

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF DR. SHERMAN
SPARKS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of the beloved community member Dr. Sherman Sparks, of Rockwall, Texas. Dr. Sparks was a tireless country doctor who devoted his life to his friends and neighbors. He had served his community from the 1940's until his retirement in 1996. He died at the age of 92.

Sherman was a bedrock of the Rockwall community as it grew from its rural roots into a suburban city. His devotion to the community was constant, though. It was said that he did not have patients, but he had friends. During his medical practice he delivered over 3,000 babies.

He was very generous with those who needed him, but could not afford a doctor. He founded the Rockwall High School chemistry program and volunteered as doctor for the High School's athletic teams for over 30 years. Sherman also donated his services as jail doctor for the Rockwall Detention Center between 1945 and 1975. Dr. Sparks made house calls up until the day he retired—often traveling to homes that could only be reached by tractors.

Outside of his medical services, Sherman was also instrumental in the community's politics. He founded the Rockwall County Republican Party and even traveled to Washington to testify before Congress on behalf of his patients about Social Security. In the mid-1950's Sherman was instrumental in starting the Rockwall Municipal Airport, much of which they built with their own hands. He was an avid pilot.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sherman Sparks was one of those rare community leaders who gave his entire life to shaping the community. The impact he made is incalculable. He will be remembered as a selfless giver and great family man, a father to four sons, Dr. Randy P. Sparks, Dr. Bob Sparks, David P. Sparks and James Sparks; with 14 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. We will remember with sadness the passing of this kind and caring man who gave everything to his family and community—Dr. Sherman Sparks.

HONORING NANCY RICHARDSON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy Richardson for receiving the Excellence in Public Service Award sponsored by the Business Council. Ms. Richardson will be recognized at a luncheon sponsored by the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute, The Fresno Bee, and the Business Council.

Nancy has been active within the community for years. Her interest in the juvenile system was sparked when she learned that judges from Valley counties were sentencing children to years in the California Youth Authority at a rate that exceeded the state average. This realization led Ms. Richardson on an expedition to uncover and expose the truth. She gathered information and published 1,000 copies of her findings to let people know what was occurring. After this amazing contribution to the juvenile justice system, Nancy went on to volunteer her services to more places which benefited from her initiative. She was elected to the Fresno Unified School District's Board of Trustees, served as coordinator of the Inter-agency Council, and now works on the Foster Care Oversight Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nancy Richardson for receiving the Excellence in Public Service Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Richardson for her tremendous contributions to the community, and in wishing her many years of continued success.

HONORING MS. MAIOLA COLEMAN
AS AN AGENT OF CHANGE IN
TUCSON'S AND PIMA COUNTY'S
AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. PASTOR. Mister Speaker, I rise today to mark the celebration of Maiola Coleman's life by her family, friends and her community on April 19, 2002, at Grace Temple in Tucson, Arizona. They have gathered to honor Maiola's 50 years as an agent of change in Tucson's and Pima County's African American Community with choirs, commemorative awards, and remembrances by those who have been touched by her generous spirit. The community members have chosen this public acclamation to acknowledge Maiola's many achievements on their behalf.

Maiola Coleman is and has been a passionate and committed advocate of civil rights all of her life. Her mother, Tommie Thomas, was her mentor, teacher, and role model for community, grass roots activism on behalf of equal rights and equal opportunities. Maiola learned her lessons well and has honored her mother's teachings by living them and passing them on.

Her childhood experiences helped focus her energies in working with youth and young adults, especially minority youth. Her work as a job developer, trainer, and employment counselor has enabled thousands of minority youth to pursue their dreams of upward mobility through education and good entry level jobs. She has created model programs with the Tucson Urban League and with the University of Arizona that have served as national

models for successful minority educational retention programs and community collaborations for at-risk youth.

In addition to her work with youth, Maiola is the "go-to" person for solutions to problems in the African American community. Maiola works diligently with elected officials, agency directors, private employers, community leaders, and the clergy to bring resources from every sector to bear on finding solutions to problems, whether the problem affects one person or the whole community. Maiola is able to engage multiple resources because she is a "bridge builder" who is constantly linking people and organizations to maximize their effectiveness. She has a wide range of personal contacts and friends who respect her work "from the heart" and who trust her community spirit to work for the greatest good for all. Her latest collaboration has been the Desert Waste Not Warehouse which is recycling computers into the households of the minority and low-income neighborhoods of Tucson and Pima County. This program is making a tremendous difference locally in the "digital divide". It, too, may serve as a national model.

I applaud Maiola Coleman for all she has done for our community in Arizona District 2 to make civil rights a reality and to improve the living conditions of those in need. She has been given many awards and certificates of achievement. They are well deserved. We are proud of her spirit and her service. I thank Maiola for all that she has done to make our country better and stronger. I also thank her 3 children, Marcus, Stellvonne, Kimiro, and her 2 grandchildren, Kivone and Enai for encouraging and sustaining her as she shares her great gifts with the rest of us. Finally, I thank Maiola for being my friend and for sharing with me the vision of a just world.

IN MEMORY OF BOB DE LORENZI

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a friend of Northern Virginia who passed away this week, Mr. Bob de Lorenzi.

Mr. de Lorenzi was a pillar of the Northern Virginia community. As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Patriot Computer Group, Inc. and its subsidiary PatriotNet, Inc., Mr. de Lorenzi was widely admired as a businessman, receiving the 2001 Businessman of the Year Award from the Chamber of Commerce. But even more importantly, he was admired for his love and devotion to his Northern Virginia community.

Mr. de Lorenzi served as Vice Chairman of Technology, and Chief Information Officer, for the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. This is the first instance in the nation that a Chamber of Commerce appointed a Board-level CIO. He was chairman of the Central

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Fairfax Chamber of Commerce's Technology Committee since its inception in 1995, organizing the Chamber's Technology Day event geared toward improving understanding and efficiency in the technology arena.

Utilizing his professional expertise to benefit his community, Mr. de Lorenzi served on the Fairfax City/George Mason University Technology Committee and its Business/Training and Schools subcommittees, as well as the Fairfax County Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee. His volunteer efforts were recognized when the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce honored him with its 1998 Volunteer of the Year award. Last night, April 17, 2002, Bobbie Kilbert, President of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, offered a moving tribute to Mr. de Lorenzi recognizing his many contributions to Northern Virginia's high-tech community and indeed the community at large.

In October 2000, Mr. de Lorenzi again set out to make the Washington metropolitan area, and the nation, a better place by serving as chairman of the first annual Washington Conference on Telework/Telework America TM Day. This conference focused on the development and promotion of telework in the Washington metropolitan area, attempting to provide a solution to many of the difficult issues facing this region, including traffic congestion, work-life balance, recruitment and retention, and air quality—all at an affordable cost. The conference's attendees included elected and appointed representatives of Federal and local governments and managers from both private and public sectors of the entire Washington metropolitan area.

The nation's trust and admiration was revealed as Mr. de Lorenzi was presented by our President, George W. Bush, with the opportunity to serve as the Chief Technology Consultant to the Bush-Cheney Presidential Transition Team. The President discovered what Northern Virginians have long known: Bob was a man you wanted on your side.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I express my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Bob de Lorenzi, and as a representative of the residents of the 11th District of Virginia, I know he will be missed. I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Mr. Bob de Lorenzi.

TRIBUTE TO MERRILL CONNALLY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in tribute of a great Texan, a great American and a dear friend and colleague—the late Judge Merrill Lee Connally of Floresville, Texas—who passed away at the age of 80 on September 4, 2001. Over the course of his life he had been a rancher, an oilman, a radio station operator, a judge, and a soldier who served his country with distinction in the South Pacific during World War II.

Merrill grew up on his family's ranch west of Floresville where he was born as the sixth child of John Bowden Connally Sr. and Lela

Wright Connally on April 9, 1921. After attending Floresville High School, he went on to Texas A&M University in 1941 as a member of the Corps of Cadets. In January 1942, shortly after entering college, he left to enlist in the United States Marine Corps where he rose to the rank of Captain serving in the South Pacific. During the fight for Bougainville, Merrill earned two Purple Hearts.

Merrill served until 1945, after which he returned to Floresville to help manage the Connally family ranch. He continued with the ranch the rest of his life, but he had other ventures, as well. Along with 10 other fellow veterans, Mr. Connally organized and operated radio station KVET in Austin, Texas. In addition to the radio station, he had other business venture including Connally Agricultural Services, Connally Fuels, and Connally Minerals. He was also a 20 year board member of the Republic Bank of Austin.

Like all of the Connally family, Merrill served his country well by staying active in local, state and national politics. From 1847–1950, he was Wilson County Commissioner—he held the position again from 1955–1959. In both 1956 and 1960 Merrill served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He also helped his brother run for governor, serving as his campaign coordinator in both 1962 and 1964.

Merrill served on the Floresville chamber of Commerce, Wilson County Farm Bureau, Floresville Lions Club, South Texas County Judges' Association, Southwest Cattle Raisers' Association, and American Quarter Horse Association, and was a past president of the Floresville Peanut Festival Association. In addition, he served for many years on the board of directors of the Wilson Memorial Hospital, a hospital that he had played an instrumental part in founding.

Later in life, Mr. Connally began a hobby acting. He played the role of Davy Crockett in "Alamo—The Price of Freedom" and also made appearances in Steven Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Sugarland Express."

Most importantly, though, Merrill will be remembered a true American hero and devoted family man. Just this year he celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his loving wife Mary Catherine Howard. He was father to two and a grandfather to four.

He will be remembered by his family, friends and former colleague as a true Texas who served his state and country well. He will be remembered for his mild-mannered ways and devotion to the people of Texas. He leaves a legacy of service kindness. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the life of a great Texan and true American hero—Merrill Lee Connally.

HONORING VITO CHIESA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vito Chiesa on the occasion of the completion of his term as president of the

Stanislaus County Farm Bureau. Mr. Chiesa has served as president for the past two years, from April 2000 to 2002, and served as a board member representing the Eastside Region for two years prior to his presidency.

Vito is a peach, almond, and walnut farmer who was born and raised in Stanislaus County and has farmed all his life. He is currently the manager of Chiesa Ranch and previously owned Agriculture Land Management Co., Vito Chiesa Farms. Mr. Chiesa opens his farm to visitors to help them better understand the farming industry.

