

In closing, I want to again congratulate the employees of the Lubrizol Corporation for their exemplary model of community activism and wish them continued success in future endeavors.

HONORING THE EIGHTH AIR
FORCE KNOWN AS THE MIGHTY
8TH

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention the history and contributions of the Eighth Air Force which became known as the Mighty 8th.

The Eighth Air Force was formed and dispatched to England in 1942 to become the largest military unit in World War II, and the largest bomber force of all times. Over 350,000 airmen served in Europe. The Eighth Air Force has continued as an operational combat unit to this day with over one million serving the country in war and in peace.

No Mighty 8th mission was ever turned back due to enemy action during World War II. The cost was 26,000 killed in action, and over 28,000 prisoners of war. In the one week period of October 8–14, 1943, the Eighth Air Force lost 150 Heavy Bombers to enemy action in the skies of Europe, and despite heavy losses many feel that this was the turning point for daylight strategic bombing.

The Eighth Air Force Historical Society, the largest single military unit veteran group in history, continues to hold its annual reunions in the month of October.

Today I join with the Eighth Air Force Historical Society members to support their efforts to inform generations that followed them, of the contributions and sacrifice made by the "greatest generation" to perpetuate American's freedom and way of life.

Please join me in thanking the Mighty 8th for their service in the military and for their contributions to this great country.

God Bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on October 4 and October 5, 2001, due to a family commitment, I was unavailable for roll call votes Nos. 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, and 371. Had I been here, I would have voted "No", "No", "No", "Aye", "Aye", and "Aye".

WELCOMING REVEREND SOLOMON

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome Reverend Solomon to these chambers and I am very appreciative of his leadership in

Birmingham, Alabama and his work on the National level with the National Baptist Convention. Many opportunities have been offered to this young man and many things are expected from him! These are difficult times, and young men like Rev. Solomon will make the difference. May God bless him and his family and may God bless America."

Reverend Solomon is the second of three sons born to Rev. Donald and Clarice Solomon. He was educated in the Jefferson County School System and is a 1984 graduate of Minor High School. He furthered his secular education by attending the University of West Alabama (Livingston, Alabama), Miles College and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Pastor Solomon responded to the call of God and began his preaching ministry on January 13, 1991. He prepared for ministry by attending Birmingham Essonian Baptist Bible College and Andersonville Baptist Seminary.

In June of 1995, he again responded to the call of God and accepted the invitation to become the first pastor of the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of North Pratt. Pastor Solomon has equipped and organized the members of Mt. Moriah and led them into a sustained period of spiritual and financial growth. Pastor Solomon has had the opportunity to preach revivals and teach seminars in cities across the country to include: Louisville, Kentucky; Akron, Ohio; Canton, Ohio and Meridian, Mississippi.

Pastor Solomon is the vice president of the Pratt City Ministerial Alliance, a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Community Assistance Program, and a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Galleries of the Greats.

Pastor Solomon is married to the former Cheryl Lynn Fisher. They have one son (Walter, III) and one daughter (Christian). The University of Alabama-Birmingham employs Pastor Solomon as the Technical Supervisor for Inpatient Pharmacy.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 203, THE NA-
TIONAL SMALL BUSINESS REGU-
LATORY ACT OF 2001

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 203, the National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2001. H.R. 203 establishes a pilot program at the Small Business Administration (SBA) to allow Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) to provide regulatory compliance counseling to small businesses. Currently, SBDCs provide invaluable free business advice to entrepreneurs thinking about starting a new small business or to those struggling in their current business. The Small Business Development Center program is the largest management and technical assistance program for small businesses in the United States.

H.R. 203 would expand the role of SBDCs to include: (a) training and education in regulatory compliance, which would assist small business owners who are often unaware of or overwhelmed by federal regulations; (b) confidential, free-of-charge regulatory compliance counseling; and (c) technical assistance and

referral to experts for more complicated compliance issues.

In my district of El Paso, Texas, there is a SBDC located at the El Paso Community College. The Center promotes growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity, and improvement of small businesses, as well as supporting entrepreneurs in the service area. The El Paso Community College SBDC is one of twelve service centers in the region serving El Paso and Hudspeth counties. They have been open for more than 17 years and have assisted more than 12,000 businesses over the years. Advisory services are provided at no cost to the client. As you can imagine, this is invaluable to those who are starting their first business and are looking for guidance. The economic impact of the services provided by the SBDC to the El Paso region is \$210 million. This additional funding for the added services available to businesses will be very helpful to the many businesses that utilize the SBDC and for the many businesses that will need the services of the SBDC in the future.

