

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATION OF LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, several weeks ago Lithuanian American communities across this nation gathered to reflect and celebrate the 84th year commemorating Lithuanian independence. In Southfield, Michigan, this community gathered on Sunday, February 10, 2002 at the Lithuanian Cultural Center.

On February 16, 1918 the Lithuanian people proclaimed an independent state ruled by the people, free from German military control. For most of the 20th century, however, authoritarian regimes prevented Lithuanian nationalists from enjoying the fruits of liberty and democracy. In 1990, after five decades of oppression under Soviet control and a relentless passion for freedom and democracy, the Lithuanian people once again proclaimed their independence.

The United States relationship with Lithuania is strong and growing stronger. Today Lithuanian and American leaders, governments and people are able to enjoy a great partnership. A significant goal of this partnership is the commitment to the security of the Baltic region and the promotion of democracy and freedom around the world. To achieve this goal the Republic of Lithuania is making great economic, social and political progress in an effort to secure membership to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The role of NATO in preserving peace and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area is essential for all people; Lithuanians must not be the exception.

Mr. Speaker, I join the people of Lithuania, those of Lithuanian ancestry around the world and Lithuanian Americans in celebrating the 84th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. I salute all of them for the tremendous contributions to freedom and human dignity which they have made.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I will support this measure.

The bill before us responds to the urgent needs of hundreds of thousands of people who are out of work and whose unemployment benefits have been or soon will be exhausted. It also provides important provisions that can help speed up the recovery from recession and create jobs.

My only regret is that it has taken so long for us to take up this kind of bill. If we had

done so sooner, fewer people would have reached the end of their benefits and the economic recovery might be moving at a faster rate. So, I hope that the fact the bill must go back to the Senate will not lead to further unnecessary delays.

To show why prompt action is essential, I am attaching a story from this morning's Rocky Mountain News. It reports that Colorado's unemployment rate recently surpassed the national rate for the first time in more than a decade.

We also have a high concentration of high-tech employment—and many provisions of this bill are particularly important for high-tech firms, which is another reason I support it.

[From the Rocky Mountain News, Mar. 7, 2002]

JOBLESS PICTURE BLEAK

(By Heather Draper)

Colorado's unemployment rate hit 5.7 percent in January, its highest level since 1993 and surpassing the national jobless rate for the first time in nearly 12 years.

The U.S. employment rate in January was 5.6 percent.

The state's increase from 5.1 percent in December was the second-highest jump in the nation behind New Mexico, which recorded a 0.9-point rise from December, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Wednesday.

Colorado's 3-percentage-point increase from its historic low of 2.7 percent in January 2001 was also the nation's second-largest year-over-year increase, behind Oregon's 3.1-point jump.

"It's definitely of concern," said Patty Silverstein, economist with Development Research Partners. "We haven't seen levels like this since the early 1990s. You can't really sugarcoat this."

The state's 5.7 percent seasonally adjusted jobless rate translated to about 135,000 Coloradans out of work in January.

The city and county of Denver's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate hit a whopping 7.4 percent in January, up from 6.1 percent in December and 3.4 percent in January last year, according to the state Labor Department.

About 69,000 metro Denver residents were unemployed in January, 21,200 of those in Denver County alone.

"The last time Colorado's jobless rate was higher than the national rate was March 1990," said Tom Dunn, chief economist for the state legislative council. "We have a higher concentration of high-tech employment here and a lot of travel-related jobs, so Colorado has been hit harder. And I think, Sept. 11 introduced a whole new wrinkle (in the economy)."

Dunn said the recession hit Colorado later than the rest of the nation, so the state will start to recover later.

Economists were surprised by the size of the state's increase, as most were predicting unemployment of about 5.5 percent in January.

"All bets are off now," Silverstein said. "It's hard to say how much higher we might possibly go. The bottom line is that we aren't out of the woods yet."

The unemployment rate is a lagging economic indicator, but "that is still a huge jump," said Tucker Hart Adams, economist with US Bank

"The recession may be officially over, but I think that's kind of irrelevant," Adams said. "The layoffs continue and housing is getting worse. I just don't see any signs of strength locally."

At least one economist was a bit more bullish on the state's economic outlook. "I think the good news is that the U.S. economy has bottomed out," said Sung Won Sohn, Chief economist at Wells Fargo & Co. "Since Colorado's economy depends so much on the U.S. economy, we have to view the U.S. economic outlook as the light at the end of the tunnel."

Job losses were greatest in Colorado's trade sector, with 16,000 fewer jobs in January 2002 than December 2001. Government jobs were down 12,200, and service industry jobs were down 11,400, the labor department said. The only sector to see an overall gain in January was the finance, insurance and real estate sector, which was up 1,100 jobs.

Pueblo had one of the state's highest unemployment rates in January at 8.2 percent, up from 6.5 percent in December 2001 and 4.7 percent in January 2001. Colorado Springs hit 6.8 percent unemployment in January, up from 5.6 percent in December and 3.2 percent a year ago.

The Boulder-Longmont area registered 5.7 percent unemployment in January, up from 4.7 percent in December and more than double its 2.4 percent rate a year ago.

RECOGNIZING JESSICA STAHL

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Jessica Stahl, my constituent from Rockville Centre who has been chosen as a top student finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search (STS), a nationwide competition honoring young people for outstanding work in science and research. Jessica's 10th place prize was the largest awarded to a Long Island finalist this year. She will receive a \$20,000 scholarship prize for finishing in the top ten.

Jessica is a seventeen-year-old senior at South Side High School. Jessica's project was a research project on dance therapy titled "Development of a Movement Analysis Instrument and its Application to Test the Effect of Different Music Styles on Freedom of Body Movement." Jessica wanted to determine if one style of music could produce more expressive and freer movement than others. She developed an original method for quantifying body movements, something no previous researcher had achieved, then found one musical piece that was available in classical, rock, jazz, dance, and reggae styles—Beethoven's 5th Symphony. Jessica believed that the answer could have applications in dance/movement therapy for emotional as well as physical problems. Her results pointed towards reggae as the most liberating.

The awards, presented by Intel Corporation, honor young people for being the nation's

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brightest high school seniors. Intel Corporation gave out scholarships totaling \$530,000 at an awards ceremony this week which was precluded by a public exhibition of all 40 of the students involved in the competition. The Intel STS is America's oldest and most prestigious science competition and is also considered as the "Junior Nobel Prize."

Jessica's ideas and creativity point to a bright future. It is reassuring to see such potential in our young people. I applaud Jessica for her hard work and ingenuity. Long Island, particularly Nassau County, is proud to commend such a talented young individual.

TRIBUTE TO ROSE M. AGUILAR

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who has dedicated so many years to serving her city and her community, Rose Aguilar. Her remarkable achievements have brought so many families and communities together in an effort to educate and promote political action and community service. As members and friends of the Wayne County Chapter of the Hispanic Democrats gathered together on Saturday, March 2, 2002 to honor Rose, a longtime friend and advocate of the civic affairs and community service, they honored her with a celebration of activism, laughter, and memories.

A leader and an activist all her life, Rose Aguilar was the first Hispanic female to be hired at an all-male YMCA, as Director of Programs and Community Service. As an employment specialist in the Wayne County office on Aging and as a community development specialist for the Wayne County Community Development Block Grants Division, her efforts for Wayne County have been relentless. Working as a victim advocate for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office until 1994, she was instrumental in assisting Hispanic domestic violence and homicide victims. Returning to full time employment through her involvement with migrant children, her work with the Committee of Concerned Spanish Speaking Americans led her to serve not only in local parent groups but at the state level as well. Her leadership continues today, as she is Vice-Chair of the Hispanic Democrats of Wayne County, the only all Hispanic Democrats group, and continues to remain active in several other political and civic organizations.

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment throughout the years, Rose Aguilar has truly led her community in a new direction, creating and developing programs that have advanced Detroit's political and community outreach services. She was Vice Chairwoman and former Board Trustee of the New Detroit Self Determination Committee, Vice Chairwoman of the Public Safety and Justice Committee, Executive Board member of Police Community Relations at Precinct 4, Assistant Director of LA SED, and Commissioner of the City of Detroit Senior Citizens Committee, to name a few. Additionally, Rose's outstanding efforts have not gone unrecognized, as she has been honored with prestigious awards like the 1978 Governor's Award as Outstanding Latina in Community

Services, the Outstanding Public Relations Award for 1979 and 1985 from the Mexican Patriotic Committee, the Women's Equality Award in 1986 from the City of Detroit's Human Rights Department, and the Cesar Chavez Award in 2001 from the State of Michigan Latino Democrats. Rose Aguilar's crusade to raise the standards of activism and community outreach programs is one that will be remembered by citizens of this community for years to come.

I applaud Rose Aguilar for her leadership and commitment, and thank her for dedicating her life to serving her city and her community. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF CLEAN ENERGY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert into the RECORD an editorial published in the "Boulder Daily Camera" on March 6. The editorial comes at a critical time, as the Senate is even now debating an energy bill that could lead us in the right—or wrong—direction. The piece ends by calling on the Senate to recognize conservation and alternative energy as not just personal virtues, but as "important components of a national energy policy." I couldn't agree more.

DEMAND LESS DEMAND

In recent months, some have complained that the United States needs an over-arching, under-girding energy policy. They are, in fact, right.

President Bush has proposed an energy policy that emphasizes increased production of oil, gas and electricity and places relatively little emphasis on conservation and alternative energy. The Bush plan, whose fundamental components were approved by the House of Representatives last year, includes a provision allowing for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, one of the last true wilderness areas.

The energy bill passed by the House was predicated on the assumption that we are in an energy crisis and that the best way to confront this crisis is to increase energy production as rapidly as possible. That's the stated justification for drilling in ANWR, and that's the clear rationale for handing \$34 billion in subsidies to oil, gas and nuclear industries.

Curiously, the Bush-backed energy bill does not appreciably boost efficiency standards for the nation's automobiles. The House killed an amendment that would have sharply raised the fuel-efficiency standards for the nation's sport-utility vehicles and light trucks—to an average of 27.5 miles per gallon, the standard that cars now meet. Such an increase would obviate the demand for ANWR oil.

The House rejected the higher fuel standards because a study concluded that the imposition of fuel-efficiency standards coincided with a higher highway fatality rate. A National Academy of Sciences study last year opined that tough fuel-economy standards imposed three decades ago might have caused an additional 100 deaths or so annually. The Academy's report also argued that the safety concerns could be satisfactorily addressed. That didn't faze the House, which

capitulated to the auto industry and labor unions.

This week, a competing energy bill is being discussed in the Senate. The 500-page Senate bill, sponsored by Sens. Tom Daschle and Jeff Bingaman, is markedly different from the Bush plan. The Daschle bill would increase fuel-economy standards to 35 mpg by 2013.

It would provide incentives for citizens to buy hybrid gas-electric cars such as the Honda Insight. It would require that electric companies produce 10 percent of their electricity from renewable resources such as wind by 2020.

Critically, the Daschle-Bingaman bill would not open ANWR to drilling.

The Daschle-Bingaman bill represents a less-lopsided approach to the nation's energy picture. It would focus both on increased production of traditional sources of energy and on conservation and alternative energy. This plan has drawn fire from both ends of the spectrum.

