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a growing legend in American talk radio. Conservative talk show host, Rush Limbaugh, who many know simply as Rush, has brought America back from ultra-liberalism to a more moderate, mainstream approach to politics and the American way of life.

Rush recently received the largest contract ever for a radio personality. He is deserving of the contract and also deserves to be commended for what he has done for this country. Rush was a voice of reason and had a tremendous influence on the passage of my reforms of the Internal Revenue Service. Those reforms have had a significant impact on the lives of Americans everywhere, saving their properties and their homes, providing for their day in court in a civil tax case, and shifting the burden of proof in a civil tax case from the taxpayer to the IRS. The law reduced property seizures from 10,037 to 151 in one year and dramatically reduced wage attachment and property liens. That law, which saves the homes of over 10,000 Americans every year, may not have become a reality without the help of one man's voice, heard by millions.

Though there are many who disagree with the positions he takes on tough issues, Rush provokes thought and debate on the issues that will shape the future of our great nation. He has a tremendous responsibility with the number of Americans who seek out his opinions, and he deserves credit for taking that responsibility very seriously.

Rush Limbaugh is making a difference, and I thank him for his contributions to the spirit of American political debate.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF INA MARIE LEE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a Toledoan and American of note. Ina Marie Lee. Miss Lee passed away at 108 years of age.

Miss Lee was a nurse and a veteran of World War I. She was considered the oldest living veteran in Northwest Ohio, and was one of the oldest in our nation. She served as a nurse during the war, stationed with the Army in Mobile, Alabama and Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Upon her discharge at the War's end, she worked as a private nurse for several of Toledo's prominent families. She did not retire

from nursing until the age of 85, after a 55 year career.

Ina Marie Lee was born in the tiny town of Jerry City in Wood County, Ohio. The daughter of a poultry farmer, Ina dreamed of being a nurse. After overcoming tuberculosis as a child, she realized that goal and was one of the first graduates of the former Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. Graduates of the school still meet, and Ina was a revered and popular member. She was "a wonderful role model for other nurses," according to her longtime friend and nurse Mary Lou Leonard.

Believed to be a descendant of General Robert E. Lee. Ina joined the Army on June 10, 1918. As a distinguished veteran, she was a member of the American Legion Argonne Post 545. She was also a member of the Toledo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Toledo Hospital Alumni Association, the Idlewood Rebekah Lodge No. 565 in Jerry City, and the Westgate Chapel in Toledo. She was several times the Grand Marshall in Toledo parades and was featured on NBC's Today Show on two occasions. It was my personal honor to join Ina at a recent nurses reunion in Toledo where we unveiled a statue to honor nurses and their contributions to our community.

These few words on the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD cannot do justice to this most remarkable of women and her life well-lived. Perhaps the words of her friend. Ms. Leonard, say it best. Ina Marie Lee "was a fun-loving, happy, caring person. She loved live life, she loved people, and she loved helping people." No greater tribute can there be than to have been recognized and appreciated as a friend, confidante, and dedicated nurse. We extend to her sister, Genetta Grau, and her niece and nephews our heartfelt condolence. At the same time, we celebrate a truly incredible life and honor her memory by trying to live in its example.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the great work of the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center in spreading awareness of hearing loss issues and in providing services to those who are affected by hearing loss.

Founded by President Garfield's daughter-in-law, Helen Newell Garfield, in 1921 the CHSC is the oldest hearing and speech center in the United States and the only nonprofit organization in Northeast Ohio dedicated solely to meeting the hearing, speech, and deafness needs of the community.

To observe its 80th year anniversary this year CHSC will partner with 14 Cleveland attractions for the first annual Communication Celebration. American Sign Language interpreters will be placed at each of the following attractions: The Children's Museum of Cleveland, Cleveland Botanical Garden, The Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland Metroparks Nature Centers, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Great Lakes Science Center, The Health Mu-

seum of Cleveland, Lake View Cemetery, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, Steamship William G. Mather Museum, and Western Reserve Historical Society. The event will serve as the culmination of National Deaf Awareness Week.

This is an issue that affects many people. More than 28 million Americans have a hearing loss and approximately 2 million of them are profoundly deaf. One of every 22 infants has hearing problems and one of every 1000 infants is born deaf. But, unfortunately, only an estimated 20 percent of people who could benefit from hearing aids have them. Nonetheless communications skills are the number one predictor of academic success for children and the number one predictor of success at the workplace for adults.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding the efforts of this great organization in spreading awareness and for the hard work it has contributed to this cause.

RECOGNIZING MIRA ROSENFELD SENNETT

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mira Rosenfeld Sennett, a noted educator in the Jewish community of Nassau County, and a resident of Atlantic Beach, Long Island.

Since she began her career three decades ago at the Brandeis Day School, Mira has been teaching and supervising special education in the New York school system while simultaneously pursuing her love of Jewish education. Over the past 30 years, she has taught at the Hebrew High School and the State University at Stony Brook and directed the Five Towns School of Special Education for the Special Child, Temple Beth El Religious School and the Hebrew School at the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach.

Mira is known for her love of community and Jewish learning, and she has shared these qualities with countless others. For years, Mira has organized adult education classes and book reviews for members of our community. Not only has she participated in community events, but she has brought unique ideas to life by teaching others about Judaism while sharing her own experiences. She has led youth groups to Israel and Europe. She is a former executive board member of Hadassah, UJA, and USY and served as president of the Five Towns Jewish Council and Vice President of Jewish Women International for the greater New York region.