In 1999, Vito received the Outstanding Young Farmer Achievement Award. The Stanislaus County Farm Bureau has also honored him with the Outstanding Achievement Award. Mr. Chiesa has been an outstanding county farm bureau president and has demonstrated his leadership abilities during negotiations involving sensitive issues affecting the farming community. He has exhibited an impressive ability to bring diverse interests and opinions together to work toward a common goal.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vito Chiesa at the end of his term as Stanislaus County Farm Bureau President. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Chiesa for his contributions to the agriculture and the community and in wishing him many more years of continued success.

HONORING THE NATIONAL LAW CENTER FOR INTER-AMERICA FREE TRADE IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to an organization that recently marked its 10th anniversary of working to reduce the legal barriers to trade among nations in our hemisphere. The organization I proudly speak of is the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade, located in Tucson, Arizona.

The organization was created by Dr. Boris Kozolchik, a law professor at the University of Arizona and expert on free trade on April 1, 1992. Its purpose was to address and resolve the practical and legal obstacles that NAFTA would bring, as well as to develop the legal infrastructure necessary to facilitate the movement of goods, services and investment capital in the Western Hemisphere.

The Center works closely with the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona as an educational and research institution in such areas as banking, commercial credit, customs, electronic commerce, environment, intellectual property, labor and transportation.

Free trade leads to economic well-being, enhances political stability, and promotes public accountability and the rule of law among the nations in our hemisphere, making the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade an important organization to our state and country. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding institution.

HONORING MR. KIRK LOGGINS OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE TENNESSEAN

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kirk Loggins of Nashville, Tennessee on the occasion of his retirement from the Tennessean newspaper where he covered government, politics, and the court system for nearly thirty years.

Kirk Loggins was born in Jackson Clinic in Dickson, Tennessee on October 20, 1946. A native of Middle Tennessee, he grew up on a farm near Charlotte, Tennessee, where his family had lived since the 1830s. Growing up, he regularly worked on the farm, milking cows, helping with the tobacco crop, while longing to experience city life.

An early achiever, he graduated valedictorian of Charlotte High School in 1964, where he also served as editor of the school newspaper. His early involvement in journalism helped land him a summer job at the Dickson County Herald newspaper prior to entering Vanderbilt University in the fall of 1964. Loggins attended Vanderbilt as a Rockefeller Foundation Scholar and spent the summer of 1966 working in Washington, D.C., as an intern at the U.S. Office of Education.

Graduating from Vanderbilt in June 1968 with a major in English and a minor in History, he went to work just three days later as associate editor of the Dickson County Herald. In fact, his first day on the job was the morning after Robert Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles. During his four years at the Dickson County weekly paper, he earned the Tennessee Press Associations Most Improved Award two consecutive years.

His experience led to a position at the Tennessean, where he was originally assigned to the state desk for the first three years at the paper. From 1975–1976 he served as the Washington correspondent, but returned to cover the local court system in December 1976. He has covered the courts continuously since that time, with the exception of a year-long break to investigate the Ku Klux Klan in 1979–1980, and for a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship at the University of Michigan in 1982–1983.

Loggins has covered literally hundreds of criminal trials, including 15 death penalty cases, and witnessed Tennessee's first execution of a prisoner in 40 years, in April 2000. Beloved by his colleagues and his rivals alike, he has been honored for his work by the Nashville Bar Association and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

On a personal note, I will always appreciate the professionalism he exhibited in his reporting of the death and trial of my former Chief of Staff, Alex Haught, who was killed by a drunk driver in Nashville three years ago. Loggins is an outstanding journalist who serves the profession nobly and accurately. His work will be missed by thousands of readers and we wish him the very best in his retirement and all of his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO BYRON R. WHITE

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to recognize the life and contributions of Byron "Whizzer" White, one of Colorado's most renowned and admirable native sons. Retired Supreme Court Justice White died on Monday, April 15, at the age of 84, of complications with pneumonia. We have not only lost this honorable and esteemed man, we have also lost the last living former Supreme Court Justice. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to his dedication to our country and his remarkable achievements before this body of Congress and this nation.

White was born in Fort Collins, Colorado in 1917, raised in the nearby town of Wellington. White excelled at every aspiration and accomplished everything he attempted. Valedictorian of his high school and University of Colorado class, White continued to become a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford university. He completed his legal studies at Yale Law School after serving our country in World War II. "Whizzer" White was also a legendary All-America football player at University of Colorado and played for the NFL with the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Detroit Lions.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy appointed White to the Supreme Court of the United States. The new justice joined the Court just as it neared the height of its liberal and activist period. White quickly evolved into a conservative jurist with a strong independent streak, dissenting from many of the court's liberal rulings of the 1960's. Yet he was a strong proponent of civil rights for racial minorities. In 1961, White served to protect the "Freedom Riders", the young civil-rights activists trying to integrate the interstate bus system over the objection of Alabama's all-white power structure. White served a remarkable 31 years on the Supreme Court as a loyal and devoted Democrat before retiring in 1993.

Mr. Speaker, Byron R. White was a distinguished jurist who served his country with the utmost honor and dedication. The "Whizzer" remains a celebrated figure and a Colorado native son we are very proud to claim as one of our own. His exceptional brains, athleticism, and esteemed character and devotion to justice will continue to live on through the lives of those he has touched. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to White's family and friends during this difficult time of remembrance and bereavement.

BEGINNING A SERIES OF ENERGY REMARKS, CALLS FOR USE OF ALL ENERGY SOURCES

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to begin a series of remarks on energy. Once again, the uncertainties in the Middle East have caused prices in oil markets to rise, and from what we read in the news, the cur-

rent uncertainty is unfortunately likely to last for quite some time.

My goal with this series is simple: to impress upon my colleagues the need to develop a national energy policy. And that policy should include all of our resources—fossil fuels, nuclear, renewables and, yes, conservation. We need them all.

In this country we are blessed with an abundance of energy choices. We have abundant coal resources—in fact some of the largest in the world. We have tremendous potential for the development of solar and wind resources. And even though for many years we have produced huge volumes of crude oil and natural gas—even supplied some of the world with it at times—we still have significant oil and gas resources in the ground.

Much of the rest of the world is envious of our energy resources and the choices we have. In the coming days and weeks, I will address some of those options and what we can do to bring those options into reality.

CONGRATULATING JUAN ARAMBULA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fresno County Supervisor Juan Arambula for receiving the 2002 Rose Ann Vuich Ethical Leadership Award. He was recognized April 17, 2002, at a luncheon reception.

Mr. Arambula has been dedicated to community service in Fresno for over ten years; he was first elected to public office in 1990. Juan is a former president of Fresno Unified School District's board of trustees, and has also served on the California School Boards Association's board of directors. This is Juan's second term on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors; he was first elected in 1997. Mr. Arambula has earned the respect of his colleagues through his many endeavors and is very deserving of this prestigious award.

The Rose Ann Vuich Award is sponsored by the Fresno Business Council, the Fresno Bee, and the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute of Public Affairs. The award honors former State Senator Vuich, who consistently maintained high ethical standards and earned bipartisan respect throughout her career in the State legislature. The award aims to recognize elected leaders who symbolize integrity, strength of character, and exemplary ethical behavior.

HONORING BOB BYNUM FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a friend of Northern Virginia, Mr. Bob Bynum, who is being recognized for his 28 years of volunteer service to the Mason District Little League at the League's Opening Day Ceremony on April 20, 2002 in Fairfax, Virginia.

Mr. Bynum has dedicated himself to making our community a better place. Beginning in the late 50s when he played baseball for the Bailey's Crossroads Little League, Mr. Bynum has devoted years to making Little League a strong, positive institution for the children of Northern Virginia.

In the late 70s, Mr. Bynum coached his first baseball team for children between the ages of 10 and 12, and has continued this service for 28 years, coaching hundreds of children in the Mason District Little League. While off the field, Mr. Bynum ran three golf tournaments to raise needed funds to build batting cages that can be seen on the Parklawn Park fields on Lincolnia Road, as well as to purchase a lighted scoreboard dedicated at last year's Opening Day Ceremonies on the fields of Mason District Park.

In addition to his years of coaching, Mr. Bynum has served as President of the Mason District Little League, as well as several other Board positions. Despite having no children of his own, Mr. Bynum did all of this as a result of his passion for baseball, the children, and the Little League institution.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish the very best to Mr. Bob Bynum as he is recognized for his years of service to the Mason District Little League. He certainly has earned his recognition, and I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in applauding this remarkable service to our community and our children.

A TRIBUTE TO SCOTT K. NIELSON
ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, Scott K. Nielson was born on April 3, 1922, in Huntington, Utah. His father was Gerald W. Nielson and his mother was Lone Wakefield Nielson. Scott had three brothers, Kirk Nielson, Dick Nielson and Tom Nielson, and one sister, Jean Nielson Adamson. He married Lila H. Wilson on April 10, 1943. Scott and Lila have three sons, Scott, Jr., Mark, and Gaylan, and one daughter, Wendy Nielson. They have 12 grand and 10 great grand children.

Scott is an outstanding father, grandfather, and great grandfather. His children and their children love and respect him. He is a loving and caring father, and a wonderful role model. Because of his love and support, all of his children attended college. The three sons have graduate degrees, and are successful and productive members of the community. His daughter Wendy has a flourishing career as a systems administrator for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Scott is a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater. His unit fought in the Philippines, Guadalcanal and Luzon.

Following World War II, Scott worked as a coal miner and construction contractor, Scott, along with his father and brothers built many of the roads in Emery County, Utah and the Millers Flat Dam, a storage facility located in Huntington Canyon, Utah. During the 1950s, the Nielson men turned to mining uranium in both Utah and Colorado. In 1961, Scott moved his family to Salt Lake City, Utah. He and his

brother Kirk Nielson were service station dealers for several years. Scott and Kirk continued to work together, first in the service station and then in the remodeling business until retirement. Scott is a talented mechanic and carpenter and has continued to work part time doing home modeling up to the present time. A man who can do anything around the house, Scott is an excellent electrician, plumber, and finish carpenter who has a reputation for the quality of his workmanship—Scott is never satisfied with anything less than perfection.