Greenpeace dubbed the Daschle plan "Bush lite." Sen. Frank Murkowski, the Alaska Republican, suggested that the Daschle plan would make the nation less secure. "The House has done its job (in passing the Bush bill). The job of the Senate remains in front of us. But I think most members would agree, our energy policy is a critical first step in this challenge. And it is a challenge. It is a challenge when we fight for freedom, when we seize the day for democracy."

But while framing the energy debate as a fight for democracy, Murkowski argued that Americans should not be called upon to sacrifice. "We turn to energy as we look at the standard of living that Americans enjoy. If it is an SUV, it is an SUV because Americans prefer that as opposed to being dictated by government as to what type of an automobile they have to drive."

The United States uses one-quarter of the world's energy. Here in the world's largest energy sink, conservation and alternative energy are not just personal virtues. They are important components of a national energy policy. In a clear and convincing voice, the Senate should say so.

CONGRATULATING THE GIRL
SCOUTS FROM NASSAU COUNTY

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, this week my Girl Scouts from Nassau County came to Washington for their Anniversary Gala and visited me at my office. For nearly a century, Girl Scouts of the USA has served as an inspirational and positive movement in America's history. With more than 50 million alumnae in the U.S. today, including myself, the Girl Scouts have made a lasting mark on sports, science, politics, public service and many other fields too numerous to list.

Today, March 12, 2002, is the 90th anniversary of the first Girl Scout assembly in Savannah Georgia. Juliette Gordon Low brought together 18 local girls with a determined goal to bring girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the outdoors. Much like today, girls in 1912 hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars and studied first aid. With nearly four million members today, Girl Scouts of the USA is committed to helping

communities, developing skills in everything from sports to science, and encouraging our future leaders.

In celebration of nine decades of excellence and accomplishments, Girl Scouts of the USA will be hosting its 90th Anniversary gala in Washington, D.C. A select group of 10 extraordinary American women will also be honored for serving as role models for today's Girl Scouts. These women exemplify how all girls can achieve greatness. They will be honored with the Girl Scouts' National Women of Distinction Juliette Award. Proceeds from this evening event, their first national awards and fundraising dinner, will benefit the "Girl Scouting: For Every Girl, Everywhere" initiative, helping to expand accessibility and opportunity for all girls.

As our great nation looks to forge ahead into the next century, we, as Americans, can rest assured that new leaders will emerge from organizations like Girl Scouts. Young women of today learn how to accept challenges, be self-confident, internationally conscious, and assertive beginning in the Girl Scouts. These valuable skills are reinforced and cultivated in every girl who participates in Girl Scouts. Our future looks bright with girls all over the country striving to do their best.

I want to congratulate the Girl Scouts of Nassau County and the Girl Scouts of the USA on 90 years of outstanding work and I wish them continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JESSIE D. JONES AND NEW ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the New Israel Baptist Church has a noble mission: to preach the Good News, teach divine truth and heal life by the power of God. A lifelong leader and devoted pastor, Reverend Jessie D. Jones has truly demonstrated his commitment to advancing this mission across southeastern Michigan, as pastor of the New Israel Baptist Church. Today, as the members and friends of Rev. Jones gathered to celebrate his birthday, they paid tribute to his outstanding years of activism, leadership, and faith.

Born in the late 1930's in Arkansas, Rev. Jones was the youngest of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Jones. Confessing Christ at the age of fourteen at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Dumas, Arkansas, Rev. Jones went on to serve in the United States Army for two years after completing his education. Accepting his calling into the ministry at Burnette Baptist Church, he was licensed and ordained under the guidance of Dr. J. Allen Caldwell. After completing two years of Bible college at Tysdale University, Rev. Jones's drive for faith led him to receive his doctrine degree of Divinity at the Detroit International School of Ministry.

Pastor and founder of the New Israel Baptist Church in Detroit, Rev. Jones has dedicated over 15 years to his vision for New Israel. Beginning in a one room store front on West Eight Mile Road in May of 1984, three years of visualizing, praying, and preaching led Rev. Jones and his congregation to their beautiful

location on Puritan St. in Detroit, where they have flourished in faith and service for the last 15 years. Leading three hundred and twelve souls to Christ, including three preachers, Pastor Jones has shown a special dedication to leading the effort to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Demonstrating unwavering support and commitment to his belief in community as well, Rev. Jones has been an active force in his city. Serving as the President of the Clergy United for Today and Tomorrow as well as first Vice-Moderator for the Southern District Association, Pastor Jones has maintained a solid commitment to promoting leadership and activism within the community. His distinguished service and remarkable dedication to improving the lives of people through faith will assuredly continue to serve as an excellent example to communities everywhere.

I applaud Reverend Jessie Jones for his leadership, commitment, and service, and urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of faith and service.

HONORING ALISTAIR W. McCRONE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alistair W. McCrone, President, Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, who, on April 11, 2002, is being honored by the Humboldt State University Alumni Association with the Distinguished Service Award on the occasion of his retirement.

Dr. Alistair McCrone, a native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, received his B.A. in geology from the University of Saskatchewan, his Master of Science degree from the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He began his career as a petroleum geologist in western and sub-arctic Canada. For eleven years he taught geology at New York University. From 1970 to 1974 he served as academic vice president at the University of the Pacific.

Dr. McCrone became the fifth President of Humboldt State University in 1974. Under his leadership, the university earned a notable reputation for academic excellence and innovative programs in higher education. During his distinguished tenure, Humboldt State University received national recognition for its participation in the Peace Corps, its programs in environmental studies and its high rate of graduates who later earn doctoral degrees, particularly in the sciences and engineering.

Dr. McCrone and his wife, Judith Saari McCrone, are highly esteemed on the North Coast of California for their dedication and service to the community. In their honor, Humboldt State University established the Alistair and Judith McCrone Graduate Fellowship Fund in October 2001. Dr. McCrone has emphasized the importance of graduate studies and has had the support of his colleagues in his wish to see the University become a leader in the field of graduate education.

Alistair McCrone has earned many distinguished honors and awards for his accomplishments. He received the Erasmus Haworth Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Univer-

sity of Kansas in 2000. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the California Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Association of University Administrators. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the California State Automobile Association and a Trustee of the California State Parks Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that on the occasion of his retirement we recognize Dr. Alistair W. McCrone for his vision and leadership and for his contributions and service to the people of our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE MOBILE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mobile International Festival, the first and oldest event of its kind in the Gulf Coast region. Founded in 1983, Mobile International Festival has helped to educate school children and share with the general public an event of cultural arts, foreign languages and world history. It has showcased Mobile's own rich heritage and promoted appreciation of diverse cultures worldwide.

Every week before Thanksgiving, Mobile International Festival brings a cultural, fulfilled family experience of over 60 countries from Mobile's international community. Its stated mission is to "encourage a spirit of friendship between students, community and the growing numbers of immigrants and international citizens; to strengthen understanding and acceptance among people of different cultures; to provide an opportunity to share in the uniqueness of each heritage through art, music, dance, food, flags, and cultural exhibits from over 60 countries; and to provide educational and cultural activities which promote an awareness and appreciation of our city's rich cultural heritage."

The festival enhances the many cultures that are found in Mobile and nearby counties. Teachers have used the festival as a teaching tool and part of their curriculum. The festival supplements their studies in Geography, Foreign Languages, Art, Social Studies and Home Economics.

The festival has contributed to the quality of life of Mobile's citizens. Due to the importance of this cultural event to the community, Mobile International Festival participates in many community-oriented activities representing the international community and assists the City of Mobile and Mobile County in selected events.

In today's ever-shrinking world, where countries and cultures are increasingly required to interact and co-exist, Mobile International Festival serves as model for education and understanding between people of all different backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that my district plays host to this noble and important event. I believe the values it teaches are not only important for all Americans, but for all mankind, as we try to make our world a better place for future generations.

IN HONOR OF SOUTH PASADENA
LITTLE LEAGUE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor South Pasadena Little League which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday, March 9, 2002. For 50 years, South Pasadena Little League has offered youngsters an opportunity to enjoy the numerous benefits of organized athletics and community events.

South Pasadena Little League, at the time of its founding, was the only organized sport in the City of South Pasadena. Over the last half century, the league has grown considerably, and this season, over 700 young boys and girls, ranging in age from 5 to 14, will participate in baseball and softball.

The benefits of participation in South Pasadena Little League are extensive. Over the years, South Pasadena Little League has instilled in its participants a sense of character and loyalty and has set forth a framework to teach teamwork, sportsmanship, and fairplay. The league not only affects those who participate as athletes but also the entire community of spectators, parents, and donors. Each year, members of the community donate more than \$20,000 to ensure the vitality of the league.

It is my pleasure to recognize such a worthwhile organization and I ask all Members of the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating South Pasadena Little League as they celebrate 50 years of offering young people a positive environment in which to grow and learn.

MALCOLM S. PRAY, JR. NAMED
"CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend my constituent and good friend, Malcolm S. Pray, Jr. on being named "Citizen of the Year" by the Greenwich, Connecticut Rotary Club. I truly cannot think of an individual more deserving of this award.

Over the years, Malcolm's love of his town and dedication to serving the community have been exemplary. His civic activity in greater-Greenwich has truly run the gamut—ranging from the Boy Scouts, to the Boys and Girls Club, to the Greenwich Symphony, to the Garden Club and the Greenwich Red Cross.

As a prominent automobile dealer, Malcolm has served as president of state, national, and international automobile dealers trade associations. Whether chairing the Soap Box Derby or showing his impressive personal automobile collection to aficionados, Malcolm is equally at home and willing to share his passion for automobiles with others.

Greenwich is truly a better place to live and work thanks to Malcolm Pray, and it is an honor for me to join the Greenwich Rotary and his larger community in taking the opportunity to recognize his outstanding commitment by naming him "Citizen of the Year."

AMBASSADOR RICHARD SCHIFTER'S
INSIGHTS ON THE RAOUL
WALLENBERG CASE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago the American Jewish Committee held an extremely interesting briefing on the case of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews in the last days of the Holocaust of World War II. Wallenberg disappeared into the horrors of the Soviet Gulag in January of 1945, and his fate is still not known.

This event commemorated the twentieth anniversary of the designation of Raoul Wallenberg as an Honorary Citizen of the United States. The legislation to make Wallenberg an honorary U.S. citizen was my first congressional action when I entered Congress. I hoped that if Wallenberg were a U.S. citizen, our government would be in a stronger position in our attempt to find and free him. It also brought greater public attention to the Wallenberg story and his great courage and heroism.

Mr. Speaker, The American Jewish Committee event featured a number of people who have spent many years trying to solve the Wallenberg mystery. The Chair of AJC's International Relations Commission, Ambassador Richard Schifter, made remarks that were particularly insightful and important. Ambassador Schifter brings a wealth of experience as a senior United States diplomat and as a respected attorney. I would like to share his remarks with my colleagues, and request that they be placed in the RECORD.