On the occasion of Israel's 50th anniversary, Mira was recognized by the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Nassau County as one of 50 residents who make a difference. Additionally, she received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching from SUNY.

Mira emigrated from Israel in 1958. She received her undergraduate degree in Supervision and Administration from C.W. Post and a postgraduate degree in Special Education and an MS in History and Jewish Education from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Mira feels that her greatest accomplishment and dearest reward is her family: her husband Hershel, her children Avery and Robyn Rosenfeld, Drs. Tierry and Melissa Abitbol, Rosalie Sennett and Jonathan and Marianne Sennet, and her grandchildren David, Lauren, Dani, Sophie, Emma and Shaenna.

Mira Rosenfeld Sennett's commitment to our community and our children's education, Judaic and otherwise, is commendable. As a friend, I applaud Mira and her loving family for Mira's accomplishments over the years, and I thank her for all she has done for the Jewish community of Nassau County.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANGELINE N.
PAOLONE

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Angeline N. Paolone, a remarkable woman who contributed greatly to her family, her community, and this country. She passed away at the age of eighty-nine. She will be deeply missed.

One of seven sisters and four brothers, she leaves six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. She also leaves a daughter, Betty, and two sons, Louis and Anthony.

Mrs. Paolone was an active member of the St. Rose Church in Girard, Ohio, and the Ohio Leather Works Retirees Club where she dedicated much time helping others.

Angeline Paolone will be greatly missed by the Girard community. She touched the lives of many, and was a friend to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

I extend my deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GILLIAN
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HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Gillian Ream for being awarded the David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship from the National Security Education Program (NSEP).

NSEP was established in 1992 to produce a more internationally competent citizenry and to strengthen the expertise base in the federal sector. In the past seven years, NSEP has invested more than \$37 million and provided outstanding opportunities for over 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students.

Upon receiving this award, the students must agree to seek work in the Federal government in an organization with national security responsibilities. In addition, each student must have studied in a field that is important to U.S. national security, must display foreign language capability, and must have studied extensively in and about other countries or regions.

In receiving this award, Mr. Ream was one of 143 students out of several hundred applicants to receive the Boren Scholarship.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Gillian Ream for being awarded the David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF POLICE CHIEF DOMINICK J.
RIVETTI

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my very good friend, Dominick J. Rivetti, retiring Chief of the Police Department of the City of San Fernando. It has been my great pleasure to know Dominick for more than a decade and to see first hand his strong commitment to the City of San Fernando and the safety of its residents. I've had the opportunity to work with him on many issues both in his capacity as Chief and also as head of the Los Angeles County Chiefs of Police, especially with regard to the enactment, extension and expansion of the federal "Cops on the Beat" program and the maintenance of funding for the L.A. County Narcotics Task Force. Over the many years of our friendship, I have developed enormous admiration for his integrity, his dedication and his competence.

Dominick is retiring after thirty-one years of distinguished service in law enforcement with the San Fernando Police Department. He began his career as a police officer and worked his way through the ranks of the Department, enjoying more and more responsible positions until he was named Chief of Police in December of 1985. During his 15-year tenure as Chief, Dominick has developed many innovative programs and under his able leadership, the San Fernando Police Department has thrived as a community friendly, highly effective law enforcement agency.

Dominick's achievements are perhaps understood best through his personal philosophy toward law enforcement. He not only believes that the Department should protect the community, but that the Department must be an integral part of the community. Under his guidance, the Department has made San Fernando a safer, more peaceful place, embracing the notion that this can best be accomplished through earning and maintaining the support of the community. It is noteworthy that in the past five years, violent crime in San Fernando has dropped more than 50 percent and overall, crime has been reduced by 44 percent.

Dominick has directed his Police Department to use its resources so as to get more officers on the street and into the community. He has seen to it that programs for young people such as DARE and special youth at risk prevention/intervention programs have been implemented. These programs help keep children from falling through the cracks by redirecting their energy and activities from potentially dangerous ones to constructive ones.

Dominick's commitment to public service extends beyond his official law enforcement duties. He has been an active member of the San Fernando Kiwanis Club, the San Fernando Rotary and the Board of Directors Northeast Valley Jeopardy Program. He also has taught at UCLA and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department North Academy.

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to pay tribute to my good friend Dominick Rivetti. He will be greatly missed by the City of San Fernando, but he will be leaving an extremely competent, honored Police Department and a safer community as his legacy. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him many happy, healthy and productive years ahead.

RENAMING OF USNS GUNNERY
SGT. FRED W. STOCKHAM

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, recently my family had the honor of participating in the renaming ceremony for the *USNS Gunnery Sergeant Fred W. Stockham* at Blount Island Command in Jacksonville, Florida. The event was held to rename the Maritime Prepositioning Force (Enhanced) ship *Stockham* after Medal of Honor recipient and World War I hero, Fred W. Stockham.

The *USNS Stockham* will be part of the Maritime Prepositioning Force of ships operated by the United States Military Sealift Command. These ships carry additional airfield matting, fleet hospital equipment, construction battalion equipment and other supplies needed to supplement the requirements of a forward-deployed military force.