Scott is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and is currently a member of the High Priest Quorum. Church activity is a very important part of Scott's life and he and Lila, his wife of fifty-nine years, are currently serving a mission for their church in Salt Lake City.

Scott Nielson has lived a long and productive life. He is an outstanding father and role model. He will continue to be an important member of the community for many years to come. I look forward to honoring him again on his 90th and 100th Birthdays! Happy 80th Birthday Scott!

HONORING THE PIPEFITTERS
LOCAL #208 ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Local #208 of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, located in Denver, Colorado. From their formation on April 26, 1902, Local #208 has a history full of challenge, perseverance, loyalty, and ingenuity.

Before the creation of Local #208, conditions for pipefitters based in Denver were generally poor. Employment was not steady and jobs were scattered across the nation, forcing pipefitters to constantly move. However, with the increase in indoor plumbing and construction, pipefitters soon found employment in hospitals, schools, and water systems, among others.

As the number of jobs grew, so did the need for a union to protect the interests of the workers in the pipefitting industry. The national union was founded on October 7, 1889 and two of the first elected officers were from Denver.

On April 26, 2002, the Pipefitters Local #208 will have existed for 100 years. This is truly an achievement. From their beginnings in 1902, the Local has contributed to the welfare of their members, as well as the pipefitting industry. The loyalty of Local #208 to its members was demonstrated numerous times when it came to the aid of financially distressed pipefitters in Denver and across Colorado. In fact, the Local provided interest free loans to its members who were experiencing difficult times.

Local #208 also gave back to Denver and its budding pipefitters. Local #208 coordinated with other locals in the region to advocate for stronger worker protections, improvements in

health and safety, and contract agreements. Additionally, the Local created a Joint Apprenticeship Committee that provides training and accreditation of new pipefitters.

In the last 25 years, Local #208 has successfully fought for better wages and working conditions of its membership and has helped to make Denver the great city it is today. Members of Local #208 have contributed to the construction of such Denver institutions as the home of the Denver Broncos, the Denver Public Library, the Denver International Airport, and the home of the Colorado Rockies.

Over 100 years, Local #208 has thrived through perseverance, loyalty, and creativity. These are the characteristics that will allow Local #208 to last for another 100 years. I am proud to congratulate Local #208 on their first 100 years and wish them all the best in the future.

IN MEMORY OF HERMAN A. ENGEL

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the memory of Herman Engel of Tyler, TX, who recently passed at the age of 85. He was a war hero, pioneering oil man, and beloved community activist and father.

Herman first started in the oil industry working for Shell Oil in Houston, where he was born. After graduating from LSU with a degree in Petroleum Engineering he spent time in East Texas, Houston, and Oklahoma working for various oil companies. He moved to East Texas permanently in 1976 to run the East Texas Salt Water Disposal Company and remained active with the company even after his retirement in 1989. Prior to 1976 he had been vice president of APCO Oil Corporation and of Union Texas Petroleum, both of which were in Tulsa, OK.

As a professional he was recognized as a leader. In 1983 he was selected as a "Pioneer Engineer" by the Petroleum Landmen, Petroleum Geologists and Petroleum Engineers of East Texas. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America and was a Distinguished Member of the Petroleum Engineers. He also served as vice president and director of both the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the American Institute of Mining.

Before he began his professional career, Herman served his country in the Second World War. This true American hero was an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and spent 1½ years in Alaska in addition to his 2½ in the South Pacific.

While in Tyler he was an integral part of the community and played a major part in helping to make East Texas a better place for everyone. He served as a vice president and director of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a long-time director of East-Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, and was an active supporter of several local organizations and foundations. Among those were Louisiana State University, Tyler Junior College, and the Tyler Independent School District. He was also a devoted trustee of the Watson W. Wise Foundation.

In passing, Mr. Engel leaves behind two daughters Dee Landers and Alice Beam; a

sister Elizabeth Engel; and 6 grandchildren. He was a wonderful father, devoted husband, and beloved grandfather. Mr. Speaker, this was one of those men who made a lasting impact in everything that he did. We will remember with great respect everything this kind and caring man did for his community—Mr. Herman A. Engel.

MICHAEL VANG INVESTIGATION

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to recognize a dark anniversary for one of my constituents. Three years ago, Suzie Vang lost her friend and husband to unknown circumstances in Laos.

On April 19, 1999, Michael Vang and Mr. Houa Ly, a resident of Appleton, WI, both Americans, were traveling along the border between Laos and Thailand. According to eyewitnesses, the U.S. congressional research missions, nongovernmental organizations and other sources both Ly and Vang were seized by Lao Government authorities. Despite the building evidence, the Lao Government continues to deny knowledge of their whereabouts or the role of government security forces in their abduction.

The State Department has been asked repeatedly by Members of Congress to vigorously investigate and resolve this case since it was first reported in early May 1999. It is certainly true that we have received some assistance from them. However, there continues to be a lack of results. This is not surprising considering that the State Department continues to pursue an investigation in cooperation with the regime in Laos—a regime involved with their disappearance. While the State Department continues their slow and seemingly never-ending investigation, the trail grows colder.

We need a renewed effort. We need to initiate a new independent investigation free from coordination with the government of Laos. Three years is long enough. And, as long as this case goes unresolved, I will continue to oppose Normal Trade Relations (NTR) status for Laos.

HONORING THOMAS E. BRUNK
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Thomas E. Brunk, upon his retirement from the Federal Government after 33 years of distinguished and dedicated service to Northern Virginia, our Nation, and the Department of Defense.

Tom's career truly can be described as an American success story. Tom began his career as a young intern in Oklahoma, somewhat bewildered by the sights and sounds of the bustling air logistics center. Now, more than three decades later, he will end his ca-

reer as a member of the Senior Executive Service and as the deputy director and the highest-ranking civilian of the Defense Contract Management Agency, a worldwide organization of 12,000 employees responsible for ensuring that the supplies and materials going to our Military Services—our men and women in uniform—are delivered on-time and are of the highest quality. His contribution has been particularly notable over the last nine years as contingency contract management has been needed to support America's military deployments at locations around the world.

Despite his relative youth, Tom quickly demonstrated exceptional managerial skills in support of major aerospace systems, including the B-2 aircraft and the Peacekeeper missile. With great vigilance and a strong sense of duty, he led operations reviews at dozens of major Defense contractors, and after having proved his mettle on the plant floor, steadily advanced to positions of increasing responsibility. In 1990 he accepted an appointment to the Defense Department's principle contract-management organization, the Defense Contract Management Command. In this capacity, Tom has been a stalwart standard bearer in the Department's pursuit of acquisition excellence.

The capstone of Tom's career came in March 2000, when he spearheaded the establishment of the Defense Contract Management Agency, a combat-support organization responsible for the management of 310,000 government contracts cumulatively valued at more than \$100 billion. As deputy director since the agency's inception, Mr. Brunk has brought to bear his considerable managerial, technical, and interpersonal skills to ensure America's fighting forces receive the material support they need to protect and defend our nation. He has helped DCMA earn a place of prominence in the Department's technology revolution, as evidenced by his role in the development and deployment of the Standard Procurement System, a Department-wide purchasing and payment system that will replace a jumble outmoded and disparate programs that for years have bedeviled financial management with the Defense community.

Whether it is on the flight line at an air logistics center in Oklahoma City, on the plant floor at a manufacturing plant in St. Louis, or at a negotiations table in the Nation's capital, Tom Brunk served with dignity, commitment, and integrity. On the occasion of his retirement from the Federal Civilian Service, I offer my congratulations and thanks to this long-time resident of Northern Virginia, and wish him and his wife, Sharon, well in their future pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish the very best to Mr. Brunk as he is recognized for his years of service to the Federal Government, the people of Northern Virginia and our nation. He certainly has earned this recognition, and I call upon all of my colleague to join me in applauding this remarkable service.

IN MEMORY OF GALE CINCOTTA

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, during this reflective season of Ramadan, Passover, and

Lent, I have been reflecting on friends whose lives closely paralleled the stories of sacrifice in the Holy Books. It is this reflection that calls to my mind Mrs. Gale Cincotta of Chicago, who passed from this life to the next on August 15, 2001. I am grateful for the opportunity to encapsulate her life's work for the RECORD.

Born of humble origin and reared in Chicago's Austin neighborhood, Gale became a neighborhood activist and then national leader as her personal knowledge of injustice led her on a passionate journey. Her dissatisfaction with her sons' educational opportunities spurred her to address the issue. She became impassioned with the root causes of an inadequate educational system: poverty, lack of decent and affordable housing and the resulting decaying neighborhoods. As her understanding grew about these issues, Gale found her true vocation. Armed initially only with a small but vocal band of neighborhood residents, Gale began a crusade which would eventually lead her to national prominence. She was, the Chicago Tribune noted upon her death, "one of the most effective community activists in the nation." I would add that she had extraordinary vision, a sharp intellect, a love of those without voice or power, and a boundless sense of humor.

Feisty, blustery, and with a keen ability to cajole or badger those with influence and power into doing what needed to be done, Gale earned the respect of all with whom she worked whether or not they agreed with her. Her passion was unmistakable, her commitment unwavering, and her expertise unparalleled. She taught many people, including myself, what being a neighborhood activist is really all about: it is about changing people's lives for the better. It is about helping them gain power to improve the condition of people's lives.

Though responsible for many changes in neighborhood development and revitalization, lending practices and housing concerns across our nation, Gale's greatest public accomplishment was gaining Congressional approval of the Community Reinvestment Act in 1977. Passage of this Act, now a cornerstone of neighborhood financing that has released billions of dollars of private credit to formerly red-lined neighborhoods, was considered by the Chicago Tribune Gale's "single greatest triumph." Ever the champion of marginal neighborhoods, she persuaded not only elected officials but also bankers, insurance companies, landlords, and business leaders that neighborhood investment—while being the right think to do—could also be profitable. She taught them that the savings of people of ordinary means should not be drained from their neighborhoods, but made available for reinvestment. Her work made the capitalist system work in some of the most neglected corners of our nation. Her tireless and unmatched efforts yielded visible results by turning faded city blocks into flourishing neighborhoods from coast to coast. Gale organized other programs and works, and many awards and accolades were bestowed upon her through the years, but surely none meant as much to her as the lasting legacy of the Community Reinvestment Act and the people and communities it still helps.