[From AJC Lunch on Raoul Wallenberg, Feb. 13, 2002]

THE RAOUL WALLENBERG CASE

(By Ambassador Richard Schifter)

The cause of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, the great product of the Enlightenment, is now for the third time in less than one hundred years under attack from totalitarians. As we move forward to deal with this latest onslaught, it is fitting for us to remember a great hero in the struggle against the first totalitarian attack, the Nazis, who, sadly, fell victim to the second, the communists.

It was in the hell on earth created by the evil forces at work two generations ago that Raoul Wallenberg, a man of decency and truly uncommon courage appeared in 1944. Arriving in Budapest in the summer of that year, he demonstrated what one courageous person committed to a righteous cause could accomplish in the fight against those who murder at will. Taking risks, using his ingenuity, working day and night out of the other neutral countries into action, he saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from certain death.

Tom and Annette Lantos witnessed it all. And they did not forget. Tom must once again be thanked and congratulated for having provided a fitting memorial for Raoul Wallenberg's unforgettable accomplishments. Tom's very meaningful gesture is most certainly deeply appreciated by the Wallenberg family and by many other Swedes.

Although his cover was that of a Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg has volunteered for his work in Budapest as the representa-

tive of the United States War Refugee Board. It was that agency of the United States Government that provided him with the standing necessary to carry out the tasks that he undertook.

It is worth noting, in this context, that Wallenberg would not have gone to Budapest, the tens of thousand would not have been saved, and Tom and Annette Lantos might not be with us today if a bureaucratic coup had not been carried out in the Roosevelt Administration, with strong Congressional support, in January 1944. The persons who initiated the coup were four mid-level officials of the Treasury Department, John Pehle, Josiah DuBois, Randolph Paul, and Ansel Luxford.

These Treasury officials had become increasingly concerned with the failure of the State Department to lift a finger to assist in the rescue of those European Jews who had at least a slim chance of escaping the Nazi death machine. The State Department leadership consisted in those years of the Secretary, one Under Secretary, and four Assistant Secretaries.

The Assistant Secretary supervising the Visa Division, Breckinridge Long, had been given responsibility for European refugee policy. As to Jews his policy was very simply: don't let them come to the United States. Further, given the concerns of the British Foreign Office that Jews might want to migrate to the Mandate of Palestine, the United States, under Long's policies, was not to help in any rescue effort. As the United Kingdom had advised the United States: "The Foreign Office are concerned with the difficulties of disposing of any considerable number of Jews should they be rescued from enemy occupied territory." It is evident that by letting them be killed, one avoided the difficulty of disposing of them.

Further, so as not even to get the issue discussed in Washington, the U.S. Legation in Bern, which was in receipt of information about the magnitude of the Holocaust, was explicitly instructed not to transmit such information to Washington.

But the United States Government had another mission in Bern. It was staffed by personnel from the Treasury Department's Division of Foreign Funds Control. Its task was to enforce the Trading-with-the-Enemy Act. It was that mission which continued to transmit information on the Holocaust and on the State Department's failure to take action. The four officials that I have mentioned, none of whom, I should note, was Jewish, became increasingly concerned and finally decided to write a report to the Secretary of the Treasury. It was entitled "Report to the Secretary on the Acquiescence of This Government in the Murder of the Jews." It was a severe indictment of the State Department.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was quite shaken by the Report and decided to take it to President Roosevelt. Treasury also prepared a plan to take responsibility for refugees from the State Department and create a separate rescue agency. President Roosevelt accepted the plan, without even checking with the State Department. The Executive Order that established the War Refugee Board a few days later, and John W. Pehle, the leader of the Treasury Department effort, became its Executive Director.

The speed with which this bureaucratic coup was carried out—it all happened in a matter of days—was undoubtedly the result of the fact that if the Administration did not move forward without delay, Congress would enact legislation calling for the establishment of a refugee agency. The leader of eleven other Senators, including Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. It was this combination of

Treasury officials and Members of Congress that at long last got the United States engaged in the rescue effort, whose greatest hero is indeed Raoul Wallenberg.

It is thus particularly appropriate for this memorial event to take place on Capitol Hill. It is Congress that for decades has insisted that the foreign policy of the United States must be infused with moral content and it has succeeded. Tom Lantos, who has been witness to the history that we recount today, has been a truly outstanding leader in this effort. We are indebted to him.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS OF ALL SAINTS ACADEMY IN BREESE, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the students of All Saints Academy in Breese, Illinois, and their important and heartwarming efforts to help those affected by terrorism.

On October 11th, 2001, President Bush made a request of the children of America. He challenged each of them to earn and send in one dollar. This money, sent by the kindness of the children of the United States, will be used to reach out to the unfortunate children in far off Afghanistan.

The students of All Saints heard and met that challenge. I recently received a check for \$1,000, made out to America's Fund for Afghan Children—that's more than one dollar for each student in All Saints, and more than our President requested.

The students, parents, faculty, and members of the Breese community should be recognized for this fine effort. The terrorists believed they could accomplish their goals with the murder of American innocents; but the American citizens have responded with aid to the innocents of Afghanistan. Nothing else could better show how utterly Al Qaeda has failed.

Mr. Speaker, as President Bush said in his announcement of the Fund for Afghan Children, "One of the truest weapons that we have against terrorism is to show the world the true strength of character of the American people." The children of All Saints have shown that character, and they deserve our thanks. May God bless them, and may God bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my District on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, and I would like the RECORD to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 53, the bill to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and

labor certification filings, I would have voted "aye."

ENHANCED BORDER SECURITY AND VISA ENTRY REFORM ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman SENSENBRENNER and Ranking Member CONYERS for bringing HR 1885 to the floor today. The issue of border security and the extension of section 245(i) are truly important issues, and I'm glad that they are being addressed. I support HR 1885, the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, for many reasons, namely because it insures safety for the people within this country's borders. This bill provides the tools necessary for the U.S. Customs and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to better serve the American people.

The bill also has a provision to extend the border crossing card deadline for residents along the Southwestern border of the United States. This extension will provide a much-needed boost to the economies that have suffered since the tragic attacks of September 11th. After the attacks, Congress stopped work on a stand-alone bill with bipartisan support to extend the deadline for one year to October 1, 2002. With this extension, shop owners that were forced to close their doors after the deadline passed will once again be able to open them. People granted the extension can use their border crossing cards to go to school, to go to work, to go shopping, or to just merely visit their families. They will continue being productive members of society of the border economy.

The Southwestern border, according to a recent U.S. Chamber of Commerce report, has a population of 6.2 million people in the U.S. and approximately 4.3 million people in Mexico. The buying power of border residents is immense and the economy of South Texas depends on their participation in our market place. In my district alone, 75–80% of Brownsville's downtown retail sales normally come from people crossing the border. Since September 11th this number has dropped. This same report also cites the border crossing card deadline as one of the main reasons that fewer people are crossing the border. The economic effects of the attacks in September were bad for the country; they were devastating for the Southwestern border.

The Southwestern border is vitally important to the United States. It is the gateway to the United States from Latin America, it is the port-of-entry for one of our most valued trading partners, and it represents the rich diversity of immigrants on which this country was founded. This bill is an excellent first step in recognizing that fact. Again, I thank Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. CONYERS for their actions.

TRIBUTE TO JEANNE BRADY LORENZ, FIRST ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S UNSUNG HEROINE AWARDS HONOREE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who has dedicated so many years to serving her city and her community, Jeanne Lorenz. Her remarkable achievements have brought so many families and communities together in an effort to educate and promote racial and ethnic justice. As the Michigan Women's Commission held the First Annual Governor's Unsung Heroine Awards, they honored the contributions of women in communities across Michigan whose work has otherwise gone unrecognized. Gathering together on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, the Michigan Women's Commission chose to honor Jeanne Lorenz, a longtime friend and advocate of civil rights and community service.

A leader and an activist all her life, Jeanne Lorenz has lived her life by her principles and has dedicated her life to teaching these principles to others. As an active member of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice in Macomb County for over 30 years and Secretary of its Executive Board for more than 20 years, her efforts for her community have been truly selfless. Beginning in 1971 with monitoring the local newspapers and courts and organizing a program called Peaceful Schools during anti-bussing demonstrations, Jeanne participated in a wide variety of activities to promote civil rights. As one of the primary cooks for the first few annual Martin Luther King Holiday Celebrations in Macomb County, an event which raised money to purchase books on racial diversity for school libraries, Jeanne was integral in the fight to promote racial understanding in her community. This determination and commitment to civil rights led her to help defuse racial tensions at a local high school at the request of the Lake Shore Schools superintendent. Forming an advisory group to relieve racial tensions, she helped this group later evolve into the Committee for Racial and Ethnic Understanding, a group that provided a forum for communication and sponsored ethnic fairs.

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment throughout the years, Jeanne Lorenz has also been active in community outreach, working in programs that have helped advance her local community. An active member of St. Gertrude's Church, Jeanne served as the first elected female president of the St. Gertrude Parish Council and served on the Christian Service Commission. Using her training as a home economics teacher, Jeanne organized a funeral luncheon program at St. Gertrude's Church in St. Clair Shores and prepares and serves meals periodically with her volunteers at the Salvation Army in Mount Clemens. She also cooks for the McRest Homeless Shelter program at her church and directs the kitchen crew at the Interfaith Care Givers' Annual Spaghetti Fund Raiser. Jeanne Lorenz's crusade to raise the standards of activism and community outreach programs is one that will be remembered by citizens of this community for years to come.

I applaud Jeanne Lorenz for her leadership and commitment, and thank her for dedicating her life to serving her city and her community. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary years of service.

TRIBUTE TO DALY CITY FIRE
CHIEF BOB O'DONNELL

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to one of the San Francisco Bay Area's most dedicated and distinguished public servants, recently retired Daly City Fire Chief Bob O'Donnell. During Chief O'Donnell's remarkable thirty year career in the Fire Department he left an indelible legacy on the community he served with extraordinary passion and professionalism.

In the wake of September 11th, the American people have come to better understand the heroic commitment of our nations firefighters in serving the public. Risking life and limb to protect the community is part of their daily job. Bob O'Donnell lived up to the highest ideals of public service through his thoughtful leadership, and we should all thank him for his outstanding labors on behalf of the people of San Mateo.

As a young boy, Bob O'Donnell dreamed of becoming a fire fighter, and that dream was realized when, in 1972, at the age of twenty-six, he joined the San Mateo Fire Department. His leadership skills and talent did not go unnoticed and was promoted to Fire Engine Operator in 1979, and then quickly rose to Fire Captain. By 1985, Bob was awarded the highest of honors when he was named firefighter of the year of Daly City. A year later, he was named Administrative Battalion Chief and then Operations Battalion Chief.

In 1997, his service record and leadership skills brought him to the pinnacle of his profession, Fire Chief of Daly City. During his thirty years in service, Bob became a forerunner in the field of fire safety by becoming one of the state's most active proponents of fire prevention and community fire safety education programs. From 1989 through 1996, he served as the department's Public Education Coordinator and led numerous efforts to educate the community on fire safety.