The ships that make up the Maritime Prepositioning Force of the Military Sealift Command play a vital role in our nation's national defense. Our military relies on its capability to be a sustainable force and project its power throughout the world. Maritime Prepositioning Force ships perform this mission by offering our military the equipment needed to be a fast deploying, mobile and sustainable force.

The July 6th renaming event for the newest of our Maritime Prepositioning Force ships offered my family the chance to incorporate the personal background of the ship's new namesake with that of our own life experiences. My wife, Mrs. Kitty Crenshaw, was given the honor of being the *Stockham's* official sponsor. She performed the ceremonial breaking of the champagne bottle over the ship's railing and was given the opportunity to offer her personal thoughts of motherly pride for the men and women that would man the *Stockham*.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the speech given by Mrs. Kitty Crenshaw at the renaming ceremony for the *USNS Fred W. Stockham* into today's RECORD. This speech is an example of the pride our nation holds for our military personnel and the pride a mother feels not only for her own children, but also those in her heart.

Thank you Mr. Speaker for the time today to discuss the *USNS Fred W. Stockham* renaming event and the vital role the men and women of the Military Sealift Command play in the capabilities of our military force.

I was thrilled when I was asked to be the sponsor of this ship. It seemed like an exciting and wonderful thing to experience. As I read about Sgt. *Stockham* and the traditions of this time-honored ceremony, I became increasingly humbled and grateful for this rarest of honors. As a mother, I felt especially honored and even singled out for this particular ship named

for this particular soldier. Sgt. Stockham was an orphan. He had no family and he never married. A friend was notified of this death. His body was placed in an unmarked grave that was lost for 60 years. Only the men of his company knew of his heroism until 21 years later because his Medal of Honor citation was lost in the chaos following the war. Having known the indescribable joy and privilege of being an adoptive mother, I immediately adopted this great soldier of the Great War into my heart and memory forever.

On June 13, 1918, the Germans savagely bombarded Belleau Wood with deadly mustard gas and high explosives for six long hours. Sgt. Stockham courageously led the evacuation of wounded and gassed marines. When he saw a young 17-year-old private cut down by shrapnel and his gas mask torn away, Sgt. Stockham without hesitation pulled off his own mask and put it on the young private and carried him to safety. He returned again and again to carry the wounded out. He finally collapsed from the effects of the deadly gas. He suffered an agonizing death a week later. He was 37.

Sgt. Stockham's heroism seems to me to be of a higher order. When he took off his mask, he was not just putting himself in harm's way or even risking death, he was knowingly condemning himself to a horrible death to save the life of his friend. 2000 years ago Jesus of Nazareth said that the greatest thing in the world is love and that there is no greater love than that a man would lay down his life for another. I am profoundly honored and it is with mother-like pride that I offer the gift of the memory of this great man to you and the mariners of the *USNS Gunnery Sergeant Fred W. Stockham*.

APPOINTMENT OF COLONEL
CHRISTOPHER ALLEN KNIGHT AS
DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA
HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. DAN MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the appointment of Christopher Allen Knight as the newest Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. Colonel Knight has accelerated through the ranks to become the leader of "Florida's finest." This is an exciting time for the people of Florida's 13th Congressional District.

The Florida Highway Patrol provides citizens with the highest level of professional service while promoting safety on Florida's highways through enforcement and education. I commend the FHP for their promotion of a safe driving environment through aggressive law enforcement, public education, and safety awareness; while reducing the number and severity of traffic crashes in Florida, and preserving and protecting human life, property and the rights of all people.

Colonel Knight was recently appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as the Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. Knight was given his new badge on June 29, 2001 in Tallahassee. At his side were his 10-year-old son, Mitch, his mother and father, Herman and Genevieve, his sister, Connie Bennett of Ven-

ice, and his brother, Thomas Knight, who is a Highway Patrol Troop Commander in Pinellas Park.

Colonel Knight graduated from Venice High School and earned a degree in criminology from Florida State University, before taking a job as a patrolman with the Venice Police Department. He was later selected to serve in the Florida Highway Patrol, and progressed through the ranks in his 20 year career. He has been stationed in Miami, Bradenton, Palatka, and Tallahassee in various positions, including Commander of Troop H, Tallahassee, and Chief of Training at the FHP Academy. His most recent assignment has been Chief of Field Operations for Region II, which includes oversight of Troops C (Tampa), D (Orlando) and F (Bradenton). Knight will now supervise nearly 1,800 officers throughout the state of Florida as the FHP Director.

I congratulate this fine American, and I rest assured that the Florida law enforcement community is in good hands.

HONORING THE 30th ANNIVERSARY
OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of one of the friendliest towns you will ever find—White House, Tennessee. Nestled among the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee, White House is home to 7,220 residents.

The town got its name from an inn that was painted white and used extensively by people traveling the old Nashville and Louisville Pike in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The historic route was used often by such notable figures as Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson.

With its proximity to Interstate 65 and Old Hickory Lake, White House offers its residents a desirable and unique quality of life. Incorporated in 1971, the town is close to a thriving metropolitan area, but not close enough to spoil its pastoral qualities.

I congratulate White House and its leaders, including Mayor Billy Hobbs, who has served as the town's mayor for 25 years, for developing a community that understands the need for managed growth. May the town's next 30 years be as successful as its first 30 years.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HOWELL
JAYCEES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Howell, Michigan Jaycees Chapter on receiving the prestigious Harold R. Marks award for most outstanding local chapter in the country.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said "there are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still." Through their hard work and public service, the Howell Jaycees have done anything but stand still.