Gale Cincotta lives on in the seeds she planted in the hearts of the people she served and the minds of those she battled with and against to make people's lives better. She

never yielded. She once said to me that the media had convinced Americans they were all "middle class" and that had bred a dangerous political complacency among the working class of people and the poor, who struggled daily to gain an economic foothold in our country. Their interests will not be served by false images of how hard and political this struggle is really.

The new director of the organization she founded, the National Training and Information Center, recalled that Gale—a mother of six sons and a widow—loved to dance. His message to the people upon taking the reigns as director began with a quote from an old Shaker hymn. The words seem to sum up Gale's legacy quite well: "They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on." Surely, she lives among us.

IN MEMORY OF M.L. "MIKE"
ANGLIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I speak today in memory of M.L. "Mike" Anglin, of Longview, Texas, a beloved member of his community, a veteran and loving father, who passed away at the age of 85.

Mike spent his life serving his country and community. He was the Commander of the American Legion Post #140 for over 30 years. Because of his long service there, he was saluted as the Texas State American Legion veteran of the year on three separate occasions. He was a Lieutenant in World War II but became a General for his veterans back in East Texas. Without his help, VFW posts 4002, 1183, 140 and 131 would not have even existed. He also worked to obtain the Veterans Clinic in Longview. Beyond the American Legion, Mike was active in 4-H, March of Dimes, Boys and Girls State and was one of the original organizers of the East Texas State Fair.

This loving family-man is survived by his wife, Zelma, two daughters, Celia and Cynthia, three sisters and a granddaughter. He not only loved his county but cared for its people. East Texas has lost a unique individual and he will be missed. We will remember with sadness the passing of a true American, a beloved father, and a legend in East Texas who will not easily be forgotten—M.L. "Mike" Anglin.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELI
MARTINEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart and yet great pride that I take this opportunity to pay respect to a United States Marine, Eli Martinez. Eli was killed over a year ago during training exercise at the age of twenty-one. He was a well-respected young man who is dearly missed by the community

of Trinidad, Colorado who relied on him for his willingness and desire to help others. His legacy of kindness now has the opportunity to pass on through the efforts of his mother, Marie Martinez. She has recently established a memorial fund to continue Eli's quest to better his surroundings and his community. As she begins this quest, I would like to recognize her son before this body of Congress, and this nation.

According to his mother, Eli's purpose and goal in life was to simply help others in any way possible. At the age of seventeen, he could often be found praying for those in need, those who were sick, and those who were less fortunate. He reached out and touched the lives of people from all walks of life in Trinidad, regardless of age, class, or religion, and was known as a truly kind soul. Eli felt that the ultimate gift to others was to serve them in difficult and trying circumstances. He joined the Marines at the age of eighteen and was well respected amongst his fellow Marines, and officers. Like many members of our armed forces, Eli believed that it is every young person's duty to be willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Unfortunately Eli was called upon to pay that price, but his memory lives on. The new Eli Martinez Foundation Fund, created by Marie Martinez, will continue the work that Eli began. Contributions to the fund will go to a variety of causes close to Eli's heart, including the homeless and troubled youths.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Eli Martinez for his contributions to the Trinidad community and to our nation. His dedication to his community, his fellow man, and to the protection of our freedoms deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and a grateful nation. Eli is a fine example for young people of this country who strive to better themselves and improve the lives of others. Although Eli has left us, his selfless spirit will live on through the lives of those he touched, and through the efforts of his mother, Marie. Eli, thank you for your service, you will be greatly missed.

ON THE PASSING OF RABBI
ISRAEL MILLER

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rabbi Israel Miller—a great leader of our Jewish Community and a great American.

Rabbi Miller was a man of vision. As president of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, he combined passion with dignity in his negotiations with foreign governments. He was able to achieve a landmark compensation agreement for the criminal theft that was part of the Nazi barbarity against the Jewish people.

Rabbi Miller played an outstanding role in American Jewish life. He served as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations and was its spokesperson on matter relating to Israel and international affairs in the United States and abroad. He

had a special interest in helping the Jews behind the Iron Curtain, as evidenced by his national leadership of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry.

He left his imprint on virtually every major facet of American Jewish life as the founding president of the American Zionist Federation, founder of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, vice president of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, and president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Throughout his life, Rabbi Miller sought to build bridges of understanding and respect among people of different religious, racial and ethnic origins. He believed that every human being should be able to live in safety, "and there shall be none to make him afraid."

What a legacy Rabbi Israel Miller left us. He will be sorely missed.

RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS
TO ROBERT MAXWELL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to publicly recognize the life's work of one of Toledo, Ohio's most notable citizens, Robert Maxwell, who is retiring from his career after 38 years. Truly, Robert Maxwell is a "Golden Guy."

Bob moved through the ranks of the Lathrop Company, over which he began a tenure as President in 1986. That tenure saw outstanding growth as he developed the Lathrop Company into a premier construction company in our region.

Even as he built the company, Bob fulfilled a deep sense of commitment to the community, involving himself in many concerns including 911 services, Toledo Public Schools' Partners In Education, the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to name but a few.

Although Bob is well known as an excellent businessman and community oriented philanthropist, his true passion is his family. Always, his wife and children are first in his mind and heart and his pride in his family is evident. He will surely receive many accolades upon his retirement, as he has throughout his career, both from his peers and the organizations he supports, but none are so important as his family and his place in it. In fact, he will tell you that his family means everything to him. Thus, though he leaves a storied career, it is to his family that he retires.

The writer David Lawrence once wrote, "My soul knows that I am part of the human race, my soul is an organic part of the great human race, as my spirit is part of my nation. In my very own self, I am part of my family." Perhaps unconsciously, Bob Maxwell lived out this thought. Professionally and civically, he addresses his responsibility and his place in the family of man. Personally, he carries forth as a family man. Now as he leaves the working world, we wish Bob all the best in his retirement. May he spend his days doing all that he enjoys with those he loves.

TRIBUTE TO ROYCE WISENBAKER

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in memory of a cherished East Texan, Royce E. Wisenbaker of Tyler, Texas, who passed away recently at the age of 84. Royce was one of the region's most gracious patrons. He devoted a lifetime to helping others in countless ways and through numerous organizations, and he is truly missed by all those who knew him.

Born on July 23, 1917, Royce grew up in Mineola, where he graduated from high school. From there he attended Texas A&M University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering and a Master of Science in Sanitary Engineering. This was the beginning of a long and active relationship with the University that continued until his death.

After graduation from college, he began work for the State, serving as District Engineer of the Northwest Texas Area. In 1942 he answered the call to duty and entered the U.S. Army, where he advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Royce served a total of five years and fought in three theaters. He maintained his Army Reserve status and retired as a full Colonel.

Upon completion of military service, Royce formed an engineering partnership with Robert Fix. Their company designed and supervised construction of waterworks and sewerage projects, streets, airports, industrial waste facilities, water reservoirs and other municipal projects. The partnership lasted 38 years, until Mr. Fix retired and the company was sold. Throughout this time Royce also delved into land development, waterworks, farming, and oil and gas production. After the end of his engineering partnership, he focused full-time on these ventures.

During his long life, Royce consistently worked to support his alma mater and had the honor of serving on the Board of Regents of Texas A&M for eighteen years. His building downtown was always recognizable by the large maroon and white Texas A&M flag flying over it. Royce also served as president of the University's 12th Man Foundation and president of the Association of Former Students—the only person ever to have served as president of both. He was the originator of the President's Endowed Scholarship Program and personally endowed six scholarships. This program now offers more than six-hundred fully endowed scholarships and has been copied by other universities across the nation. He also endowed similar scholarships at Austin College in Sherman, Texas and at Tyler Junior College. Royce supported Texas A&M's faculty and research efforts as well. He endowed a chair in the School of Engineering and two Graduate Fellowships for the School of Engineering, one of which was named in honor of Fred Benson, his former professor and long-time friend and associate. He was a very loyal and supportive person—often referred to as Texas' largest contributor in the political arena for local, state and national offices.

In addition to his professional responsibilities and his service to Texas A&M, Royce managed to contribute considerable time and

energy to numerous organizations in the Tyler community. He served as governing board member of Mother Frances Hospital, president of the YMCA, member of the Shriners, director of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce, a member of the American Legion and Elks Lodge, board member and president for seven years of the East Texas Goodwill Industries, and president of Smith County Youth Foundation. He also was a director of the East Texas Symphony, board member of the Texas Chest Foundation, vice president of the East Texas Area Council Boy Scouts, Elder and Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church; board member of Texas Presbyterian Foundation, president of Tyler Catholic School Board, member and secretary of Texas State Board of Health Resources for twelve years and member of the volunteer council at Rusk State Hospital. He served on various boards of the University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler Junior College and Austin College. And the list goes on—for Royce's presence and contributions were evident in almost every worthy cause in his community.

Among his many recognitions include the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Texas A&M in 1973, the Commissioners Award from Texas Health & Mental Retardation Commission in 1972, Silver Beaver award from Boy Scouts in 1977, Rotary Club Award of Appreciation in 1970, Outstanding Service Award from National Association of Mental Health in 1974, Outstanding Humanitarian Award from Citizens of Rusk in 1975 and Engineer of the Year Award in 1981. In 1987 the Board of Regents at Texas A&M designated the "Royce E. Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center" building.

Royce is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Clorinda "Petey" Wisenbaker; daughters Susan Spies, Paula Wisenant and Libby Wallace; son Royce, three sisters, a sister-in-law and eleven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Royce Wisenbaker made such a difference in the lives of those who knew him. He was truly an outstanding American who leaves a remarkable legacy of accomplishments—and memories of a man devoted to his family, friends and community. It is an honor today to pay my last respects to this exemplary community leader, beloved husband and father, and friend—Royce E. Wisenbaker.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN E.
KAVANAGH CHIEF OF AETNA
HOSE, HOOK AND LADDER FIRE
COMPANY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a leader in the Delaware firefighting community—the Chief of Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company in Newark, Delaware, Stephen E. Kavanagh. Chief Kavanagh is a courageous and dedicated leader whose personal mission is to protect and save the lives of Delawareans. On behalf of myself and the citizens of the First State, I would like to honor Chief Kavanagh and congratulate him for being selected by the Congressional Fire Service Institute to appear in their annual "Protecting America" painting.