Chief O'Donnell's list of accomplishments is long. In the mid-80's he successfully fought for grants which secured smoke detectors for low-income citizens. His integrity as well as the respect he garnered from his fellow firefighters made him the natural choice to lead efforts in integrating women into the Daly City fire department in 1986. His sensitivity and leadership in the matter made Daly City a model for other fire departments. As Fire Chief, Bob O'Donnell's leadership was pivotal in developing a nationally recognized Joint Partnership Agreement engine-based paramedic program, which involved seventeen in-house paramedics. He coordinated the Vegetation Management Program to remove the highly flammable gorse plants in Daly City's Southern Hill section, thereby changing the area from a very high fire hazard zone to a low hazard zone. Daly City was the first to achieve this feat in California.

Chief O'Donnell's presence will be sorely missed at the fire houses of Daly City, but his legacy of achievement will continue to inspire the brotherhood of professional firefighters. I hope he enjoys his retirement, he's earned it.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM L.
HENRY—RESCUE TEAM NO. 1

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a tribute to Firefighter William L. Henry of Rescue Team Number 1, a member of the Vulcan's Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

Whereas, September 11, 2001 was a day of horror and tragedy that will forever live in the memory of Americans, and;

Whereas, more than 3,000 people from many occupations, nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and creeds were brutally murdered by terrorists, and;

Whereas, members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Port Authority and other Public Safety Personnel, through their valiant, courageous and heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands under unprecedented destructive circumstances; and;

Whereas, more than 300 New York City Firefighters lost their lives in the effort to save others, and

Whereas, Congressman Major R. Owens and the people of the 11th Congressional District salute the bravery and dedication of all who gave their full measure of devotion, and;

Whereas, we deem it appropriate to highlight the courage and valor of individuals and groups in a variety of forms and ceremonies: Now therefore be it

Resolved: That on this 10th Day of March, Two Thousand and Two, Congressman Major R. Owens, and representatives of the people of the 11th Congressional District, pause to salute the sacrifices of these honored men, and to offer their heartfelt condolences to families of these African American Firefighters who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

Given by my hand and seal this 10th day of March, Two Thousand and Two in the Year of our Lord.

JIM ROWAN: TIP O'NEILL'S RIGHT-
HAND MAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend to my colleagues an obituary which appeared in the Boston Herald reporting on the death—and some of the attributes—of dear friend James Rowan, Sr.

I've known Jim since his years of service with Speaker of the House Thomas "Tip" O'Neill. We worked together in Washington, traveled the world together with the Speaker, and had a brotherly love and friendship that was shared by our families.

Just as I will never forget my friend Tip O'Neill, I will forever keep with me the many happy memories of my times with Jim Rowan.

My wife Alma and I extend our prayers to Francis and the family, and share in their grief over the loss of a great husband, father and friend.

[From the Boston Herald, Mar. 13, 2002]

JAMES ROWAN SR., AIDE TO HOUSE SPEAKER
O'NEILL

James P. Rowan Sr. of East Boston, a senior political aide to the late House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., died Sunday at his home, after heart failure due to a brief illness. He was 79.

"Jim Rowan was one of Tip O'Neill's right-hand guys, especially on the Massachusetts front. He was full of colorful stories and had a great heart. Few were better at hearing a working person's problem and pushing the right buttons in the federal bureaucracy to get it solved," said Herald political columnist Wayne Woodlief.

A lifelong resident of East Boston, Mr. Rowan attended the High School of Commerce in Boston, the University of Missouri and Suffolk University. He also studied at Calvin Coolidge School of Law.

He served with the Navy in the Pacific for two years during World War II.

Mr. Rowan joined the Massachusetts House member's staff in 1953 and was a senior political aide to Speaker O'Neill for 33 years. He served as O'Neill's coordinator for district service programs and political affairs until the House speaker's retirement in early 1987. He also served as a consultant for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee for several years beginning in the late 1960s, when O'Neill was national chairman of the group.

During the past 14 years, he had served as a senior consultant to Cassidy and Associates, Washington, D.C., and specialized in international issues. He was also president of J.P.R. Consulting Inc., Boston. He had previously served as an insurance broker and a Boston area bank director.

Mr. Rowan had brief roles in two motion pictures. He was an avid racing enthusiast and owned horses that ran at several eastern state race tracks.

Mr. Rowan is survived by his wife, Francis (Brown); two sons, Daniel and James P. Jr., both of East Boston; and his sister, Frances of East Boston.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at Out Lady of the Assumption Church, East Boston.

A memorial service will be conducted in Washington, D.C., at a later date.

His ashes will be scattered at Saratoga Race Course, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., during the August meet.

Arrangements by McGrath Funeral Home, East Boston.

RECOGNIZING HAMMEL ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL'S QUILT OF CAR-
ING

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate the students of

Hammel Elementary School for working tirelessly on the Quilts of Caring (“tapiz de carino”). These handmade quilts, which they painstakingly pieced together, symbolize their commitment to remembering America’s fallen heroes of Sept. 11, 2001. This project became a reality during the past six months because of the hardworking efforts of the entire community of Hammel Elementary—students, parents, teachers and neighborhood friends who all joined together to create nine beautiful quilts.

Hammel Elementary School’s administrator, psychiatric social worker, school psychologist and parents united their volunteer efforts to assist the students in creating the nine quilts that have been sent to my district and Washington offices, the Pentagon, New York Police Department, the Fire Department of New York, East Los Angeles Sheriff’s Station, Los Angeles County Fire Department and the White House. It gives me great pride to present such a fine multi-cultural message of love, faith, unity and support that is depicted in each quilt.

It is evident that the children from Hammel Elementary share a common vision for a healthier and more peaceful future, and I am proud that they have not surrendered to hateful messages of violence or vengeance.

I commend the students and surrounding community members of Hammel Elementary and thank them for portraying such wonderful act of kindness and patriotism that serve as a positive reflection of humanity for the entire nation.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER ANDRE FLETCHER—RESCUE TEAM NO. 5

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a tribute to Firefighter Andre Fletcher of Rescue Team Number 5, a member of the Vulcan’s Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

Whereas, September 11, 2001 was a day of horror and tragedy that will forever live in the memory of Americans, and,

Whereas, More than 3,000 people from many occupations, nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and creeds were brutally murdered by terrorists, and;

Whereas, Members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Port Authority and other Public Safety Personnel, through their valiant, courageous and heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands under unprecedented destructive circumstances, and,

Whereas, More than 300 New York City Firefighters lost their lives in the effort to save others, and

Whereas, Congressman Major R. Owens and the people of the 11th Congressional District salute the bravery and dedication of all who gave their full measure of devotion, and;

Whereas, We deem it appropriate to highlight the courage and valor of individuals and groups in variety of forms and ceremonies. Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That on this 10th Day of March, Two Thousand and Two, Congressman Major R. Owens, and representative, of the people

of the 11th Congressional District, pause to salute the sacrifices of these honored men, and to offer their heartfelt condolences to families of these African American Firefighters who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

Given by my hand and seal this 10th day of March, Two Thousand and Two in the Year of our Lord.

GARY BOGNER: INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF BOW HUNTING

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend and fellow bow hunter, Gary Bogner, as he prepares for his new role as President of Safari Club International and the Safari Club International Foundation. Gary and I share a love of big game hunting and I have enormous respect and admiration for him as a hunter and as a leader in wildlife conservation.

A native of Muskegon, Michigan, Gary traces his passion for the outdoors to his youth when he first began hunting small game and whitetail deer. The son of a Michigan Conservation Officer, Gary quickly developed a zeal for wildlife conservation and hunting, especially bow hunting. By age 17, he owned an archery shop and was producing arrows for local archers. Today, after more than 45 years devoted to archery and bow hunting, Gary is known as the “International Ambassador of Bow Hunting.”

An avid sportsman, Gary’s hunting skills and achievements are legendary throughout the world. He has hunted five continents and has harvested over 60 different big game species with his bow. He was the first bow hunter to hunt the former Soviet Union and take a Russian Kamchalka brown bear, Russian Saiga antelope, Chukotka moose, Sika stag and a Marco Polo Argali sheep. He holds an astounding number of hunting records. Gary has taken over 25 African species of big game animals and his white rhino currently ranks as the top one ever taken with a bow. In North America, he has more than 29 big game species to his credit, including his Safari Club International top-ranked polar bear. Gary is only the fifth bow-hunter to successfully complete the North American Super Slam, harvesting all 28 North American big game animals with a bow and arrow. He also is currently the only bow hunter to have taken a Marco Polo sheep with a bow and arrow.

In 1995, Gary earned the Safari Club International World Bow Hunters Hall-of-Honor Award for exhibiting the highest degree of integrity, success in the field and lifetime contribution to the past and future growth of bow hunting and archery. He deeply believes, as do I, that wildlife is a renewable resource and that hunting plays an important role in its management. Gary credits his wife, Nanette; sons, Gary Jr. and Chris; and, daughter, Kimberly, with allowing him to pursue and achieve his dreams

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Gary Bogner for his many con-

tributions. I am confident he will continue to shoot straight and true on behalf of hunters, archers and wildlife conservationists throughout the world.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER KEITH GLASCOE—LADDER NO. 21

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a tribute to Firefighter Keith Glascoe of Ladder Number 21, a member of the Vulcan’s Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

Whereas, September 11, 2001 was a day of horror and tragedy that will forever live in the memory of Americans, and;

Whereas, more than 3,000 people from many occupations, nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and creeds were brutally murdered by terrorists, and;

Whereas, members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Port Authority and other Public Safety Personnel, through their valiant, courageous and heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands under unprecedented destructive circumstances, and;

Whereas, more than 300 New York City Firefighters lost their lives in the effort to save others, and;

Whereas, Congressman Major R. Owens and the people of the 11th Congressional District salute the bravery and dedication of all who gave their full measure of devotion, and;

Whereas, we deem it appropriate to highlight the courage and valor of individuals and groups in variety of forms and ceremonies: Now therefore be it

Resolved: That on this 10th Day of March, Two Thousand and Two, Congressman Major R. Owens, and representatives of the people of the 11th Congressional District, pause to salute the sacrifices of these honored men, and to offer their heartfelt condolences to families of these African American Firefighters who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

Given by my hand and seal this 10th day of March, Two Thousand and Two in the Year of our Lord.

IN HONOR OF OUR GOOD FRIEND, JAMES P. ROWAN, SR.

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, and friends, it is with deep sorrow that I address our distinguished body today to announce the passing of a committed Bostonian, a devout patriot, and our good friend, Jim Rowan, at age 79.

For 33 years, Jim Rowan served as a senior political aide to our former Speaker, Thomas “Tip” O’Neill, Jr.

For the last 14 years, Jim has served as a senior consultant to the Washington firm of Cassidy and Associates, specializing in international issues, and he was president of J.P.R. Consulting, Inc.

A life-long resident of East Boston, Jim attended the High School of Commerce, the University of Missouri, the Suffolk University, and studied at the Calvin Coolidge School of Law.

During the Second World War, Jim honorably served 2 years in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater.

In 1953, Jim Rowan joined Speaker Tip O'Neill's staff, serving as district representative, friend, and counsel, until the Speaker's retirement in 1987.

During the 1960's, Jim also served as a consultant for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, while Speaker O'Neill was its national chairman.

Jim Rowan had a lust for life. Honesty, integrity, his leadership and colorful character will sorely be missed.