The Marks award is granted to chapters based on membership growth and the type of programs they offer their members and the community.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Howell Jaycees for receiving the Harold R. Marks award. May success continue to follow this outstanding civic organization.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL BROWN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Daniel Brown. For the past three decades he has been a proponent of higher education in northwest Ohio, serving our community as President of Owens Community College.

Mr. Brown has been affiliated with Owens since its inception in 1965, serving in various capacities that culminated in his serving the past seventeen years as President. Always a proponent of the student, he has been the watchdog on tuition increases. He proved his commitment to higher education by lowering tuition five percent for the 2000-01 academic year. Through his hard work and dedication, Owens and its Findlay campus have excelled into the fastest growing two-or-four-year college in Ohio.

His dedication to students doesn't stop there. Owens has articulation agreements with almost twenty four-year colleges and universities, including Bowling Green State University, Ohio State University, University of Michigan and University of Toledo, allowing a smooth transfer for graduates pursuing bachelor's degrees. The school offers more than 100 technical programs and majors in various fields, such as health, business, industrial and engineering technologies and agriculture, in order to prepare students for careers of the future.

With a focus on state-of-the-art facilities, President Brown has expanded the college with such complexes as the Fire Science/Law Enforcement Center and Industrial and Engineering Technologies Building. A new library, audio/visual classroom center, math/science center and student health and activities center have increased the Galleria Complex, a new addition to the old campus. A Fine and Performing Arts Center will round out the construction for this site.

Even though growth, both at the physical campus and enrollment, has been exponential during the tenure of Mr. Brown, Owens remains committed to offering small classes, personal attention and flexible class schedules so that each person interested in a higher education will be afforded the opportunity to quality instruction.

The efforts of Daniel Brown will be evident for years to come. He has touched the lives of countless individuals and will be remembered with reverence and veneration.

REIMPORTATION OF FDA-
APPROVED PHARMACEUTICALS**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal matter I was unable to be present for roll-call votes last week. I particularly regret not being in attendance for the votes on the amendments to the Agriculture Appropriations bills offered by the gentleman from Vermont (Roll Call no. 216) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Roll Call no. 217) dealing with the reimportation of FDA-approved pharmaceuticals. I would have enthusiastically supported both amendments had I been able to be here last week and I was quite disappointed to see the gentleman from Vermont's amendment rejected and pleased to see the gentleman from Minnesota's amendment accepted by this body.

I appreciate the opportunity to explain why I supported these amendments. As my colleagues are aware, many Americans are concerned about the high cost of prescription drugs. These high prices particularly affect low-income senior citizens because many seniors have a greater than average need for prescription drugs and lower than average income. One of the reasons prescription drug prices are high is government policies which give a few powerful companies a monopoly position in the prescription drug market, such as those restricting the importation of quality pharmaceuticals. Therefore, all members of Congress who are serious about lowering prescription drug prices should have supported these amendments.

As a representative of an area near the Texas-Mexican border I often hear from angry constituents who cannot purchase inexpensive quality imported pharmaceuticals in their local drug store. Some of these constituents regularly travel to Mexico on their own to purchase pharmaceuticals.

Opponents of the amendments offered by the gentlemen from Vermont and Minnesota waged a hysterical campaign to convince members that this amendment will result in consumers purchasing unsafe products. Acceptance of this argument requires one to assume that consumers will buy cheap pharmaceuticals without taking any efforts to ensure that they are buying a quality product. However, the experience of my constituents who are currently traveling to Mexico to purchase prescription drugs shows that consumers are quite capable of ensuring they purchase safe products without interference from Big "Mother."

Furthermore, if the supporters of the status quo were truly concerned about promoting health, instead of protecting the special privileges of powerful companies, they would be more concerned with reforming the current policies which endanger health by artificially raising the cost of prescription drugs. Oftentimes lower income Americans will take less of a prescription medicine than necessary to save money. Some senior citizens even forgo other necessities, including food, in order to afford their medications. By reducing the prices of pharmaceuticals this amendment will help ensure no child has to take less than the recommended dosage of a prescription medi-

cine and no senior has to choose between medication and food.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I once again wish to express my regret for missing the votes on the amendments by the gentlemen from Vermont and Minnesota and urge my colleagues to show they are serious about lowering the prices of prescription drugs and that they trust the people to do what is in their best interest, by supporting future efforts to establish a true free market in pharmaceuticals.

HONORING RON MADSEN, DIRECTOR,
PROVO CITY ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT**HON. CHRIS CANNON**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the work of Ron Madsen, a dedicated public servant who has been Provo City's Economic Redevelopment Director. Ron Madsen has spent the last thirty years working for the City of Provo, and has been an integral part of Provo's downtown revitalization efforts. On July 13 Ron Madsen will retire from the City of Provo, and his absence will be sorely missed.

Mr. Madsen began working with Provo City in August 1971 as a Planning Aide, and was promoted to Redevelopment Agency Manager in July 1973. He also worked as Housing and Redevelopment Manager from 1975 to 1983. Since 1983 he has been Provo's Economic Redevelopment Director.