I strongly support this legislation and urge all of my colleagues to vote for this bill.

THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENT IN-
FORMATION ACT & THE EPHE-
DRINE ALKALOID CONSUMER PRO-
TECTION ACT

HON. SUSAN DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing two bills that address an important public health issue: the safety of dietary supplements. Over the past few years, we have heard about many tragedies linked to dietary supplements. This summer, America witnessed the deaths of some fine athletes.

One supplement in particular, Ephedrine, has received a lot of scrutiny. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has collected more than 800 reports of Ephedrine users suffering adverse reactions, ranging from dizziness and dementia to stroke, heart attack, and sudden death. While these reports indicate that Ephedrine may be dangerous, the FDA does not have enough information to prove or disprove it is unsafe.

Current law is preventing the FDA from collecting additional adverse event reports. It also prevents the agency from asking supplement companies for copies of their safety studies. Without this information, the FDA cannot adequately research the risks and benefits of dietary supplements. This is simply unacceptable.

Congress has the authority and the obligation to protect American consumers. It is time for Congress to stop standing on the sidelines. We must take action.

We need to stand up for Tammy Cole, a 35-year-old San Diego resident who suffered panic attacks, chest pain, and insomnia after taking an ephedra supplement for one month.

We need to stand up for Sarah Ingham, a 24-year-old Manassas resident who suffered a stroke in the spring of 2000. She had been taking an ephedra supplement to lose weight for her wedding.

We need to stand up for Rosanna Porras, a 15-year-old Californian who died on a high school soccer field from a massive heart attack. Her parents believe that ephedrine pills

triggered an underlying heart condition, causing her death.

We need to stand up for the 11 high school, college and professional football players, including Rashidi Wheeler, whose supplement use may have contributed to or caused their deaths in the last year.

The problems we face today are in large part due to Congressional action in the early 1990s. In 1994, Congress passed the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act into law (DSHEA). This bill virtually deregulated the supplement industry.

Prior to 1994, all food, drug and supplement manufacturers had to prove that their products were safe before they could be sold in the U.S. DSHEA created a substantial loophole for dietary supplements by shifting the burden of proof to the FDA. Now the FDA must prove that a dietary supplement is unsafe before it can be banned for sale.

Since 1994, supplement production and sales have exploded. Industry trade groups report that supplement sales reached \$16.8 billion in 2000. Americans are spending billions on products that have not been proven to be safe or effective. The American public deserves better than this. They deserve clear information about the benefits and risks of supplements. My legislation, the Ephedrine Alkaloid Consumer Protection Act and the Dietary Supplement Information Act, will give consumers the information they deserve.

The Ephedrine Alkaloid Consumer Protection Act will give consumers information about the potentially lethal side effects and drug interactions of ephedrine alkaloid products. First, it will require a standardized warning to be printed on the label. The bill will also make sure that consumers know how to report any concerns or adverse reactions by requiring the FDA's MedWatch phone number and website to be printed on the product label. Finally, the bill will protect our kids by prohibiting the sale of ephedrine to minors. No person under the age of 18 years old will be able to buy ephedrine products.

To ensure that this provision is enforced, we will require the products to be kept "behind the counter" so that sales personnel are more aware of the age restriction. Putting the product behind the counter will also make adults more aware of the dangers of Ephedrine products. If they have to ask for assistance to get the product, they will be more likely to read the warning label and talk to the pharmacist or seller about Ephedrine.

My second bill, the Dietary Supplement Information Act, addresses many of the public health and safety concerns about the lack of information and regulation of products defined as dietary supplements. First, manufacturers, producers and distributors of dietary supplements will be required to register with the Food and Drug Administration. Manufacturers will also be required to register their specific products with the FDA. The supplement industry will be required to submit all serious adverse event reports to the FDA within 15 days. Supplement manufacturers and the FDA will work as partners to investigate and analyze these reports. To make sure that consumers know how to report an incident to the FDA directly, my legislation will require the FDA's MedWatch phone number and website to be printed on all dietary supplement product labels. If the FDA determines that a specific supplement may have serious health con-

sequences, it can require the manufacturer to do a postmarket surveillance study to ensure that the product is safe.