Stephen Kavanagh joined the Wilmington Manor Fire Company in 1970, establishing for himself a fine track record in advancing the quality of fire and emergency services throughout Delaware. In 1979, Steve moved to the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company of Newark, Delaware and it is here that he really made his name. Having held a number of officer positions in the Company, Steve Kavanagh was elected Chief in 1999. Aetna Hose, Hook and Fire Company is one of the busiest fire companies in the State and leading this company is both a challenging and rewarding task for Chief Kavanagh.

Chief Kavanagh has protected the residents of Newark, Delaware through good times and bad times. Throughout the tragic events of September 11th, he was a pillar of strength and a protector of safety in the community. He calmed the fears of Delawareans and stood resolute to help his state and his country in any way he could.

In addition to the time he spends as Chief of the Company, Steve is also a skilled craftsman who works on custom aircrafts for Dassault Falcon Jet at the New Castle County Airport. His family is of the utmost priority to him and he and his wife Theresa have two children and three grandchildren.

Chief Kavanagh makes daily sacrifices to serve others in our community and his selflessness and commitment to service will have a permanent place in Delaware's fire service history. The example Chief Kavanagh has set for firefighters throughout Delaware is one we hope all future firefighters will strive to emulate. His dedication to the protection of life is truly commendable. It is for all these reasons that he is being honored in the painting "Protecting America." As Delaware's Congressman, I would like to personally thank him for a difficult job well done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF
GARY CURE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated the past 24 years of his life to serving and protecting the citizens of Colorado. Sheriff Gary Cure of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office has, in his many years of service, courageously and dutifully served his community, his state and his country, and I am honored to pay tribute to him today in front of this body of Congress. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, Gary will be moving on to take a position with the County Sheriffs of Colorado in Denver. Though I look forward to his tenure in Denver, I, along with the many citizens of Jackson County, will sorely miss his hard work and dedication to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

Gary has been with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office since 1979, where he began his tenure as undersheriff before being elected sheriff in 1982—a post to which he has been reelected ever since. As sheriff, Gary has dedicated himself to the betterment of the community and the department, not only through his extraordinary law enforcement

work, but also through his incredible ability to raise funds for much needed improvements. Prior to announcing his retirement, Gary announced that he had, at no cost, procured a \$30,000 file management system for the Sheriff's Office. He was responsible for getting a loan that enabled the county to install a 911 system, and subsequently procured an additional \$50,000 grant to upgrade the system. In addition, he was the chairman of the committee that obtained \$3 million in grants to upgrade the County Courthouse.

As sheriff, Gary did a marvelous job of walking the fine-line that all law enforcement officers must walk; as both a member and protector of the community. He will be sorely missed by each and every person in the community, but his marvelous contributions will always remain.

Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our peace officers face today. Gary Cure has dedicated his life to serving and protecting his fellow citizens, working long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their safety and their freedoms, and it is with a great deal of pride and respect that I bring his career to the attention of this body of Congress. Sheriff Gary Cure deserves the thanks of a grateful nation for all of his hard work, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

EARTH DAY 2002

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the thirty-second annual Earth Day, a global holiday that acknowledges and emphasizes the importance of a clean, healthy, and safe world. This spring observation provides the people of our nation and those across the globe the opportunity to renew our dedication to the protection and preservation of our environment. We have a shared responsibility to conserve our diverse natural resources, and Earth Day allows us to demonstrate our commitment to the environment.

While we have made significant progress since the first Earth Day celebration in 1970, we must continue our efforts to improve environmental quality. The Earth Day activities heighten awareness to the positive actions we can take to improve our environment, both locally and globally. The annual observance allows us the opportunity to applaud our progress, but more importantly, it allows us to renew our commitment to the continuing environmental challenges facing our planet.

I would like to pay special tribute to my many constituents who are so active in their support of environmental causes. This is especially true during this month, with activities and programs to mark Earth Day in Takoma Park, Glen Echo, Potomac, Silver Spring, and throughout the region.

I consider environmental protection to be a national priority. I pledge to work with my colleagues in Congress to ensure the preservation of our natural resources and the protection of the public health. And on Earth Week, as we also mark the birthday of William

Shakespeare, we recall his words, "to nature none more bound." We must preserve and protect this treasure for future generations. This year, as we celebrate Earth Day 2002, let us reaffirm our commitment to a cleaner world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to cast my votes on rollcall Nos. 93, 94, and 95 on April 16, 2002. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 93, 94, and 95.

ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, as terrorist attacks and homicide bombings continue to ravage Israel and her citizens, I call on the Administration to express its unqualified support for the only democracy in the Middle East, and our most loyal supporter at the United Nations.

Two weeks ago, I stood with members of the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York and Rabbis from across the Capital Region of New York State, and recounted the horrible story of a March terrorist attack that ripped through the heart of an Albany family—by stealing the life of Avia Malka, a nine-month old infant visiting Netanya, Israel on the joyous occasion of a family wedding. An armed homicide bomber walked into the lobby of the family's hotel, began shooting, and then detonated his device. The infant Avia was shot in the head, struck by shrapnel, and killed. Her father remains in the hospital and still cannot walk.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disappointed with the contradictory statements made by our President in recent weeks, and I totally disagree with our vote at the U.N. asking Israel to retreat from its pursuit of Palestinian terrorists. For the President to embrace such a policy is completely contradictory to the principles of our own international war against terrorism.

In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly recommended partitioning the British mandate called Palestine into two states, a 5,500 square-mile Jewish state, and a 4,500 square-mile Arab state, and a "corpus separatum" international zone around the holy city of Jerusalem.

Jews accepted the partition plan but the Arabs did not. Israel unilaterally declared its independence in May 1948, and the Arab states attacked the new state. Therefore, the Palestinians could have had their own state in 1947, but rejected it.

In 2000, former Israeli Prime Minister Barak offered a peace agreement, which included not only further land transfers, but also nearly all that Chairman Arafat requested—and Arafat and the Palestinians rejected that offer, too.

In addition, the first three wars against Israel (1948, 1956, and 1967) all occurred when the

West Bank was in Arab hands. On January 1, 1965, Fatah, the main branch of Arafat's organization, launched the first terrorist attack on Israel—all within the 1967 borders.

Last year, Faisal Husseini, a "moderate" within Arafat's leadership, offered the following response when asked whether the Palestinian goal is still the elimination of the State of Israel: "If you are asking me as a Pan-Arab nationalist what are the Palestinian borders . . . I will immediately reply, 'From the river Jordan to the Mediterranean sea.'"

Mr. Speaker, arguing that 'returning' these lands would ensure peace is simply ignoring history!

Israeli citizens have lived with terrorism since the founding of their country in 1948, and have had to fight five wars just to survive. It is past time for all civilized countries to support the right of Israel to exist, and to denounce in unambiguous terms the terrorists who block the road toward peace in the region.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH MOORE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute today to Elizabeth Moore, an incredible woman who recently passed away, but whose dedication to the people and animals in her community was both extraordinary and inspirational. Elizabeth selflessly gave her time and energy to her community through her intense love of all living creatures, and was a woman of unquestioned integrity and of unparalleled morality. She will be sorely missed by each and every person whose life she touched, and as her family mourns her loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Elizabeth and pay tribute to her for her incredible contributions to her city, and her state.

Elizabeth and her husband John first came to Colorado's San Luis Valley in 1995 after riding on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. They decided to make the beautiful valley their home, and immediately embarked upon a mission to make it a better place for all to live—even the animals. After arriving in the San Luis Valley, Elizabeth served as the President of the Humane League, dedicating her time to organizing fundraisers for spay and neuter clinics and finding homes for stray cats and dogs. She had a strong conviction that the best way to help the plight of animals in the community was to control the population by spaying and neutering. Her efforts were critical in procuring funds from the Max Fund to assist with low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the community. In addition, she loved the outdoors, and had climbed most of Colorado's highest peaks, inspiring her husband to take up the sport as well. Elizabeth's extraordinary selflessness and dedication to all living things will be sorely missed by everyone that knew her, and by all that benefited from her incredible deeds.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Elizabeth Moore, but take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by the legacy of courage, selflessness and love that she left with all of us.

Elizabeth Moore's life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring her life to the attention of this body of Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF DUTY REDUCTION AND SUSPENSION LEGISLATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce several duty reduction and suspension bills for colorants used in ink-jet printers, in addition to materials used in the production of environmentally sensitive herbicides and insecticides that improve the quality of our lives.

These duty suspension bills lower the cost of producing these products thereby lowering the cost to consumers and helping U.S. industries compete in the global marketplace. When American companies make the active ingredients for these colorants and chemicals, there is a proper role for duties to exist. However, when the active ingredients are only made by foreign companies, we needlessly increase product costs for American consumers by imposing duties on their importation. By introducing these bills, I am triggering a careful review of these proposals by the House Ways and Means Committee and the International Trade Commission to make sure there are no domestic producers of these active ingredients so no U.S. jobs will be negatively affected. In fact, these duty suspensions will make U.S. products more competitive, thus creating jobs in the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to highlight the beneficial uses of the final products these chemicals will produce. NMSDA is used to produce a herbicide for broadleaf weed control in corn. This environmentally sound herbicide is within the margins of safety to mammalian, avian, and aquatic organisms. R118118 Salt is used to produce a postemergence soybean herbicide. Postemergence herbicides have the advantage of low application rates. The herbicide is only needed if weeds emerge around the sugar beets. Many other herbicides must be applied ahead of time to prevent weeds from developing regardless of whether they would have emerged naturally, needlessly introducing toxins into the environment. Thiamethoxam Technical is used in production of a neonicotinoid insecticide that targets "sucking and chewing pests," that are harder to target, without causing harm to the crops. Prodiamine Technical is used in production of an environmentally sound herbicide used in vegetation management control. Finally, Flauzinam 500 F formulated product is used to control plant diseases on peanuts and potatoes. It has an environmentally sound profile that is particularly well suited for resistance management programs.