Throughout his career, Mr. Madsen has worked in a tireless and selfless manner to preserve the character of Provo while at the same time encouraging balanced economic growth. Some of the projects he has worked on include developing Provo City's Historic Downtown into the central point in Utah County for government and legal services, as well as prime office space, and working to bring NuSkin, Inc. international headquarters to downtown Provo. Perhaps the pinnacle of Ron Madsen's career was the development of the East Bay Retail and Business Park. Mr. Madsen succeeded in securing millions of dollars in federal funds that were crucial to completing this premiere business park. The establishment of the East Bay Business Park resulted in key national businesses relocating to Provo, such as Novell, Inc.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Madsen was well known for his integrity and civility in working with his peers. I am also told that like that great American Cowboy Humorist Will Rogers, Mr. Madsen had a wry, genial common sense that was enjoyed by all who worked with him.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Ron Madsen for his dedicated service to the City of Provo. I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MARCY MORRISON**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Colorado State Representative Marcy Morrison for her tireless efforts in improving health care for all Coloradans. This week, the American Medical Association is presenting Rep. Morrison with a Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service, Member of a State Legislature, for her significant achievements in advancing public health.

Throughout her two-decade career, Marcy has fought to help Coloradans gain greater access to health care. Her efforts include passing legislation to provide health insurance parity for mental health, to guarantee 48 hour extended hospital stays for maternity care, and to make it possible for children up to five years old to receive speech therapy and physical therapy each year for development delay. In addition, Marcy has helped form a task to evaluate the management of chronic intractable pain in Colorado and she served on the Legislative Task Force on Health Care.

When I served with Marcy in the State Legislature, I always admired her for her courage and tenacity. Nearly every piece of major health care legislation that passed the General Assembly and went on to become law had Marcy's mark on it. Coloradans owe a great deal of thanks to Rep. Morrison for helping us get the health care services we need and for helping us stay healthier and happier longer.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I honor Rep. Marcy Morrison and congratulate her for being the recipient of this prestigious award. I hope that her efforts thus far are only the tip of the iceberg.

HONORING STANLEY LATHEN, SR.

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Stanley Lathen, Sr., on the occasion of his being honored for his lifelong commitment to labor by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 373R.

President Emeritus Stanley Lathen Sr., was born on April 30, 1908, in the territory of Arizona. His family moved to Lake County soon after his birth and then relocated to Marin County, where he was raised and educated. Stanley served an apprenticeship under the program of the Plasterers and Cement Masons Union in Marin County as a teenager. While working as a mason, he moved to Vallejo in the early 1930's.

Always active in labor affairs, Stanley assisted in the re-organization of the Solano County Building Trade Council. Stanley served as Chairman of the Building Codes Committee for the revision of city building codes and the establishing of building codes in Solano County. He also served as the first Chairman of a

county Apprentice Training Program (prior to the formation of a State training program).

In October 1941, Stanley accepted an executive position with the Retail Store Employees Union No. 373, and was later elected Executive-Manager and Treasurer of Local 373, a position he held for 27 years.

Stanley was instrumental in establishing the Local's first health insurance plan and acted as the plan's administrator for many years before the formation of its Trust Funds. He later served with distinction as Trustee and Chairman of the Local's Health Insurance/Pension and Drug Trust Funds.

President Lathen served a term as President of Solano County's Central Labor Council in 1946 and he also served as Vice President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, as a representative of District 12 (Solano, Napa, Marin and Sonoma Counties) for 13 years.

Stanley was also very involved in local civic affairs serving on the Solano County Grand Jury, Chairman of the March of Dimes, member of the first Board of Directors of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, as well as serving on the boards of the YMCA, Red Cross, Salvation Army and United Crusade.

California Governor Earl Warren selected President Lathen to serve as the chairman of the Solano County committee to explore the possibilities of a statewide health plan. Due to strong opposition from the Solano County Medical Society and other such organizations across the state, the state health plan never got off the ground.

On January 1, 1968, at the age of 60, Stanley Lathen ended his distinguished career as Executive Manager (President) of Local 373. When he assumed office in 1941 there were 105 members; today the union has over 1,800 members.

Stanley and his wife of 45 years, Bernice, are enjoying the retired life, sharing good times with their five children and six grandchildren.

On May 16, 1997, San Francisco State University entered President Emeritus Stanley Lathen's history as a Vallejo Labor and Civic Leader permanently into the records at the Labor Archives and Research Center. On January 13, 1998, President Linda Russell, the officers and members of Local 373R, honored President Lathen by naming the Local Union Hall's board room the Stanley Lathen Board Room. Later that year, Local 373R named its annual scholarship golf tournament in his honor, The Stanley Lathen Scholarship Golf Tournament.

We salute President Emeritus Stanley Lathen Sr. for all the good that he has done for working men and women, union members and the citizens of Vallejo, Solano County, the state and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERICH
SEEHAFFER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to Erich Seehafer for his 23 years of service to the United States House of Representatives.

Hired by the Doorkeeper's Office in April 1978, Erich began as a Congressional liaison for the House Publications Distribution Service. In addition to orienting new members and their staffers to available services, he was responsible for allotment and distribution of various books and publications to all House Members.

In 1991 he was selected to be part of the new mail list processing office. This role was an ideal opportunity for a detailed-oriented person like Erich to serve the House Members by processing and expediting their mass mailing requests. Erich has processed over 6,000 mailing lists totaling over 350 million addresses without error.