Jim Rowan's commitment to the people of Boston, particularly to East Boston, his endearing home, has served our Nation well.

Jim Rowan was one of my closest friends. My wife, Georgia, and I are deeply saddened by his passing.

Along with his many friends in the House of Representatives, in Boston, and around the world, we extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Frances, and his two his sons, James Jr. and Dan.

Jim was a great man, a great friend. He lived his life to the fullest.

A racing enthusiast, Jim owned a number of race horses, and, much like the race itself, it is a fitting tribute to Jim's life and spirit, that his ashes are to be spread at the Saratoga Race Course.

I know that this House, this chapel of the people, mourns the loss of this "Bishop of Boston," A man of the people, our dear friend, James P. Rowan, Sr.

For his friends and family, Jim's wake will be held this Wednesday and Thursday from 5 o'clock p.m. until 9 o'clock p.m. at the McGrath Funeral Home on 325 Chelsea Street, in East Boston.

A mass will be held this Friday, March 15th at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 404 Sumner Street, in East Boston.

Following the mass, Jim's friends and family will be gathering at the Airport Hilton to celebrate his life, his legacy, and his many achievements; and a ceremony in Washington at a later date.

God bless you, Jim may you rest in peace. We thank you for your companionship.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIRE-FIGHTER KEITHROY MAYNARD—ENGINE NUMBER 33

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a Tribute to Firefighter Keithroy Maynard of Engine Number 33, a member of the Vulcan's Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

Whereas, September 11, 2001 was a day of horror and tragedy that will forever live in the memory Americans, and;

Whereas, more than 3,000 people from many occupations, nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and creeds were brutally murdered by terrorists, and;

Whereas, members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Port Authority and other Public Safety Personnel, through their valiant, courageous and heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands under unprecedented destructive circumstances, and;

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Resolved: That on this 10th Day of March, Two Thousand and Two, Congressman Major R. Owens, and representatives of the people of the 11th Congressional District, pause to salute the sacrifices of these honored men, and offer their heartfelt condolences to families of these African American Firefighters who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

Given by my hand and seal this 10th day of March, Two Thousand and Two in the Year of our Lord.

"NUCLEAR TRANSPLANTATION"

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, the universal use of the term "cloning" to describe many procedures can be very misleading. I submit for the RECORD an article from the journal *Science* by Bert Vogelstein, Bruce Alberts, and Kenneth Shine that suggests the adoption of the term "nuclear transplantation" to describe what is now called "therapeutic cloning" to more accurately portray the technique. I commend it to my colleagues.

PLEASE DON'T CALL IT CLONING!

Scientists rely on a dialect of specialized terminology to communicate precise descriptions of scientific phenomena to each other. In general, that practice has served the community well—novel terms are created when needed to document new findings, behaviors, structures, or principles. The lexicon of science is constantly evolving. Scientists who are fluent in the language of any specific discipline can speak to one another using shorthand expressions from this dialect and can convey an exact understanding of their intended meanings. However, when the scientific shorthand makes its way to the nonscientific public; there is a potential for such meaning to be lost or misunderstood, and for the terminology to become associated with research or applications for which it is inappropriate.

In scientific parlance, cloning is a broadly used, shorthand term that refers to producing a copy of some biological entity—a gene, an organism, a cell—an objective that, in many cases, can be achieved by means

other than the technique known as somatic cell nuclear transfer. Bacteria clone themselves by repeated fission. Plants reproduce clonally through asexual means and by vegetative regeneration.

Much confusion has arisen in the public, in that cloning seems to have become almost synonymous with somatic cell nuclear transfer, a procedure that can be used for many different purposes. Only one of these purposes involves an intention to create a clone of the organism (for example, a human). Legislation passed by the House of Representatives and under consideration in the U.S. Senate to ban the cloning of human beings actually proscribes somatic cell nuclear transfer—that is, any procedure in which a human somatic cell nucleus is transferred into an oocyte whose own nucleus has been removed. As Donald Kennedy remarked in a *Science* editorial last year, the legislation would interdict a wide range of experimental procedures that in the near future, might become both medically useful and morally acceptable.

A law that would make it illegal to create embryonic stem cells by using somatic cell nuclear transfer would foreclose at least two important avenues of investigation. First, the technique shows promise to overcome the anticipated problem of immune rejection in stem cell-based therapies to replace a patient's diseased or damaged tissue. Creating stem cells with the patient's own nuclear genome might theoretically eliminate tissue rejection. Second creating stem cell lines by using the somatic cell nuclei of individuals with heritable diseases offers an unprecedented opportunity to study genetic disorders as they unfold during cellular development.

Both of these goals have nothing to do with producing a human being. They may be caught up in the proposed legislation in part because of misunderstood scientific jargon—namely, the casual use of the term "therapeutic cloning" to describe stem cells made for research in regenerative medicine using somatic cell nuclear transfer. What is worse, the already blurred distinction between these two very different avenues of investigation has been compounded by the interchangeable use of human cloning with therapeutic cloning by those who suggest that cloning a human being is a "therapeutic" treatment for infertility.

The term cloning, we believe, is properly associated with the ultimate outcome or objective of the research, not the mechanism or techniques used to achieve that objective. The goal of creating a nearly identical genetic copy of a human being is consistent with the term human reproductive cloning, but the goal of creating stem cells for regenerative medicine is not consistent with the term therapeutic cloning. The objective of the latter is not to create a copy of the potential tissue recipient, but rather to make tissue that is genetically compatible with that of the recipient. Although it may have been conceived as a simple term to help lay people distinguish two different applications of somatic cell nuclear transfer, "therapeutic cloning" is conceptually inaccurate and misleading, and should be abandoned.

It is in the interest of the scientific community to clearly articulate the differences between stem cell research and human cloning. Most scientists agree that cloning a human being, aside from the moral or ethical issues, is unsafe under present conditions. A recently released National Academy of Sciences report details the considerable problems observed in the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer for animal reproduction and concludes that cloning of human beings

should be prohibited. But the report also notes the substantial medical and scientific potential of stem cell lines created by using this technique.

More careful use of terminology would help the public and lawmakers sort out the substantial differences between nuclear transplantation and human reproductive cloning. One place to start is to find a more appropriate term for the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer to create stem cells. We propose the term "nuclear transplantation," which captures the concept of the cell nucleus and its genetic material being moved from one cell to another, as well as the nuance of "transplantation," an objective of regenerative medicine.

Legislators attempting to define good public policy regarding human cloning need the scientific community to be clear about the science, and to be clear when they speak to the public about it. Adopting the term nuclear transplantation in relation to stem cell research would be more precise, and it would help to untangle these two very different paths of investigation.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER VERNON CHERRY—LADDER NO. 118

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a Tribute to Firefighter Vernon Cherry of Ladder Number 118, a member of the Vulcan's Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the record:

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That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

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TRIBUTE TO HOMER DREW

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and esteem that I wish to congratulate Homer Drew, head coach of the men's basketball team at Valparaiso University, located in Valparaiso, Indiana, for achieving his 500th victory on February 21, 2002. Coach Drew is the embodiment of the true spirit of college athletics. He emphasizes teamwork, scholastic excellence, and community involvement. The people of Valparaiso as well as the entire Northwest Indiana community can be proud of the positive influence he has had on our youth.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Homer received Bachelors of Arts degrees in physical education and social studies from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri in 1966 and later earned his Master of Arts degree in education at Washington University in St. Louis and his Doctorate in educational administration from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. His coaching career began in 1971 as an assistant at Washington State University, where he spent one season before moving to Louisiana State University as an assistant to legendary coach Dale Brown.

Coach Drew earned his first head-coaching job at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana in 1976. During his 11 seasons at Bethel, his teams compiled a record of 252-110, making the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) playoffs each year. He was honored as the NCCAA District Coach of the Year during five of those eleven seasons. In 1987 Coach Drew became the head coach at Indiana University-South Bend, where he inspired a team which had won only six games the previous season and led them to a 17-12 record, the first winning season in school history.

Homer Drew was hired as the head basketball coach of Valparaiso University prior to the 1988-1989 season, and it marked a turning point not only for the basketball program but the university and community as a whole. His personal commitment to faith, family, and service has carried over into professional excellence. He has earned more victories than any other head coach in school history after leading the Crusaders to a record of 235-184 in his 14 years at Valparaiso University, including guiding this year's team to a school record 25 victories. He has been named Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year four times, and has led the Crusaders to the NCAA Tournament five times in the last six years. His teams have won the Mid-Continent conference regular season and tournament championships in six of the last eight years, and have captured either the regular season or tournament championship each year during that time.

Coach Drew brought national attention to himself and the university in 1998, when he coached the Crusaders to an upset victory over nationally ranked Mississippi in the NCAA Tournament. An experienced team led by Homer's son, Bryce Drew, the Crusaders defeated Florida State in the second round of the tournament to advance to the Sweet Sixteen.

The national media focused its attention on the small school from Northwest Indiana and marveled not only at the success of the team, but at the kindness and graciousness of the players and their coach. The nation learned what we in Northwest Indiana already knew; that Homer Drew is an outstanding role model for the youth who put their trust in him.

Beyond his exceptional professional achievements, Homer Drew takes significant pride in his personal activities within his community. He is an active civic speaker who has created numerous community activities in which his players and coaches participate. In 1998, Drew was honored with the prestigious Naismith Good Sportsmanship Award, given by the Naismith International Basketball Foundation. He has also been awarded with the Lumen Christi Medal, Valparaiso University's highest honor, in recognition of a lay person's distinguished service to church and society. Coach Drew admits that one of his finest achievements is that he has sent over 50 of his players into either the coaching and/or teaching profession. A dedicated family man, Drew enjoys spending much of his free time with his wife, Janet, and their three children, Scott, the associate head coach of the Crusaders, Dana, and Bryce.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Coach Homer Drew of Valparaiso University for achieving his 500th victory as a head basketball coach. His leadership both on and off the basketball court is valuable resource to the Northwest Indiana community, and I hope that we will benefit from his influence for many years to come.

ENHANCED BORDER SECURITY AND VISA ENTRY REFORM ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the extension of section 245(i) that was included in House Resolution 365, the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002.

This extension is long over due. Nearly one year ago, this provision expired and we have gone back and forth between the House and the Senate on the particulars of something we all know is a necessary and prudent piece of legislation. Extending section 245(i) will provide needed relief to the community that is the base of our society and I am proud to stand with my colleagues in support of this measure.

However, this resolution simply does not go far enough. By only helping a narrow group of people, we do not assist all those we are capable of aiding and we do not right the wrong of eliminating section 245(i). Furthermore the restrictions present in this extension will only continue to confuse people about eligibility and giving people false hope of staying with their families and continuing to pursue their American Dream. Only when we reinstate section 245(i) will we have fully acknowledged the fundamental importance of family unification and the contribution of immigrants to our nation. This is an important first step in that direction.

I am especially dismayed that the resolution came within one vote of being rejected by the House. Just last summer, it passed by a landslide. The obvious explanation for this dramatic change is the attacks of September 11th. Ironically, the previous bill extending section 245(i) was scheduled to be voted on for enactment on the day of the attacks. Six months later, it struggled to make it out of the House.