The ink-jet printer colorants are beneficial to the American consumer. These colorants are specially formulated for enhanced quality, specially designed characteristics include improved wet-fastness on plain paper, improved opearability, higher chroma than the current industry standard and high humid-fastness to reduce bleed and hue change. These

colorants are widely used in the small and home office settings, as well as in photorealistic printing. It is essential we give the America consumers both choice and quality.

Duty suspension bills often pass with universal bipartisan support because they are common sense for consumers, for the environment, and for enhancing the competitiveness of our domestic industries. I urge support for these proposals after the appropriate committees and agencies have thoroughly vetted these measures.

HONORING THE ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 20th anniversary of the Rockville Senior Center. For two decades, the Rockville Senior Center has created opportunities for mature adults in Rockville, MD, to live healthy, happy, active lives.

Serving more than 1,700 members, the Rockville Senior Center offers opportunities for seniors to achieve independence and self-sufficiency through a network of education, information programs, and active participation. A wide variety of classes and recreational activities enrich and support the lives of the membership. In addition, a number of important social services are provided, such as health clinics and health insurance counseling.

The vibrant community of the Rockville Senior Center is the focal point for many programs, activities, and services. The organization continues to offer a full complement of services to meet the needs of senior adults. In many ways, the Rockville Senior Center is a second home and a second family to many of these seniors.

I am particularly proud to recognize the 32 members who first joined the nurturing community that is the Rockville Senior Center at the very beginning, 20 years ago. They have seen many changes, but one thing has not changed in all these years—the commitment and the level of service provided to the membership.

So, Mr. Speaker, I join with the entire community in offering my best wishes and congratulations to the Rockville Senior Center on this considerable milestone.

COMMEMORATING SAM L. ERVIN, HEALTHCARE PIONEER

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Sam L. Ervin, a pioneer in the development of innovative and cost effective programs that enhance the quality of life for older and disabled adults.

Mr. Ervin was the founding executive office of the original Senior Care Action Network (SCAN), a social health maintenance organi-

zation in Long Beach, CA. SCAN was selected by the then Health Care Financing Administration in 1982 to be one of four demonstration sites for the Social HMO program. The Social HMO expands comprehensive HMO benefits to include community-based long-term care and some nursing home care.

Today, he is the chairman and chief executive officer of SCAN, serving more than 50,000 members in four southern California counties. Since its inception, SCAN has made a unique and significant contribution to seniors' ability to remain healthy, independent and in control of where they live and how they live.

I have introduced H.R. 2953, the Coordinated Community Care Act of 2001 to make Social HMOs a permanent part of the Medicare + Choice program. I am proud to do so and to recognize Sam Ervin for his contributions to the improved quality of life for thousands of seniors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAE SCHULER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a woman whose passion for life and whose incredible human spirit is an inspiration to us all. Mae Schuler, a Grand Junction, Colorado resident, recently passed an impressive milestone, celebrating her one-hundredth birthday with a gathering of her friends and family. I am truly honored to be able to bring the life of such a strong and extraordinary woman to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Mae was born the youngest of eight children on March 7, 1902 on a farm in Ontario, Canada. At the age of nineteen, she moved to Detroit, where her sister lived, and met her husband Clarence. While living in Detroit, Clarence went to work selling cars, while Mae raised their baby girl, Jeanne. They survived the Depression by scraping by on the wages that Clarence was able to earn at the local gas station, since people were unable to afford to buy new cars. After Clarence retired in 1968, the couple moved to Palm Beach, Florida, where Mae remained active in the church, participated in a number of crafts groups and grew to love shuffleboard. Seven years and one day after moving to Florida, Clarence passed away peacefully in his sleep. Mae made the best she could of it, choosing to go on with her life and live it with the same vigor and energy that she had always lived it.

After living in Florida for another 30 years, Mae moved to Grand Junction in 1998 in order to be closer to her daughter, Jeanne. At 100 years of age, Mae is still going strong. As chronicled in her local newspaper, the Grand Junction Sentinel, she is exceptionally active, both mentally and physically, and still enjoys life to the fullest. She takes time to read to those who can't see as well, knits caps and washcloths for friends, bakes cookies for those who are sick, types personal notes on her old Smith-Corona typewriter, and most importantly, loves to play bingo. She is truly a remarkable woman, who has lived quite a remarkable life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I bring to the attention of this body of Congress,

the life and spirit of such an extraordinary woman, who has always managed to brighten and invigorate the lives of those around her. Mae Schuler is truly an inspiration to all of us, and I, along with the many people whose lives she has touched, am honored to recognize her tremendous accomplishment in reaching her one-hundredth birthday, and more importantly, her passion for life and indomitable human spirit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform you that yesterday I inadvertently misvoted on rollcall No. 97 on final passage of H.R. 476, the Child Custody Protection Act. I have supported this legislation in the past and continue to do so and my intention was to vote in support of it yesterday. I did not realize until after the voting had closed that I had mistakenly voted otherwise. I regret any confusion this may have caused and want the RECORD to reflect my support for H.R. 476.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION ON
PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce a concurrent resolution in the House aimed at increasing awareness of the disease pulmonary hypertension. PH is a rare disorder of the lung in which the pressure in the pulmonary artery (the blood vessel that leads from the heart to the lungs) and the hundreds of tiny blood vessels that branch off from it rises above normal levels and may become life threatening.

Symptoms of pulmonary hypertension include shortness of breath with minimal exertion, fatigue, chest pain, dizzy spells and fainting. When PH occurs in the absence of a known cause, it is referred to as primary pulmonary hypertension (PPH). This term should not be construed to mean that because it has a single name it is a single disease. There are likely many unknown causes of PPH.

Secondary pulmonary hypertension (SPH) means the cause of the disease is known. Common causes of SPH are the breathing disorders emphysema and bronchitis. Other less frequent causes are scleroderma, CREST syndrome and systemic lupus. In addition, the use of diet drugs can lead to the disease.

Unfortunately, PH is frequently misdiagnosed and often progresses to late stage by the time it is detected. Although PH is chronic and incurable with a poor survival rate, new treatments are providing a significantly improved quality of life for patients. Recent data indicates that the length of survival is continuing to improve, with some patients able to manage the disorder for 20 years or longer.

A close friend and constituent of mine, Mr. Jack Stibbs, has a daughter who is battling

this difficult disease. Emily Stibbs has touched many people with her courage and strength at such a young age. I am pleased to introduce this resolution today to raise awareness in the House and throughout the country about PH. The resolution highlights the need for increased federal investments in biomedical research, and public and professional awareness programs focused on the disease. I encourage my colleagues to join me in the fight against pulmonary hypertension by cosponsoring this resolution.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF
WINDSOR, VIRGINIA, ON THEIR
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the town of Windsor in Isle of Wight County, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which is celebrating its centennial this year.

Originally discovered in the 17th Century by early settlers, Windsor served as an important route for mail and trade throughout America's early colonial days. One cannot separate Windsor's history from America's history.

On April 11, 1902, Windsor was granted its charter from the Virginia General Assembly. Since then, Windsor has grown with the times while never forgetting its rich history and small town charm.

Today, Windsor, Virginia, is a culturally and economically diverse community. With its status as one of the best places to live in Virginia and continued high standard of living and education, Windsor is a community that residents can be proud to call home.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Windsor during its centennial year as the citizens of Windsor begin an exciting new century.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. RONALD
ROBINSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Ronald Robinson and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the University of Southern Colorado, his alma mater, and to the petroleum-engineering field, to which he has contributed so much. Since graduating from the University of Southern Colorado, Dr. Robinson has become one of the preeminent thinkers and innovators in his field, advancing and overseeing technologies that contribute to making each and every one of our lives better. His remarkable accomplishments are surpassed only by the level of integrity and honesty with which he has conducted himself each and every day, a trait we have come to expect from graduates of the University of Southern Colorado, but one that Dr. Robinson embodies so well. As we celebrate his tremendous accomplishment of receiving the Alumni

Achievement Award, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado and this nation, applaud his efforts, and are eternally grateful for all that he has accomplished in his distinguished career.

Always the consummate academic, Dr. Robinson graduated from Southern Colorado State College (now the University of Southern Colorado) in 1968, with a degree in math and physics, and then went on to earn his masters in physics from Baylor University, and finally his doctoral degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University. After earning his doctoral degree, Dr. Robinson embarked upon an impressive career in the petroleum engineering industry, emerging time and again as a leader and innovator in the field. In 1996, he was named President of Texaco Technology, where he was responsible for all of Texaco's research, development, engineering, information technology and technical applications throughout the world. While at Texaco, he managed a total operating budget of over \$450 million a year, as well as an investment portfolio of almost \$500 million.

As a testament to his expertise and intellect, in 2001, Dr. Robinson became professor and department head of the Albert B. Stevens Endowed Chair in the Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M University. He was recently named Chairman of the Board of Verdisys, a provider of satellite broadband infrastructure for energy and rural enterprises, and is a director of the Global Petroleum Research Institute and the Network of Excellence in Training. In addition, he is the Chairman, CEO and President of UniPure, Corp., an energy company that develops process technologies for the oil industry. Perhaps most importantly, he has three children, Kevin, Kyle and Kurt, with his wife Bonnie Lynn Martin.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Dr. Ronald Robinson is a man of unparalleled talent, dedication, and intellect, who has, throughout his career, reached extraordinary heights and achieved incredible things. He has proven himself to be among the best in his field, and it is a great honor to be able to bring his many accomplishments to the attention of this body of Congress. It is my privilege to extend to him my sincere congratulations on receiving the Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Southern Colorado, and wish him all the best in his multitude of endeavors.

RESPECT NATIVE AMERICAN
SACRED SITES

HON. BRAD CARSON

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, Native American sacred sites usually don't have white-washed siding, a high steeple, or a loud bell. Often they are part of the world around us—a mountain, valley, river, or even a tree but they deserve to be respected and protected as much as any traditional church.

Native Americans have always respected and honored the land, water, and air from which we receive so much. Oral history passed from generation to generation will explain to a tribe where they came from and the journey taken to arrive.