Born at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC on July 23, 1951, Erich is the son of Erich Seehafer Sr. and Charlotte Hennessy Seehafer. He has three sisters, a wife of sixteen years, one stepson and two grandsons. He and his wife have resided in Waldorf, Maryland since 1985.

A motorcycle accident in 1970 resulted in a spinal cord injury that left Erich a paraplegic. Erich's determination and cheerful outlook have endeared him to many in the Hill community. His sense of humor has always been a welcome asset to all who have worked with him.

A musician of thirty-five years, Erich has played music in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is looking forward to traveling around playing music again with the extra time he will endure during his retirement. We wish him well and a long happy retirement.

I submit the following for the RECORD.

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2001.

Hon. STENY HOYER,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HOYER: Thank you for taking the time to include this in your extension of remarks to recognize Erich Seehafer for his 23 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives. Erich plans to retire on July 30, 2001. Listed below is some background information on Erich that describes his dedicated working experience for the United States House of Representatives as well as his personal background.

Hired by the Doorkeeper's office in April 1978, Erich began as Congressional Liaison for the House Publications Distribution Service. In addition to orienting new Members and their Staffs to available services, he was responsible for allotment and distribution of various books and publications to all House Members. Job Consolidation in 1986 added responsibilities associated with the newly implemented computer based inventory system.

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We all will miss Erich and wish him a long, happy, retirement.

Sincerely,

POSTAL OPERATIONS STAFF,
The Staff of Postal Operations,
Mail List Processing.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF MARGARET L. HUNT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in both celebration and sadness to commemorate the retirement of Margaret L. Hunt, senior citizens advocate extraordinaire, from Toledo, Ohio. A pioneer in the Toledo area senior citizens' movement, Margaret takes with her 45 years of experience in senior services.

Born in Kentucky, Margaret has been a Toledoan since the age of two. She has lived in South Toledo, graduating from Libbey High School and raising a family. She and her husband, Daniel, to whom she was married for more than fifty years, have four children: Rebecca, Nancy, Margaret, and Daniel. Margaret is also grandmother to eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Margaret got her start in Toledo area services while a young mother. Even while she was employed by a local bakery, she helped to establish Teen Town in Highland Park, working with the City of Toledo's Parks & Recreation Department. During that time it became apparent that although Toledo actively developed programs for young people, the same could not be said for older Toledoans. Margaret was charged with the task of developing and implementing such programming. She started by promoting the formation of neighborhood social clubs that met regularly in park shelter houses. Prior to the days of the Older Americans Act and thus with no kind of senior nutrition program available, Margaret took the creative approach of encouraging weekly potluck luncheons. While enjoying each other's camaraderie and a hot meal, the seniors participated in games and crafts and planned outings. Soon this very successful program was expanded into local senior housing complexes. These groups were the precursor of the modern senior centers. In fact, Margaret was instrumental in the establishment of Toledo's first senior center, Senior Centers Inc.

In 1981, when the idea of senior centers was still in its infancy and there were just a few beginning locally, Margaret took on the task of growing a center in native South Toledo. The South Toledo Senior Center was born in August of that year, with Margaret at the helm as Executive Director. In the twenty

years that followed, Margaret fostered unprecedented growth in the center, which is now in a large and airy freestanding building and continuing to grow. The South Toledo Senior Center serves hundreds of seniors a nutritious lunch every day, and is the only one in the area serving lunch on Sunday as well. Its programs are varied and all-inclusive: if it's something seniors enjoy doing it's being done at the South Toledo Senior Center. I cannot imagine it without her, nor not being greeted with her cheerful smile upon my visits there.

Hayes's belief that "Old age is not something to which I have arrived kicking and screaming. It is something I have achieved," Margaret Hunt has arrived at this place in her life with grace. While we wish her a wonderful life of retirement, we yet look to her for continued quiet greatness.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY'S
EXPENSIVE ELECTRICITY BILL

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, oh, pity the Vice President. His electricity bill is too expensive. It seems that like many other Americans, the Vice President is faced with an intolerably high energy bill this year.

What is our unfortunate Vice President to do?

President Bush has suggested that American people spend their tax-rebate check to pay their energy bills. Regrettably, the Vice President's rebate check will be not enough to cover his costs—his electricity bill is in the six-figure range.

Perhaps he would be well served by turning off some more lights around the house as Lyndon Johnson used to do, or maybe turning his air-conditioner off when he is not at home. But until recently, the Vice President has not been strong on conservation—dismissing it as "a sign of personal virtue, but not the basis for a sound, comprehensive energy policy."

Consistent with that thinking, Vice President CHENEY said, "If you want to leave all the lights on in your house, you can. There's no law against it. But you will pay for it."

Well, thankfully, the Vice President is putting his money where his mouth is.

Or is he?

You see now, Mr. CHENEY, with his 33-room mansion and \$186,000 per year energy bill, doesn't want to "pay for it." He wants the United States Navy to pick up the tab, and House Republicans are going to extraordinary lengths to help him get off the hook. House Republicans are poised to relieve his official budget from paying for his electricity costs, by passing the buck on to our sailors in the Navy.

That's correct, in a classic instance of do-as-I-say, not-as-I-do, Mr. CHENEY, doesn't want to pay his electricity bill. If only the American public had it so easy, to be able to pass their bills on to somebody else.