Some would argue that it is these attacks, committed by people from countries other than our own that have changed our viewpoints on immigrants. This is an overly simplistic explanation. While it is certainly expected that these attacks would make us more acutely aware of the enemies we face, we cannot blame the terrorists that carried out these horrific attacks for the anti-immigrant sentiment that was articulated in this chamber during the debate on this resolution. We are the ones responsible for this attitude.

We can never undo what was done against us and we can never fully understand the evil that lurked in the hearts of these men. But we can control what impact they have upon our lives. We should not allow fear to become the guiding principle, but should stand strong for the principles our country are founded on. Punishing our hard working, committed, and American, in every sense of the word, immigrant community is not the answer.

We are headed in the right direction with H. Res. 365, but it is only a step. There is much more work to be done.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VERA
PÉREZ (1933–2002)

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Vera Pérez. Vera was born in 1933 in Los Angeles and raised by Pete Acosta, a single father. She and her sister, Natalia, spent much of their formative years in boarding schools and boarding houses, only really able to spend Sundays with their father.

As a young woman, Vera worked in a factory. In the 1970s she completed the CETA training program and began working at the Older Residents Medical Screening Program (ORMSP) as a receptionist. ORMSP is a non-profit healthcare company that provides free medical screening for senior citizens in the East side of Los Angeles. Through her 18 years at ORMSP, Vera advanced from receptionist to data specialist and eventually was running the program when she retired in 1995.

Vera and her husband, Felipe, had five children: Diana, Lisa, Yvette, Phillip and John; and four grandchildren. In addition, Vera had an active hand in raising her four nephews and nieces, including Antonio Villaraigosa, who went on to be the Speaker of the California State Assembly.

Vera Pérez died on March 5, 2002. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and friends.

PLANET MARS

HON. JOHN COOKSEY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. COOKSEY. Mr. Speaker, We are better prepared to go to the planet Mars today than to the Moon in 1961. The reasons to go are compelling and the goal is within reach.

Like the Moon Race, exploring Mars will have benefits here on Earth, revitalizing our economy and society like no other challenge. America's wealth today testifies to space exploration's past return-on-investment in communications, computers, and advanced materials. Mars exploration will bring to all of us a positive and dynamic vision of the future—a goal to achieve, a dream to make real.

As the planet most like Earth, Mars should be the next focus of space exploration. We have sent many robots to explore Mars for us, but their abilities are limited. It's time to go there ourselves.

We have the means to explore and settle Mars in the near-term on only a fraction of NASA's current budget, but work is needed to refine key technologies like space suits and life support systems. The targeted investment of a modest 1% of NASA's annual budget can achieve these advances. Adequate funds would remain for NASA's other priorities today, while we prepare for the day in the very near future when Americans again walk on another world.

The time to plan our next giant leap is now. It's our future, let's make it happen.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER LEON SMITH, JR.—LADDER NUMBER 118

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a Tribute to Firefighter Leon Smith, Jr. of Ladder Number 118, a member of the Vulcan's Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

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CONGRESSMAN RANDY FORBES
COMMENDING THE GIRL SCOUTS
OF THE U.S.A. ON THEIR 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. on their 90th Anniversary. The Girl Scouts are a quintessential American institution that has exported its successful strategy to 140 countries, and a worldwide family of 8.5 million girls. The Girls Scouts represent the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world.

Juliette Gordon Low, who believed that all girls should have the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually, formed the Girl Scouts this week in 1912. Congress first chartered the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. on March 16, 1950. Since that time, the Girl Scouts have grown to over 3.8 million members throughout America.

The Girl Scouts have held true to their mission to help all girls grow strong and develop their full potential. The Girl Scout Promise compels each young Girl Scout to be their best by pledging: "On my honor, I will try; To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And top live by the Girl Scout Law."

Now more than ever, the young women of America needs the Girl Scout's positive message and leadership. The Girl Scouts provide an environment where girls are challenged and guided to become capable, self-reliant, ethical women who will make a difference.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I commend the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. on their 90th Anniversary and their invaluable contributions to the upbringing of America's young women. I congratulate the Girl Scouts and thank all those who have contributed their time, energy, and love in making this organization an American success story.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER KARL JOSEPH-ENGINE NO. 207

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a Tribute to Firefighter Karl Joseph of Engine Number 207, a member of the Vulcan's Society and one of

the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the record:

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That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

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A TRIBUTE TO SISTER RITA NOWATZKI OF THE NEW YORK FOUNDING HOSPITAL

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Rita Nowatzki for her distinguished service to the children and families of New York City. A Sister of Charity for over fifty years, Sister Nowatzki has dedicated herself to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community. As she enters her retirement, she remains unwavering in her commitment to speak for those who are voiceless and remind us all of our responsibility to aid the poorest members of our community.

In 1990, Sister Nowatzki joined the New York Founding Hospital as its public advocate. In the years since, Sister Nowatzki has proven her reputation as an innovative administrator and masterful advocate. She produced "The Foundling," the first book documenting the Hospital's 137-year history of aiding orphans, poor families and children. She raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the United Way, saved crucial family services in the New York City budget, and lit up the Empire State Building every April to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention month. As an ardent advocate for our children's well-being, Sister Nowatzki has worked at the city and state level to craft policies and programs that will assist the most vulnerable members of our

community. One major component of the work of Sister Nowatzki is her desire to instill in young people an interest and commitment to participate in government and public policy and to take an active role in the issues that affect them. As a result, we know that her legacy will live on in the Hunter College public service scholars she has trained throughout the years.

Sister Rita Nowatzki is a passionate, empathetic and nurturing Sister of Charity. Her dedicated work to promote social justice will benefit New York for years to come. As much as we will miss her ever-vigilant leadership, we know that her spirit of compassion will continue to grace us. As she begins the next chapter of her life, we thank her wholeheartedly for her tireless work to make our city a better place, and we wish her the very best in the years to come.

HONORING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Tuesday, March 12, 2002, marks the 90th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. Throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouts and Golden Valley Council, the pre-eminent organization for girls, has inspired girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism. Girl Scouting will lead businesses and communities to teach girls the skills needed to take active roles in math, science, and technology careers and to fulfill our country's economic needs. Through Girl Scouting, every girl, everywhere grows strong, gains self-confidence and skills for success, and learns her duty to the world around her. Through participation in Girls' Voices, a national community service project, every girl will learn to use her own voice to address an issue of concern to her and perhaps make a change for the better in her community. Some fifty million women have enjoyed the benefits of the Girl Scouts program, as an American tradition, for 90 years. Now, therefore, I GEORGE RADANOVICH, by virtue of the authority vested in me as a U.S. Representative, 19th District, for the State of California do hereby proclaim the week of March 10–16 as Girl Scout Week.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTER SHAWN POWELL—ENGINE NUMBER 207

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a Tribute to Firefighter Shawn Powell of Engine Number 207, a member of the Vulcan Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the record:

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IN TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH WATTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on March 19, 2002 the Council of Senior and Centers and Services of New York City will host a surprise retirement party for Joseph Watts. At the risk of spoiling the surprise, I rise today to pay my personal tribute to a remarkable community leader. Mr. Joseph Watts has proven to be an exceptional person committed to the pursuit of a successful career and giving back to the community throughout his life. In 1962 he graduated from the American Academy of Funeral Service in the State of New York and embarked upon a successful career in Funeral Service. Mr. Watts has contributed a great deal to the comfort of the bereaved in New York. Since the 1970's he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Funeral Directors Association and Regional Governor of District 6 of the New York State Funeral Directors Association. He has also served as an often honored and recognized leader of many national and international associations of Funeral Directors. These professional honors have recognized the extraordinary contribution that Mr. Watt has made throughout his professional life to his chosen profession and to his community as well.

Among the professional honors Mr. Watts received are: New York State Funeral Director of the Year in 1981; a report for President Carter on Funeral Industry and Federal Trade Commission with impact on small businesses; the International Order of the Golden Rule for "Service to the Community and Profession"; honored by the White House On Social Security: "The Long View—The Effect of Social Security Reforms on the Homeless, Poor and

Children"; and International Funeral Directors Association award as Funeral Director of the Decade.

His excellent reputation in his field has led him to be appointed to various positions in different organizations, such as Chairman of the New York State Funeral Directors Advisory Board, Vice-President of the Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City, and Board Member of Retired Senior Volunteer People (R.S.V.P.).

Mr. Watts has been an important part of many community associations such as the Rotary Club in Upper Manhattan, the Washington Heights/Inwood Chamber of Commerce, the Washington Heights/Inwood Development Corporation and many others. In every organization of which he is a member, Mr. Watts has given his time to leave a positive mark on the communities or people he has worked with. His legacy has been so extraordinary in these communities that he has been honored by most of them.

The Harlem Boys Choir has honored Mr. Watts for the Creation of Adopt a Child in 1984. He also received the Washington Heights/Inwood Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award in 1984. In 1985 he received the Community Resident Award from the Police Department of New York City for donation of Police Vests to the 34th Precinct.

Mr. Watts' exemplary career and many contributions make him much deserving of the honor and tribute that will be paid to him by his many friends and colleagues on the 19th of March of 2002.

IN HONOR OF DORIS S. SCHWAB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Doris S. Schwab, who is retiring after 30 years as Executive Director of Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. Ms. Schwab's unwavering commitment to Cleveland's senior community has been invaluable. Her generosity, intelligence, and unselfish dedication will be greatly missed.

For over 30 years Ms. Schwab has worked tirelessly to create much needed resources to serve Cleveland's senior citizens. In 1971 she organized and established the Crestview Senior Center, a Multi-purpose Center serving the elderly in collaboration with the Cleveland Jaycees. In the same year she became Executive Director of its parent organization, Senior Citizen Resources, Inc.

Over the next few years Ms. Schwab worked diligently to expand the Center by creating new sites throughout the Cleveland area. In 1978 she piloted a site called Brighton Center. By 1979 she secured funding for and established a second Multi-purpose Center, Deaconess-Krafft, which was built on the Deaconess Hospital Campus. Between 1976 and 1981 she piloted a site in the Southwestern area of Cleveland at the Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ and Brooklyn Acres. She secured a Community Development Block Grant to fund and establish a third site operating one day a week at the City of Cleveland-owned Estabrook Recreation Center. Throughout the 1980s she also worked with Dea-

coness Hospital and MetroHealth Medical Center to establish their programs serving senior citizens.

Between 1998 and 2000 as a result of Ms. Schwab's dedication to the senior community, funding in the amount of \$332,000 was secured for the renovation and construction of the Memphis Fulton Senior Center and administration offices of Senior Citizen Resources, Inc., Crestview Senior Center relocated to this new site. By this time the centers were serving over 3,000 senior citizens yearly in the Old Brooklyn community of Cleveland. Today the centers continue to thrive as a result of Doris S. Schwab's vision, leadership and unwavering commitment.

I ask my colleagues to join me in rising to honor Doris S. Schwab and her truly remarkable accomplishments for the senior community of Cleveland, Ohio.