I want to make it very clear that my legislation will *not* ban dietary supplements. However, consumers have a right to know the benefits and risks of the supplements they are taking. We cannot continue to stand on the sidelines and watch consumers suffer serious medical consequences from these products. I urge my colleagues in Congress to join me in passing these two bills swiftly into law.

IN MEMORIAM—CHARLES DAVID
MANKINS, MARK VERNON RICH,
RICHARD LEE TENENOFF

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 6, 2001, the family and friends of Dave Mankins, Mark Rich and Rick Tenenoff, three New Tribes Missionaries, gathered in Central Florida to celebrate their lives, work and service to our Lord. On January 31, 1993 they were taken from their families in the Darien jungles of Panama by Colombian guerillas. These missionaries had come to Central America to minister with a message of peace and love of God. They were held captive in Colombia and died at the hands of their captors in 1996.

Their heroic wives, Nancy Mankins, Tania Rich and Patti Tenenoff and New Tribes Mission officials made every possible effort to secure the release or learn the fate of their husbands and colleagues. Only recent accounts by guerilla defectors have validated reports that the men were killed in 1996.

Over the past 8 years it has been my honor to work with the wives of these three missionaries. They were unrelenting in their quest to secure the return of their husbands to their families and freedom. They brought their message of hope for the release of their loved ones to presidents, ministers, heads of state, ambassadors and to international organizations. They mounted an unprecedented campaign to free their husbands based on determination and faith. Over the years and through most difficult times, Nancy, Tania and Patti demonstrated an unparalleled love for their husbands and trust in God. They are true heroes who are now left to raise their children and comfort their families. To each of these extraordinary wives, their children and their families, I extend my deepest sympathy.

While we mourn the loss of these three devoted missionaries, we also celebrate their lives. Today with hate, distrust and anger in the world, it is a consolation to know that three men have sacrificed their lives in order to spread a message of faith in God, hope and love. Today in the United States Congress we remember and pay tribute to Dave Mankins, survived by his wife Nancy and their children Chad and Sarah; to Mark Rich, survived by his wife Tania and their daughters Tamra and Jessica; and to Rick Tenenoff, survived by his wife Patti and their children Dora, Connie and Lee.

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OPPORTUNITY TO CHINA

HON. TOM DELAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum in Shanghai will tell us a great deal about the Communist Chinese leadership's true intentions for engagement with the world. Specifically, the question is whether or not China embraces the moment by allowing full participation from member states with a common interest in advancing trade, encouraging investment, and expanding economic growth around the Pacific Rim.

Although they haven't yet invited President Chen of Taiwan to attend the APEC Forum, the Communist leaders in Beijing can still demonstrate that they are serious about addressing and eventually resolving their differences with Taiwan in a thoughtful, productive, and enlightened way by offering President Chen a chance to join other leaders at the table of consultation and negotiation.

Beijing should take this opportunity to broaden their approach and lower tensions in the region by extending an invitation to President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to attend the APEC Summit in China. The decision to invite President Chen would send a strong signal that China was committed to seeking peaceful resolutions to issues of mutual concern between the people of China and the people of Taiwan.

The key to resolving tension between China and Taiwan begins an open and wide ranging dialogue that encompasses all the issues important to both parties. China can take a critical step on the pathway of constructive engagement by inviting President Chen to attend the summit.

The United States seeks the fullest possible trading relationship with all APEC members. We want all nations to experience the benefits of globalization and sustained economic growth. We hope that China signals its support for this goal as well by reaching out to Taiwan and allowing President Chen to travel to Shanghai.

MEMORIALIZING FALLEN
FIREFIGHTERS

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Joint Resolution 42, which requires the American flags on all Federal office buildings to be lowered to half-staff each year in commemoration of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service held in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which honors our nation's firefighters who died in the line of duty.

During the recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., firefighters did their jobs at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center buildings and emerged as true heroes, dedicated to saving and protecting lives. These are individuals who deserve our highest praise for their brave commitment to