

Granados, Catherine and Martin Newman, Julie Olsen Edwards, and Luis Villacreces. These individuals and organizations demonstrate the ongoing need to promote child welfare programs.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR SOCIAL
WORK RESEARCH ACT

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of social workers across the nation. This Friday, March 1st, marks the start of the National Professional Social Work Month. I encourage Members to take this opportunity to reach out to social workers in their local communities.

Social workers are an integral part of the safety net fabric woven to support the most vulnerable in our community—children, senior citizens, victims of violence. Every day, social workers are on the front lines coordinating services and ensuring individuals have their basic needs of food, shelter, and health care met. On the local level, they can be found in elementary schools, nursing homes, children's and veteran's hospitals, and a variety of service agencies. On the national level, they advocate for better social welfare policy through organizations like the National Association of Social Workers.

Through their work, social workers promote healthier and stronger communities, and their experience puts them in a unique position to provide valuable research information on how to address societal challenges. However, the bulk of research addressing these complex social issues has produced clinical and empirical data that is difficult to translate into effective policy solutions. The Social Work Research Center would provide a venue for this research to be coordinated and disseminated to Congress and the public.

While the Federal Government provides funding for various social work research activities through the National Institutes of Health and other Federal agencies, it is difficult to coordinate or consolidate these critical activities. Furthermore, for the data we do have, there has been neither an overall assessment of need nor the opportunity to translate the data into effective policy recommendations. For this reason, I strongly believe in the creation of a National Center for Social Work Research within the National Institutes of Health. This proposal has received wide-spread support from the community and bipartisan support in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research would result in improved behavioral and mental health care policy proposals for our nation's children, families, and elderly.

I urge my colleagues to support the establishment of this Center and cosponsor the National Center for Social Work Research Act.

REMEDY SELECTION FOR THE 201
STEEL INVESTIGATION

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, within the next few days the President will make a decision on the appropriate course of action in response to the International Trade Commission (ITC) findings on steel imports. I am grateful to the President for addressing this matter and hope he will stay the course on the issue of steel imports and keeping our trading partners interested in negotiations on global overcapacity reductions.

Steel is an important part of the economy in Alabama. There are over 20,000 jobs directly tied to steel in our state. Alabama is home to some of the most efficient steel makers in the world. A mill in my district can turn scrap into high grade steel in a matter of hours. It can supply steel for ship building as well as a number of other products from street lights to bridges.

All the steel companies in the U.S. are suffering. The accepted reason for this downturn is the overproduction of steel world-wide. The ITC and our trading partners agree there is a real problem. Everyone recognizes that global over capacity is the root cause, and we are meeting with other steel producing nations to do something about it.

But the solution will take years to develop, and in the meantime the open borders of the U.S. are drawing a lot of this overcapacity and damaging our domestic industry. In the short run we need to stabilize the domestic market, while continuing global trade talks.

A four-year time out, is not a lot of time to correct this situation. The steel industry has asked for a four-year tariff starting at 40 percent. Each year that tariff will be reduced. This tariff will do two things, first it will send a message that we are very serious about this problem, and second it will demonstrate that these trade talks are not for show. I am reasonably certain that the talks would not be so well attended without the threat of tariffs.

This tariff will allow the U.S. market to stabilize and provide time to see if these global talks will bear fruit. The President should provide this assistance, which is perfectly legal under the WTO, and which is necessary to bring some stability to the steel markets.

The U.S. steel industry underpins our basic manufacturing base. We need to be very careful about allowing an industry that is so essential to our infrastructure and security to be unjustly damaged. I hope the President will do the right thing and use the tools provided in the WTO to give some breathing room to the domestic industry. I will support him in a strong action.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHRIS
PARMETER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I pay tribute today to Chris

Parmeter, a Colorado Division of Wildlife officer, whose courageous act of capturing two dangerous fugitives went above and beyond the call of duty, and displayed a measure of heroism worthy of being brought before this body of Congress. During his tenure as a Division of Wildlife officer, Chris has embodied the ideals of integrity, honesty and courage that we, as Americans, have come to expect from the men and women who serve in our state parks. I, along with the citizens of Colorado, am both grateful and proud of Chris' extraordinary act of valor, and believe it appropriate to pay tribute to him for his courage and bravery.

Though not typically in the job description, Chris' extraordinary efforts to apprehend two armed killers near Salida, Colorado on September 29, 2001 are a testament to his relentless dedication to his job, to his community and to his state. While manning a roadblock in the area where the fugitives were believed to be, Chris became involved in the search for the two killers. When they were finally flushed from hiding, it was Chris, along with other state wildlife employees, who apprehended the two suspects, and ultimately brought them into custody. Because of his incredible bravery, these criminals are now in the hands of law enforcement officials, and of no threat to anyone else in the area. His courage in the face of both fear and adversity is truly remarkable, and I applaud him for his actions.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to rise and pay tribute to a man whose actions are the very essence of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring them to the attention of this body of Congress. It is in times of great need that true heroes emerge, and I am proud to say Chris Parmeter is a hero not only to me, but to his family, his friends and to this country. It is with a great deal of pride that I stand to honor him today, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TARIFF-BASED SECTION 201
RELIEF

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with many of my fellow colleagues to urge the President to implement a strong, effective remedy for the U.S. steel industry as a result of the ITC's recent Section 201 investigation, even if I speak from a somewhat different perspective than many of these colleagues.

While I am well aware of the importance of a stable domestic steel industry to the financial security and national defense of this country, I do not represent a district with an extensive steel industry presence that has been devastated by the recent steel crisis. However, I do have a steel specialty company that closed last year, laying off many individuals. The plant was recently purchased by a new owner and is in the process of reopening. In addition, I have many constituents in the district with steel-related jobs that have been hurt by the steel imports. In New York State, the number of employees in the New York steel industry dropped by 27 percent from January