REPEAL OF GINNIE MAE FEE
INCREASE

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I introduced H.R. 3926, a bill to repeal the scheduled increase in the Ginnie Mae guarantee fee that is scheduled to take place in October, 2004. The purpose of this repeal is to prevent what amounts to an unwarranted and unnecessary tax increase on homeownership.

The 1998 Higher Education Act Amendments included a provision unrelated to education which would prospectively increase by 50 percent the annual fee that the Government National Mortgage Association, also known as Ginnie Mae, charges each year on mortgage loans.

Ginnie Mae facilitates an efficient secondary market for Federal Housing Administration, Rural Housing Service, and Veterans Administration single family mortgage loans, by guaranteeing the timely payment of principal and interest on such loans. In exchange for this guarantee, Ginnie Mae charges an annual fee of six basis points on each mortgage loan, which is generally passed along to the borrower. The risk is minimal, since Ginnie Mae's function is to advance funds in the case of default, for which Ginnie Mae is subsequently made whole either through restored mortgage payments or through the federal guarantee by FHA, RHS, or VA on the underlying mortgage loan.

The Administration's fiscal year 2003 budget concludes, with regard to Ginnie Mae, that "Fee collections, interest and other income are expected to exceed expenses by \$834 million in 2002 and \$808 million in 2003." For the purposes of credit scoring, Ginnie Mae is projected to make a profit for the taxpayers [negative credit subsidy] of \$398 million in fiscal year 2003.

Given the substantial profits that Ginnie Mae makes each year, and the low risk that is taken to make such profits, the 50 percent increase in fees from six basis points to nine basis points that is scheduled to take place in 2004 is both unnecessary and unwarranted. This scheduled increase would perpetuate a regrettable trend in recent years of diverting housing resources, such as FHA profits and

Section 8 rescissions, to non-housing purposes.

Moreover, since the fee increase is likely to be passed along to borrowers, the effect will be to raise mortgage rates for low- and moderate income homebuyers, including notably veterans and rural residents. Over the life of a loan, this can translate into thousands of dollars of additional mortgage interest payments.

Therefore, we should repeal this unnecessary and harmful tax increase on homeownership before it takes place. H.R. 3926 does precisely that.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER TAREL COLEMAN—SQUAD NO. 252

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a Tribute to Firefighter Tarel Coleman of Squad Number 2 a member of the Vulcan's Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

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That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

Given by my hand and seal this 10th day of March, Two Thousand and Two in the Year of our Lord.

TRIBUTE TO ROY COLANNINO

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives take this opportunity

to honor Roy Colannino, Police Chief of the great city of Revere, Massachusetts, and a highly distinguished member of our Nation's law enforcement community. Chief Colannino recently retired from the Revere Police Department after dedicating 37 years of his life to the cause of protecting the safety of his fellow citizens and the community at large.

Chief Colannino joined the Revere Police Department in 1965 as a member of the Police Reserves, and was immediately recognized as a bright and energetic addition to the force. During his 37-year career, he served as Patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Chief. While working full time and raising a family, Chief Colannino continued his education at Northeastern University in Boston where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice in 1981. As he ascended the ranks of the Revere Police Department, he earned high accolades from his superior officers and the deep respect of his fellow colleagues at each stage of his career with the force. As the executive law enforcement officer in Revere, Chief Colannino developed a highly successful community-policing program that joined the Revere Police Department with the city's community leaders in an innovative and effective new partnership. His commitment to incorporate his officer corps into the fabric of every neighborhood has been particularly beneficial for this diverse community.

Mr. Speaker, since September 11, 2001, our nation has rightfully reflected on the incredible service our police and fire professionals provide to our communities. Roy Colannino exemplifies that service and the sacrifices these men and women, and their families, endure for us on a daily basis. He has served the City of Revere, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our nation at an incomparable level of professionalism, and dedication and human caring for nearly four decades. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

CHRISTOPHER BLAHA—HERO
AVENGER

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and praise Army Lieutenant Christopher Blaha for his heroic actions in the defense of our nation. I would like to share with my fellow colleagues the following two articles describing Lieutenant Blaha's incredible service in our fight against terrorism. September 11, 2001 was a horrific day for the United States, yet brave men, such as Lieutenant Blaha, show us all that the spirit of America has not, and will not, be broken. Mr. Speaker, we will prevail.

[From the New York Post, Mar. 11, 2002]

FRONTLINE GI'S BATTLE CRY FOR BUDDIES
KILLED IN WTC ATTACK—HERO AVENGER

(By John Lehmann)

On every grenade he threw at the al Qaeda fighters, New Yorker Christopher Blaha wrote the name of the best friend he lost to terrorists on Sept. 11.

Also burned into the Army lieutenant's mind was the memory of a second buddy,

who died trying to save lives at the World Trade Center.

After a fierce eight-day fight in remote Afghan mountains, 24-year-old Blaha, from Great Neck, L.I., returned to safety yesterday and immediately spoke of his two lost pals, Andrew Stergiopoulos, who worked for bond firm Cantor Fitzgerald, and FDNY firefighter Jonathan Ielpi.

"There was definitely a vindictive side to it—I can go back and tell their families everything we did," Blaha said, as he rested at the Bagram air base near Kandahar.

As his fellow soldiers cheered the returning troops, Blaha, fighting with the Army's 10th Mountain Division based in upstate New York, told how he had written Stergiopoulos' name on his grenades.

Blaha's mom, Cooky said her son had formed a bond for life with Steriopoulos as the pair grew up in Great Neck, playing ice hockey for a community team, the Great Neck Bruins.

John Hughes, the father of skating gold-medalist Sarah Hughes, also played on the team. "Andrew and Chris were real close—I'm just so proud of what he's done," Cooky Blaha told The Post.

Steriopoulos' brother, George, said from his home in Great Neck that his family was "touched" by Blaha's words. "It's been very hard," he said. "It would have been Andrew's 24th birthday on March 7."

"I saw Chris going off to boot camp, and we've been hoping that he's OK. That's really touching, what he said."

Ielpi, a 29-year New York City firefighter with two young sons, had known the Blaha family for years, having attended St. Aloysius elementary school in Great Neck with Christopher Blaha's eldest brother, Jack.

Ielpi's mom, Anne, said last night her family had been thinking of Blaha during his Afghanistan mission and was hoping he returned safely.

"We've known the family for years and we think it's great if he can get a little retaliation," she said. "It means a lot to everyone."

Blaha had told his mom before leaving for Uzbekistan in January that he would dedicate his mission to his friends.

"He's just a kid from Great Neck really, but he rang this morning and told me he had been ordering in the planes with the bombs and I couldn't believe it—he's made us all proud," she said.

[From the News Day, Mar. 12, 2002]

A MESSAGE WITH EVERY GRENADE—HOW
SOLDIER FROM LI REMEMBERS A FRIEND

(By Keiko Morris)

Mourners have remembered those lost on Sept. 11 with flowers, letters, balloons released into the sky and eulogies. 2nd Lt. Chris Blaha had his own way.

He wrote the name of a childhood friend, who died in the terrorist attacks, on every grenade he lobbed at enemy Taliban and al-Qaida positions.

Blaha, a 24-year-old Army officer from Great Neck, marked the end of an intense battle with an excited call to his mother on Sunday, using a reporter's satellite phone. He told his mom about his role in Operation Anaconda, the most recent U.S.-led military offensive in Afghanistan.

He said he was filthy, cold and unshaven, but safe. He told her that he directed a B-52 where to drop bombs on enemy positions. And he told her about the grenades—every one in memory of his friend, Andrew Stergiopoulos, 23, who worked at Cantor Fitzgerald.

"Chris was in Ranger School on 911," said his mother. Cooky Blaha, an office manager who lives in Great Neck. "I had to tell him . . ." He was infuriated, she remembered.

"Now he feels like he can do something about it," she said. "I'm proud of him."

Stergiopoulos was not the only childhood friend of Blaha's to die in the attacks. Jonathan Ielpi, 29, a New York City firefighter and father of two, was friends with Blaha's older brother, Jack. Blaha went into battle with the memory of both in his heart, his mother said.

Blaha went to Hofstra University and graduated in December 2000 on an ROTC scholarship. He went directly to basic training and later to an Army Ranger School at Fort Benning in Georgia. He left for Uzbekistan in January and was sent to Afghanistan in late February, his mother said. That was about the last time she heard from him until Sunday.

"I was a little worried when those guys got killed and I thought things weren't going too well," Cooky Blaha said. ". . . He's a little, short, tough kid. He shops at Nordstroms, wears Armani. He drives a Porsche. He's a Great Neck kid, so I was worried. But he did great."

All three knew each other since they were affectionately known as "rink rats," young Great Neck skaters who either play hockey or take up figure skating. They all played for the Great Neck Bruins in a youth hockey program.

The Great Neck Bruins retired both Ielpi's and Stergiopoulos' numbers and a banner was hung at the Parkwood Ice Rink as a permanent memorial, said Anne Ielpi, the mother of Jonathan Ielpi. Saddle Rock Bridge, the place where everyone went to stare at the burning towers on Sept. 11, was renamed the 9-11 Memorial Bridge.

Anne Ielpi heard of Blaha's tribute from a friend on Sunday morning.

"I said, 'Good for him, keep on throwing them,'" Ielpi said. "Knowing that someone is over there doing something in my son's name, it gives me solace."

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER RONNIE HENDERSON—ENGINE NO. 279

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a Tribute to Firefighter Ronnie Henderson of Engine Number 279, a member of the Vulcan's Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

Whereas, September 11, 2001 was a day of horror and tragedy that will forever live in the memory of Americans, and;

Whereas, More than 3,000 people from many occupations, nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and creeds were brutally murdered by terrorists, and;

Whereas, Members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Port Authority and other Public Safety Personnel, through their valiant, courageous and heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands under unprecedented destructive circumstances, and;

Whereas, More than 300 New York City Firefighters lost their lives in the effort to save others, and;

Whereas, Congressman Major R. Owens and the people of the 11th Congressional District salute the bravery and dedication of all who gave their full measure of devotion, and;

Whereas, We deem it appropriate to highlight the courage and valor of individuals

and groups in a variety of forms and ceremonies. Now therefore be it

Resolved: That on this 10th Day of March, Two Thousand and Two, Congressman Major R. Owens, and representatives of the people of the 11th Congressional District, pause to salute the sacrifices of these honored men, and to offer their heartfelt condolences to families of these African American Firefighters who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

Given by my hand and seal this 10th day of March, Two Thousand and Two in the Year of our Lord.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I was not present on the following rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall 53 (HR 1885)—Yea; Rollcall 54 (journal vote)—Yea; Rollcall 55 (H.J. Res. 367: Ordering the Previous Question)—No.

TRIBUTE TO ZACH JORDAN AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHERN COLORADO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Zach Jordan of Loveland, Colorado. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County recently recognized Zach as Youth of the Year.

Zach has been a member of the Boys and Girls Club for four years and enjoys participating in pool tournaments and football. In an interview with the Loveland "Reporter-Herald," Zach said, "the club keeps me out of trouble, a lot of my friends are always getting into trouble with the people they hang out with." The guest speaker at the breakfast awards was Tom Sutherland, a former political prisoner in Lebanon who was encouraged by the contributions of the Boys and Girls clubs to keep children active and safe.