Coming from an Administration that is doing nothing to help consumers cope with the sharp rise in electricity prices, this raises real questions.

Mr. Vice President at least practice what you preach, and pay for your own electricity bill.

INDIVIDUAL TAX SIMPLIFICATION
ACT OF 2001

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing with Mr. Matsui the Individual Tax Simplification Act of 2001, and invite all my colleagues to join me in sponsoring this legislation.

It is fitting that this bill on tax simplification is being introduced on the first day of joint hearings on tax simplification in the Select Revenue Measures and Oversight Subcommittees of the Ways and Means Committee. Simplification is on everyone's wish list. While my bill may not fulfill everyone's wish, this bill will eliminate approximately 200 lines from tax forms, schedules and worksheets. My bill generally does this in a revenue neutral manner, and without moving money between economic income groups. As we all know, the tax code is terribly complex, and has become dramatically more complex for average taxpayers during the past six years.

A skeptic might argue that there is no constituency for simplification, but that is changing. A poll by ICR found that 66 percent said the federal tax system is too complicated. Five years ago slightly less than half agreed.

I believe that with a little compromise, we can enact significant tax simplification. That is why I have made sure this bill is essentially revenue neutral, so it contains no tax increase. And that is why the bill does not try to change the tax burden between economic income groups. This is not an attack on the wealthy, nor anyone else. As with any change in the tax law, there are some winners and losers—but I want to stress that this is incidental to the objective of the bill—which is simplification that benefits us all.

The bill has three parts. The first is based on legislation I introduced in the last two Congresses regarding nonrefundable personal credits. The second part simplifies the taxation of capital gains. The third part repeals two hidden marginal tax rates on high income individuals, and repeals the individual minimum tax.

TITLE I—SIMPLIFICATION RELATING TO NONREFUNDABLE
PERSONAL CREDITS

In recent years, much tax relief has been given to taxpayers in the form of nonrefundable credits, like the two education credits. These credits are not usable against the alternative minimum tax. That means that more and more individuals will lose all or part of these credits, and will have to fill out the extremely complicated AMT form. Congress recognized this problem last year by enacting my proposal to waive this until the end of this tax year. It also, this year, permanently took the child credit and the adoption credit out of the AMT. Now is the time to finish the job.

The other problem with nonrefundable credits is that the phase out provisions vary from credit to credit, causing unnecessary complexity. In addition, the same additional dollar of income can result in a reduction in more than one nonrefundable credit.

It is fundamentally wrong to promise the American public tax relief, then take all or part of it away in a backhanded manner. This fundamentally flawed policy, enacted in 1997, will get worse each and every year as more Amer-

ican families find themselves to be AMT taxpayers simply because of the impact of inflation, or because of their desire to take advantage of the tax relief we have promised them. Not only that, this situation will also get worse if additional nonrefundable credits are approved by Congress.

The bill addresses both concerns. First, it permanently waives the minimum tax limitations on all nonrefundable credits. Second, the bill creates a single phase out range for the adoption credit, the child credit, and the education credits, replacing the current three phase out ranges.

TITLE II—SIMPLIFICATION OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX

The second title of this bill is, essentially, Mr. Coyne's capital gains proposal from 1999. Under current law, there are 5 different tax rates for long term capital gains, and a 54 line tax form that must be endured. Moreover, this part of the tax code is already scheduled to get worse because additional rates will take effect under current law in 2006.

The solution is clear. Replace this jumble of rates and forms with a simple 38 percent exclusion. Not only will this result in tremendous simplification (eliminating 36 of the 54 lines), but more than 97 percent of individuals would be eligible for modest capital gains tax reductions.

TITLE III—REPEAL OF CERTAIN HIDDEN MARGINAL
RATE INCREASES, AND OF THE INDIVIDUAL MINIMUM TAX

The third title of the bill repeals the hidden marginal rate increases in current law, and repeals the individual minimum tax. Most of my colleagues understand the phrases, PEP and Pease. Under current law, itemized deductions are gradually reduced by 3 percent of adjusted gross income above approximately \$124,000. This is known as the Pease provision. In addition, personal exemptions are phased out for incomes between approximately \$187,000 and \$309,000. This is PEP. If we did not hide the effect of these provisions of current law, more people would know that these provisions result in hidden marginal rate increases. These marginal rate increases begin at almost 1 percent for incomes above \$124,000, and increases for those with incomes above \$187,000 by about .78 percent for each dependent. The important point here is that current law has a hidden marginal rate increase, which gets worse as families grow larger. The most recently passed tax bill made some progress in this area, but not enough.

The second part of this title is a complete repeal of the individual minimum tax. The minimum tax was intended to make sure that wealthy individuals did not overuse certain tax benefits and unfairly reduce their tax burden. It no longer accomplishes that goal. Most of the significant business related provisions have already been repealed. Since the AMT is not adjusted for inflation, more and more middle and upper middle income taxpayers are falling into the AMT. This is not what was intended, especially when you note that what pushes taxpayers into the AMT now, more often than not, are state and local income and property taxes, personal exemptions, and the nonrefundable credits. I repeat, this is not what Congress was trying to accomplish when the AMT was passed.

My suggestion is to repeal it for individuals, and substitute a simple tax on adjusted gross income. The current hidden tax is dropped, and is paid for with an explicit tax on the same individuals. They get simplification, and we convert a deceptive practice into an open one.