Across the country, Native American sacred sites are being threatened with destruction and few options exist to halt the damage. Over the years Congress has enacted laws to "consult" with Indian tribes about sacred areas, and to "accommodate" Indian religious ceremonies.

The problem is that we have thousands of sacred sites on public lands all across this nation and no firm process to disallow certain activities that will harm or destroy the site. We need to find a way to protect the sacred sites while permitting needed growth and energy development to continue. I know we can find the right balance.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NALEO ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) as it celebrates its 25th year of working towards strengthening the participation of all Latinos in our great democracy.

Founded in 1976, NALEO was established as a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization of the nation's Latino elected and appointed officials. Later in 1981, NALEO Education Fund was instituted to politically empower the greater Latino community. Because of such efforts, NALEO has significantly contributed to the sizeable increase of Latino elected officials over the past couple decades. Today, NALEO is well recognized as the leading nationwide organization of Latino political empowerment.

I especially applaud the efforts of the NALEO Education Fund, which conducts a series of programs geared towards integrating Latino immigrants into American society, developing future leaders among Latino youth, providing assistance and training to the nation's Latino elected and appointed officials, and conducting research on issues important to the Latino community.

I would like to congratulate Arturo Vargas, Executive Director of NALEO for his excellent leadership. I have long supported NALEO and the NALEO Education Fund and offer my sincerest congratulations on a very successful 25 years.

CONGRATULATING LOUISIANA'S CRAIG PERKS ON PGA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Craig Perks, 2002 winner of the PGA Players Championship. Craig and his family are residents of my congressional district in Southwest Louisiana and our community takes great pride in his outstanding accomplishments.

Craig is living proof that hard work and perseverance do bring reward. He has given 110

percent effort to his pursuits since coming to this country from Palmerston North, New Zealand in 1985. His adopted home quickly became South Louisiana, where he and his wife Maureen—a Broussard, Louisiana native—live with their two young children.

An All-American golfer at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Craig has continued to give back to the Lafayette community after graduation. As an assistant professional at Le Triomphe Golf Club in Lafayette, he worked on his game while coordinating tournaments and instructing beginning golfers. Now, as a professional in the spotlight, he continues to set an example of sportsmanship and make his chosen home proud.

Craig is an inspiration to golfers not only in my district, but around the world. From Palmerston North, New Zealand to South Louisiana, his efforts have succeeded in promoting and opening the doors of opportunity for "Cajun Golfers" everywhere. I congratulate Craig on his first PGA Tour win. I have no doubt that South Louisiana will continue to follow the rise of our "adopted son" and applaud his efforts in the years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE DENNIS FLORES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the leadership of a member of the Pueblo community who has had an immeasurable effect on the lives of those he has touched. Dennis Flores has spent a lifetime committed to serving his country and the community of Pueblo, Colorado. To reward his efforts, his alma mater, the University of Southern Colorado, has recently bestowed upon him the high honor of Outstanding Alumnus. As Dennis accepts this honor, I would like to commend him on the diligence and commitment he has shown to his community and fellow Coloradans to achieve this recognition. He is a generous soul and I am honored to pay tribute to him before this body of Congress, and this nation.

Before Dennis entered college, he served this nation as a member of the U.S. Army Security Agency. With the rating of a top-secret crypto clearance, he served with distinction in Vietnam, receiving both Vietnam Campaign Medals for his outstanding service. After returning to Pueblo, he enrolled at the University of Southern Colorado and graduated with a degree in business management. It was at this time he began to work for SCA Insurance as an insurance agent trainee, and amazingly has continued with the same organization for over thirty years. Today, under his leadership as Senior Vice President and principal, the company serves as a model agency and business in the community.

Desiring to further serve his community, Dennis volunteers much of his time and efforts to improving the lives of his fellow residents. He has been a pioneer in developing programs to enhance the Latino community and has served as President of the Latino Chamber of Commerce. Dennis has been instrumental in establishing the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation to help Latino students afford education and is credited with being an

instrumental part in the creation of the El Pueblo Inter-Development Corporation, an innovative loan program created for small businesses. As a result of his dedicated leadership, Dennis has been elected to and served on the board of the Pueblo School District for over eight years. With his help and dedication to improving education, District 60 has been nationally recognized in reading reform, educational assessment, and accountability.

Mr. Speaker, it is an incredible honor to represent such a distinguished man as Dennis Flores and be able to bring his achievements to the attention of this body of Congress, and this nation. His generosity, success, and service to his fellow Coloradans serves as a model example of giving back to the community and I would again like to thank him for all that he has done for Pueblo and Colorado. Thanks for all your efforts Dennis and good luck in your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return to Congress on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, Wednesday, April 17, 2002, and Thursday, April 18, 2002 due to a death in my family. I request an excused absence for these days. Had I been present, the record would reflect that I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 96, H.R. 476, Motion to recommit with instructions, "Yea".

On rollcall No. 97, H.R. 476, on passage, "No".

On rollcall No. 98, on approving the journal, "Yea".

5TH ANNIVERSARY OF MING PAO DAILY NEWS

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the Ming Pao Daily News, a source of information to the Chinatown community in New York's 12th district and to Chinese Americans in major cities across the country.

Ming Pao Daily News provided vital coverage of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the aftermath of which deeply affected Chinatown. In addition, the newspaper covered other news of interest to the Chinese American community, including the democratic elections in Taiwan last December.

Ming Pao not only produces news of interest, it is thoroughly committed to improving the community. Through charity fundraising, educational seminars, and sponsorships of cultural events, the newspaper is dedicated to showcasing the best the community has to offer.

I am pleased to mark Ming Pao's five years this month. I wish the organization the best of luck and success for many more years.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ANTARCTIC ICE SHELF
COLLAPSES INTO SEA

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 19, scientists reported the collapse of a 12,000 year old ice sheet in Antarctica. A piece of ice the size of Rhode Island breaking off of Antarctica is amazing enough but the realization that it took only 35 days—a nanosecond in glacial time—for the disintegration of something of this magnitude should give us pause. Whether or not the collapse is related to global warming, this event should be a cautionary lesson to us all. We tend to look back on geologic history and see gradual trends but this reflects more the averaging of time than the reality of past conditions. Rapid climatic changes have occurred in the past; we should expect them in the future. We may have just witnessed an event that scientists of the future will look back on as the first sign of a rapid warming period of the 21st Century. As we contemplate the demise of the Larsen B ice sheet, we should also consider our assumptions about our ability to adapt to climate change. Gradual warming might allow us to adjust but we have no guarantee that Mother Nature will allow us the luxury of time.

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 20, 2002]

ANTARCTIC ICE SHELF COLLAPSES INTO SEA

(By Eric Pianin)

An Antarctic ice shelf the size of Rhode Island recently shattered and collapsed into the sea after an unusual warming period, stunning some scientists who said they had never seen such a large loss of ice mass in the remote Antarctic Peninsula.

The disintegration of the ice shelf—1,260 square miles in area and 650 feet thick—was most alarming to some because of the extraordinary rapidity of the collapse. The shelf is believed to have existed for as long as 12,000 years before regional temperatures began to rise, yet it disintegrated literally before scientists' eyes over a 35-day period that began Jan. 31.

"We knew that it would collapse eventually, but the speed of it is staggering," said David Vaughan, a glaciologist with the British Antarctic Survey, which announced the event yesterday in London and released vivid video images of the breakup.

Researchers and scientists who study the Antarctic Peninsula cautioned that there was little evidence to directly link the ice shelf collapse to the effects of global warming, which is induced by carbon dioxide and other man-made "greenhouse" gases. Rather, they are blaming a localized warming period that allowed melt water to seep into cracks and trigger massive fracturing of the ice when temperatures dropped.

"What we see is climate warming regionally," said Ted Scambos, a researcher with the National Snow and Ice Data Center at the University of Colorado in Boulder. "Ice shelves that have been there for centuries, maybe thousands of years, are responding to climate they haven't seen in the past. Very quickly they shatter."

But some scientists, including Princeton University geoscience professor Michael Oppenheimer, believe that more sophisticated and localized global warming models eventually will show a direct relationship between Earth's rising temperatures and the vanishing ice shelves.

"Ascribing a temperature trend in a small region like that to the broader global trend is difficult," said Oppenheimer, one of the hundreds of scientists who helped research a seminal United Nations-sponsored report on global warming. "Nevertheless, the collapse of the ice shelf in my opinion can be partially ascribed to human-induced climate change."

Experts said the loss of the ice shelf will not result in a rise in sea level because the ice was already floating. One of the most significant predicted results of global warming is a rise in sea level as ice on land melts.

Ice shelves are thick plates, fed by glaciers, that float in the ocean around much of Antarctica. In recent months, with the polar summer just beginning, temperatures were already creeping above freezing in the peninsula region. Scientists said there has also been a 50-year warming trend in the peninsula, averaging approximately 0.5 degrees Celsius per decade, which is considered a sensitive, early indicator of global climate change.

But the overall climate picture in the peninsula, nearest to southern Argentina and Chile, is complicated and hard to generalize. Glaciers elsewhere on the continent are both thickening and thinning as temperatures show conflicting climate trends. In January, for example, researcher Peter Doran said scientists working in the McMurdo Dry Valleys of eastern Antarctica have found temperatures dropping since 1986.

The Larsen B ice shelf, as it was called, located on the eastern side of the peninsula, collapsed into a plume of small icebergs and fragments. The amount of ice released in a month's time was enough to fill 29 trillion five-pound bags. The collapse was first detected on satellite images this month by the National Snow and Ice Data Center. A British research vessel, the RRS James Clark Ross, was in the area just as the event was occurring and provided vivid images of the vanishing ice from the ocean's surface.

It was the largest single event in a series of retreats by ice shelves in the peninsula over the past three decades. "We're all simply astounded by the uniqueness of the event," said Christina Hulbe, a geology professor at Portland State University in Oregon who collaborated on research into Antarctica's breaking ice.

Some environmental groups seized on the breakup to renew their plea to President Bush to take more aggressive action to reduce emissions that contribute to global warming. Bush has disavowed the Kyoto global warming treaty concluded last November by Japan, European countries and Russia, which would force deep cuts in carbon dioxide emissions. Instead he recently announced proposals to encourage industry to reduce emissions voluntarily.