Boys and Girls Clubs are dedicated to helping youth reach their fullest potential by providing positive activities designed to promote productive citizenship and creating healthy relationships with community adults. Boys and Girls Clubs are excellent places for youth to participate in activities with their peers. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Larimer County youth who participate in such a well-respected program.

I ask the House to join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Zach Jordan and the Larimer County Boys and Girls Club for their contribution to improving the lives of Northern Colorado Youth.

RECOGNIZING THE DELTA-MONTROSE ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert into the RECORD a March 5, 2001 BusinessWeek article that highlights the work of the Delta-Montrose Electrical Association (DMEA), a rural energy cooperative in southwestern Colorado.

The DMEA has been around since 1938, yet it is reinventing itself to be able to address 21st century challenges of deregulation and technological change. Its investments in research and development have resulted in innovative services it can offer its customers in the way of combined heating and cooling and fuel cell power for rural areas. In the near future, DMEA hopes to use Internet connectivity to optimize customers' energy use and reduce costs.

As the article points out, instead of trying to dominate the market, DMEA's co-op culture means that DMEA shares what it knows with other cooperatives around the country. I hope DMEA's good ideas and hard work get the attention they deserve.

CUTTING EDGE IN RURAL COLORADO?

(By Hal Clifford)

In 5 or 10 years, your relationship with your electrical utility may be different from what it is now. For a fixed fee, the power company might heat and cool your home with a geothermal heat pump it has buried in your backyard. Or your utility may offer to sell you electricity from a superclean fuel cell it installs in your garage, then buy back any excess juice you don't consume. The power company might even link itself via the Internet to your most energy-hungry appliances—maybe your air conditioner or water heater—so that it can switch them to a power-saver mode when necessary.

You might expect these sorts of high-tech innovations to pop up in energy-starved Silicon Valley, the brainchild of some tech-savvy venture capitalist. You'd be wrong. First out of the gate is the Delta-Montrose Electrical Assn. (DMEA), a 64-year old rural energy cooperative in southwestern Colorado. Any many of the new options are quickly gaining popularity with the co-op's 28,000 members.

By focusing on energy services such as heating and cooling, rather than straight-forward power generation, DMEA is transforming its once-quiet business. Faster than most power players, DMEA is plugging into new technologies. In some cases, it's also forming partnerships with companies developing promising technologies—an unusual step for a once-unadventurous co-op. "I think they're one of the most innovative co-ops in the country," says Peggy Plate, an energy services manager for the Energy Dept.'s Western Area Power Administration. If these strategies pay off, big utilities may soon find themselves looking to DMEA for tips on how to prosper in a new era of energy deregulation.

NEW WAVE

For now, Delta-Montrose is no more than a speck on anyone's radar. But the co-op is intensely focused on finding creative ways to deliver electric services to its customers. Like many of the other 950 or so consumer-owned electric cooperatives in the U.S.,

DMEA dates back to the Depression (table, page 106D). Its roots, modest size, and simple mission nurtured a conservative business culture. But in 1997, the co-op's managers and board took the measure of the coming wave of deregulation and the pace of technological change and decided to get ahead of the curve. "We began investing hundred of thousands of dollars in research and development, which for a co-op is unheard of," says Edwin H. Marston, the board's president.

DMEA's first big innovation, in 1997, was a combined heating and cooling service dubbed Co-Z GeoExchange. For a fixed, year-round price, DMEA equips customers' homes and businesses with a geothermal heat pump. This device is unlike conventional furnaces and air conditioners, which heat air by means of combustion and chill it through mechanical compression. Instead, the pump circulates fluid through pipes buried underground. Even when it's cold out, the earth only a few feet below ground is always around 58F in Colorado. In winter, the pump pulls heat out of the ground and pushes it into the home. The earth's warmth is then distributed through the building, typically via an air-duct system. In cooling mode, this process is reversed.

It's a simple technology that can deliver big savings. Under a Co-Z agreement, a customer pays about \$100 per month and is guaranteed a comfortable house. DMEA estimates that a 2,000-square-foot home might cost \$2,645 per year to heat with propane. A Co-Z GeoExchange home can be heated for around \$1,600—a savings of 40%.

So far, the service is a winner. Between late 1998 and the end of 2000, DMEA installed 115 GeoExchange systems, about half of them under Co-Z service contracts. This year, it expects to install an additional 75 to 100. The venture is already profitable, and DMEA expects that to continue. Managers say that retained earnings (akin to profits for a non-profit co-op) on Co-Z should grow tenfold by 2005, to \$478,000, from \$46,000 last year. Indeed, the Co-Z contracts deliver profit margins in excess of 50%—good business in an industry that typically sees a 4% return on investment.

DMEA puts these retained earnings to work by paying down debt and developing other technologies. Fuel cells, which convert propane or hydrogen into electricity, attracted DMEA's attention because many of its customers live off the grid, in sparsely populated rural areas. True, fuel-cell power is expensive: At 25¢ to 30¢ per kilowatt hour, it's four times the average cost of power for DMEA's wire-connected residential customers. But since building out new power lines can cost \$20,000 to \$60,000 per mile, it's sometimes cheaper to install a fuel cell on site than to string a few miles of wire.

Once the co-op grasped this logic, it went looking for a fuel-cell maker interested in rural markets. In early 1998, the search led to a partnership with H Power Corp., a Clifton (N.J.) manufacturer of proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cells. Then, DMEA took things one step further. It put H Power together with Energy Co-Opportunity (ECO), an arm of Cooperative Finance Corp., based in Herndon, VA., which serves as a bank for electrical co-ops. The two got on so well that ECO invested \$15 million in H Power and inked an \$81 million deal to buy 12,300 4.5-kilowatt fuel cells—H Power's largest order to date—to be delivered to member co-ops over the next two years. Last March, H Power repaid DMEA's favor by siting its first out-of-the-laboratory test unit in the co-op's Montrose (Colo.) headquarters. DMEA, meanwhile, plans to begin leasing the fuel cells to its customers this fall.

In 1998, DMEA began work on another leg of its reinvention strategy: Internet

connectivity. "It's our job to be on our tippy toes to get our customers the best," says the co-op's general manager, Daniel R. McClendon. Sixty years ago, that meant bringing electricity to farmers and ranchers. Today, the equivalent of lights in the milk shed is fiber-optic connectivity. So DMEA took a 6% position in REANET, a telecom startup formed by two other electric co-ops.

NET SAVVY

In addition to providing Web connectivity and e-mail, DMEA hopes to use the Net to optimize customers' energy use and reduce their costs. The co-op is serving as a test bed for technology from Mainstreet Networks Inc. Modified by a small attachment made by the Morgan Hill (Calif.) startup, a homeowner's electrical meter becomes an Internet communications point through which utility managers can power down energy-hungry appliances at a distance. DMEA points out that during a recent spike in power prices, it

could have saved \$48 per home had it been able to turn down their water heaters for just one hour. DMEA expects to roll this program out in the next six months.

Further out, DMEA is trying to repeat the matchmaker role it played with H Power. In 1999, DMEA invested in CoEnergies LLC, a Traverse City (Mich.) startup that modifies existing central air conditioners. In effect, it turns them into ground-based heat-pump systems by the addition of a buried ground loop, similar to the GeoExchange heat pump. In many regions this retrofit could replace conventional furnaces. "This machine has huge energy-savings potential around the country, but nobody knows about it," says Paul S. Bony, DMEA's marketing manager, who has a unit installed at his own house. "We're talking terawatts." Now he's seeking investors.

The flurry of developments at DMEA distinguishes it not just from other co-ops but

also from many of the better-known for-profit players that are preoccupied with building power plants. Size has something to do with DMEA's agility. But it's the cooperative culture that is key. The co-op's staff sees itself as running a nonprofit skunk works that helps their owner-customers and those of other co-ops. "We used to have a circle drawn around our membership," says Business Development Manager Steven M. Metheny. "Now it's wide open—whatever we can do, in whatever markets there are."

Delta-Montrose's strategic punch lies in the institutional structure. Rather than trying to grow and dominate a market, co-op managers say their job is to share what they know with the nation's other co-ops, which provide electricity to 34 million people in 46 states. "They're doing a lot of work that the other co-ops are going to benefit from," says the Energy Dept.'s Plate. And just maybe, the big city power companies will, too.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 15

- 9:30 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine child care improvement issues. SD-430
- 1:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Energy. SD-138

MARCH 18

- 10 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings on Federal workplace reform proposals. SD-342
- Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the National Security Administration, nuclear reactors, and nuclear proliferation. SD-124

MARCH 19

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the worldwide threat to United States interests (to be followed by closed hearings in SH-219). SH-216
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues raised by the fall of the Enron Corporation and by other public companies. SD-538
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Na-

tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Small Business Administration, and the Federal Trade Commission. SD-138

Governmental Affairs
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
To continue hearings to examine pending calendar business. SD-342

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations. SD-226

2:15 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.
Finance
Social Security and Family Policy Subcommittee
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings to examine working families and child care issues. SD-215

Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on maximizing fleet presence capability, ship procurement, and research and development. SR-222

Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine mobility, congestion, and intermodalism, focusing on fresh ideas for transportation demand, access, mobility, and program flexibility. SD-406

Appropriations
Military Construction Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of the Navy and Air Force military construction. SD-138

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on the nomination of Vice Admiral Thomas Collins to be Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Public Health Subcommittee
To hold hearings on women's health issues. SD-430

3 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to examine the budget of the United States Coast Guard. SR-253

MARCH 20

9:30 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine issues with respect to the collapse of the Enron Corporation, focusing on credit rating agencies. SD-342

Armed Services
Personnel Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on recruiting and retention in the military services. SR-232A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine competition in the local telecommunications marketplace. SR-253

10 a.m.
Judiciary
Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine identity theft and information protection. SD-226

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold closed hearings to examine an overview of intelligence programs. S-407, Capitol

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to markup S. 1992, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve diversification of plan assets for participants in individual account plans, to improve disclosure, account access, and accountability under individual account plans; and S. 1335, to support business incubation in academic settings. SD-430

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To continue oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues raised by the fall of the Enron Corporation and by other public companies. SD-538

Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine legislative initiatives that would impose limits on the shipments of out-of-State municipal solid waste and authorize State and local governments to exercise flow control. SD-406

1:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Treasury and General Government Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Office of Management and Budget. SD-192

2 p.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and AMVETS. 345, Cannon Building

2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Strategic Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on national security space programs and strategic programs. SR-232A

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine pending intelligence matters. SH-219

MARCH 21

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine airport capacity expansion plans in the Chicago area. SR-253

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-116

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the readiness of U. S. Armed Forces for all assigned missions.

SR-232A

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 958, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, 326-K.

SR-485

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine federal research and development issues.

SR-253

Appropriations

District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the District of Columbia Courts, Court Services, and Offender Supervision Agency.

SD-192

APRIL 10

10:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition and Business and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine cable competition, focusing on the ATT-Comcast merger.

SD-226

CANCELLATIONS

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings on worldwide threats to United States interests; to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SH-219).

SH-216