In the last Congress, the replacement tax began at 1 percent for adjusted gross incomes in excess of \$120,000 on a joint return, and increased to 2.08 percent for income greater than \$150,000, which is where the minimum tax exemption begins to phase out. This year I have given the Secretary of the Treasury the ability to set the rate so that this bill would be revenue neutral over ten years. The initial threshold amount and the second threshold amount remain the same—\$120,000 and \$150,000 in the cases of a joint return.

CONCLUSION

Ironically, this simplification proposal must be complex, because it mirrors our current law. I want, therefore, to focus on what is important.

This bill provides fairly dramatic simplification of the individual tax system.

It eliminates approximately 200 lines on tax forms, schedules and worksheets.

It is basically revenue neutral, so it can be accomplished during a year when there is no non-social security non-medicare budget surplus to fund tax cuts.

It does not attempt to shift money between income groups. The general philosophy behind the bill is that those who benefit from tax simplification of the current code should offset any revenue loss involved.

It is estimated that more than 50 percent of individuals use tax return preparers, and that more than 16 percent use computer software to prepare their return. Only about one-third of individuals actually fill out their own forms. There is no excuse for that reality, and we should do something about it. Given the lack of resources to write another major tax bill the priority for which is likely to be business tax breaks anyway, the reality that no one wants to pay for simplification no matter how much they support the goal, and the need to resolve the solvency issues surrounding social security and Medicare, I think the opportunity exists this year to solve some of the problems that bother all our constituents during this tax filing season in the manner that I have suggested. I am introducing this legislation to continue the discussion I began in the last Congress, and I hope it will be seriously considered by all parties.

MARKING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGEDY OF TWA FLIGHT #800

HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the fifth anniversary of the trag-

edy of TWA Flight #800, remembering the passengers and crew who perished in that horrible event, and expressing our thoughts and sympathies to the families they left behind and those who participated in the rescue and recovery effort in the days following.

On the night of July 17, 1996, I was called and told that the unthinkable happened. A commercial jet, TWA Flight #800 bound from New York to Paris, had exploded in the skies over Long Island's South Shore.

There were no survivors.

As a locally elected official of the community closest to the crash site, I was one of the first people on the scene in the moments following the crash at the U.S. Coast Guard Facility in East Moriches, New York.

This tragedy has left an indelible memory that will last forever in the minds of all the residents of Long Island. They rallied to the aid of those who needed them when Flight #800 crashed off the shores of East Moriches.

I speak today to honor not only those who lost their lives that night, but the families and friends they left behind and those who worked so hard, day and night, in the recovery effort.

For so long after this tragedy, many of our residents wanted to know how they could help the families of the victims or those participating in the rescue effort. They came with donations of food, clothing, and eventually contributed to the construction of two separate memorials.

The Tragedy of TWA Flight #800 is an event that has changed all of us as a nation forever, and one we should never forget.

As the families of our lost neighbors and friends gather on the South Shore of Long Island in a candlelight vigil, Colleagues, please join me today in remembering and honoring the fifth anniversary of this tragedy with a moment of silence. Let us also recognize those who worked so hard in the rescue and recovery effort, and in expressing our sympathy and support to the families who lost a loved one that frightful night five years ago.

HONORING MR. ANTHONY F. CAROZZA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER IN THE RESTAURANT AND FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Mr. Anthony F. Carozza, known as "Tony" by his friends and family, retired on the first day of May 2001, after more than 40 years of exemplary service in the restaurant industry; and

Whereas, Tony launched his career in 1960 with Gino's successfully assisting in the start up of many of these famous food chains, and

Whereas, in 1962, he desired a new challenge, and he opened three of his own pizza and sub shops, in Baltimore, MD, called Tony's Snack Shops; and

Whereas, in 1970, Tony Carozza and family grew tired of city life, and up and moved to Ocean City, Maryland, where Tony worked as pile driver in the frigid February waters before becoming a manager at Pappy's Pizza and Beer, and taking over Beefy's, the first real fast food restaurant in this resort town; and

Whereas, in a small community where all the locals know each other, Tony, his wife, Mary Pat, and their four young children ran the restaurant, with each family member making his/her own significant and sometimes humorous contribution to the business; and

Whereas, the Carozza home and Beefy's served as a "home away from home" for countless friends, neighbors, and family members who shared many fond and funny memories with the Carozza family including enjoying the famous upside down Christmas tree hanging from the rafters of Beefy's; and

Whereas, in 1980, Tony, a shrewd businessman who was known for being tough on salesmen, began his 20 years in the food service industry, beginning with Shoreland Food Service, followed by PYA Monarch from 1985-1990, then Sandler Foods from 1990-1993, and ending finally in 2001 with J.P. Food Service/U.S. Food Service; and

Whereas, his many years of hard work in the restaurant business led to his becoming an award winning salesman with J.P. Food Service/U.S. Food Service bringing in over \$3.5 million annually for several consecutive years; and

Whereas, Tony Carozza's impressive work ethic and complete dedication to his family and his community have brought him many successes and much happiness, and his many friends and family members who recognize his integrity, his standards of conduct, and his honorable work and life code.

Now therefore, on behalf of the United States Congress, I take great pleasure and pride in joining with his family and friends to honor Anthony F. Carozza upon his retirement after more than 40 years of outstanding service to his customers, community, and family.