"This stunning development warns of the dangers of governments doing too little to halt global warming," said Lara Hansen, a climate scientist for the World Wildlife Fund. "The visibility and sheer scale of what is happening in Antarctica should provide a wake-up call to policymakers worldwide."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RITA
BARRERAS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of a woman who has devoted her life's work to

improving the lives of children, the elderly, and the disabled in the State of Colorado. Rita Barreras has taken tremendous strides in the social services field and has proven herself a dedicated leader in her profession. For her service to others, she was recently honored by her alma mater, the University of Southern Colorado, as Outstanding Alumnus. It is my honor to bring the accomplishments of such an astounding provider of care and service before this body of Congress, and this nation.

Rita is currently the Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services for the Colorado Department of Human Services in Denver. In this position, she provides the leadership and vision for sixty-three social service county departments. After twenty-five years in the field, Rita is known as a respected administrator and dedicated care provider. She is credited with many innovative policies that have changed the lives of the elderly and aging, as well as their families throughout Colorado. A 1974 graduate of the University of Southern Colorado, Rita attributes much of her success and her approach to her profession to her experience and education at USC.

Rita has long been an active member of the community, and has gone to great lengths to improve the lives of her fellow Coloradans. She serves as a Board Member of Metro Denver Hospice, the Denver Foundation, and the Colorado Hispana Leadership Council. She also serves as an advocate for the United Way, the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, and the American Diabetes Association. As a member and leader of these groups, Rita has been a driving force in developing and achieving worthy and often difficult goals for the organizations.

Through her professional success and her unflinching efforts to help others, Rita has become a model citizen of the Hispanic community and the broader Colorado community. She has been well rewarded over the years, most notably in 1993 when she was a nominee for the Denver YWCA's Women's Achievement Award, where she was invited to attend and organize the Colorado Delegation for the White House Conference on Aging. In addition, in 1995, the AARP honored Rita with the Partnership Award for her successes in providing care to the aging.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor today to bring the accomplishments of Rita Barreras before this body of Congress, and this nation. Rita embodies the extraordinary spirit of service and dedication in this country, and it brings me great pride and joy to bring her efforts to your attention today. Thank you for all of your efforts in improving our lives and community, Rita. Good luck, and congratulations on your recent achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. HELEN
FREDERICK

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Helen Frederick of Florence, South Carolina. Retiring after thirty years of service, Mrs. Frederick is being recognized for the contributions she has made to the higher education community in the State of South Carolina.

Mrs. Frederick began her career in 1957 as Secretary to the Registrar at Lander University. In 1960, she began working part-time in order to raise her children. Over the next thirteen years, she divided her time between family and career; and in 1973 she rejoined Lander's full-time staff. Less than ten years later, in 1981, Mrs. Frederick was promoted to Assistant to the President and Director of Alumni Relations. In addition to the duties she encountered with these new positions, Mrs. Frederick also coordinated the activities of the thirty-six member Lander Board of Visitors.

In 1984, Mrs. Frederick moved to Florence to join the staff of Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) as Executive Assistant to the President. She served FDTC's Commissioners with an unbridled enthusiasm that secured her tenure through the leadership of five different Presidents of FDTC. Mrs. Frederick's dedication earned her the title of Director of External Relations in 1994. With this promotion she had oversight over all of FDTC's Public Relations, Marketing, FDTC Education Foundation, Alumni Relations, and Print Shop. After these many years of service, Mrs. Frederick is entering a well-deserved retirement, and looks forward to spending more time with her husband and their five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring Mrs. Helen Frederick, an outstanding South Carolinian whose dedication to helping those in higher education has touched the lives of countless students and a number of administrative staffs. I congratulate her on her retirement and wish her good luck and Godspeed.

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. —

HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. __, commending the NephCure Foundation headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan for establishing National Kidney Cure Week in the first week of October and encouraging the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make more information on kidney diseases available to the public.

Today, chronic kidney disease affects 2.5 million Americans. The U.S. Surgeon General has designated kidney disease as a focus area of the Healthy People 2010 campaign. The incidence of glomerular diseases, which attack the filtering mechanisms of the kidney, is increasing rapidly in the US. These diseases typically strike children from sixteen months to four years of age and often are difficult to diagnosis and treat. In their most severe form, glomerular diseases can lead to end stage renal disease—near or complete kidney failure requiring dialysis treatments or even kidney transplants. Sadly, even after a patient finds a donor, undergoes surgery, and receives a transplant, the disease can recur.

Glomerular diseases impact more than the patients and families directly affected—the economic costs associated with care, treatment, and loss of productivity are staggering. In order to raise public awareness and improve diagnosis and treatment of glomerular diseases, I am introducing this resolution commending NephCure Foundation for designating

the first week of October as National Kidney Cure Week and encouraging the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make more information available to the public concerning kidney diseases.

While treating kidney diseases effectively remains a challenge, there is potential for substantial scientific progress toward finding cures. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health are beginning clinical trials, with the goal of discovering new and innovative therapies for patients suffering from various kidney diseases.

National Kidney Cure Week activities will help develop public and private partnerships, encourage competency among health care providers, and promote health education and training. There are many national and regional organizations that will greatly contribute to and benefit from such partnerships: the NephCare Foundation, American Association of Kidney Patients, American Kidney Fund, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, American Society of Nephrology, Association of Nephrology Nurses, the National Kidney Foundation, the PKD Foundation, and numerous other private foundations, universities, and hospitals.

Events held in connection with National Kidney Cure Week could lead to improved diagnosis, acute treatment, and disease management for Americans who are susceptible to kidney disease. The Secretary of Health and Human Services also could greatly improve awareness and treatment by strengthening kidney disease public education efforts. I am happy to support these efforts and to commend the NephCure Foundation for its leadership on this issue.

IN MEMORY OF EDITH DIVICINO DIFAZIO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special woman, Edith DiVincino DiFazio, who passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2002. Edith was married to Pasquale (Pat) DiFazio for 53 years and they were the very proud parents of two children, Paul and Linda, and the ever loving grandparents of Michael and Allison Lech.

Mr. Speaker, Edith DiFazio was born and raised in New Britain, Connecticut and lived there her entire life. She made an indelible impact on the community she loved so much through her participation in local politics, her support of her husband in his business development, her community activism as well as the countless friendships she made and kept during her ninety years of life in New Britain.

Mr. Speaker, Edith was a woman who loved and was loved deeply in return by her family and her friends. She was in many ways a woman who was ahead of her time and she was a role model to everyone who knew her. Edith worked alongside her husband Pat who was the owner and president of Ames Construction Company. Among the Company's many projects are Pulaski Middle School, Chamberlain School, Knapp Village Apartments and Schaller Oldsmobile. With a constant smile and engaging personality, Edith found enjoyment in all aspects of life. She

learned the pleasure of raising plants and flowers from working in her father's greenhouse, Davis Florist Company in New Britain. She was a gourmet cook and her Italian cooking was considered to be the gold standard of cuisine and she served her community as a volunteer at the New Britain Memorial Hospital and as a member of the Greater Italian Junior League.

Mr. Speaker, if Edith DiFazio were asked what the greatest accomplishments of her life were, she would say her two children Linda and Paul. For almost half a century I have known and been part of the DiFazio family. Edith and Pat DiFazio were two of the most widely respected and loved members of our community. Edith was the core of her home and her family. She was as comfortable with U.S. Senators and Governors as she was with her pals at the senior center. Her dignity, her gracefulness, her kindness and her gentleness were her hallmarks. I have no doubt that as Pat welcomed her to heaven, so too did the angels because they wanted to add to their ranks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House to join me in expressing our collective sympathy to Edith DiFazio's family and to give thanks for all she did throughout her life to make her community and our country better for human kind.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JODY VOSS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Jody Voss and thank her for her extraordinary contributions to the Boys' and Girls' Club of Pueblo, Colorado. Her life-long dedication to both her job and the youth of Pueblo is matched only by the level of integrity and honesty with which she has conducted herself each and every day while at her post. She is known as a kind and caring soul with the utmost dedication and talent, and is known as a leader in her community. As Jody celebrates her recent milestone of twenty years with the organization, let it be known that I, along with each and every person with whom she has worked in Pueblo, are eternally grateful for all that she has accomplished in her many years of service.

Jody went to work for the Boys' and Girls' Club of Pueblo in 1982. As executive director, Jody, and the rest of her dedicated leadership, grew the organization from one center serving two-hundred fifty kids to seven centers involving over three thousand kids. For over twenty years, Jody has selflessly given her time, energy and unrelenting commitment to the youth of Pueblo, a milestone recently celebrated by the organization in early March. She is considered by many to be the backbone of the organization and the success the club enjoys today is a direct reflection of her diligence and commitment to our younger generations.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Jody Voss is a woman of unparalleled dedication and commitment to both her professional endeavors and the people of her community. It is her unrelenting passion for each and every thing she does, as well as her spirit of honesty and integrity with which she has always conducted

herself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. She is a remarkable woman, who has achieved extraordinary things in her career and for her community. It is my privilege to extend to Jody Voss my congratulations on twenty years of faithful service and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING JEWELL FRANCES
WELLS GOLDEN ON HER 90TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a happy birthday to one of Northwest Florida's true matriarchs, Jewell Frances Wells Golden, who turned 90 years old on April 16, 2002.

The daughter of one of the Northwest Florida's pioneering families and a true Panhandle native, Mrs. Golden has used her years to inspire and help shape our community in numerous ways. As a wife of 66 years to the late Albert Golden, their many business ventures can be felt all along the Gulf Coast. From humble beginnings, the two embarked upon undertakings that included a number of banks, oil companies, and a local newspaper. Along with these endeavors, side-by-side, Mr. and Mrs. Golden founded the Church of the Living God in 1977, where she is still a devoted member.

Mrs. Golden's influence reaches well beyond her business enterprises. Her impact earned her the 1970 "Personality of the South" and 1974 "Florida Mother of the Year" awards in recognition of her service to her community and state. Mrs. Golden was a delegate with the Florida Department of Agriculture with a mission to promote goodwill with other nations. She also served as director of Santa Rosa County's United Way from 1964-1965.

Mrs. Golden is adored by a family of 3 children, 11 living grandchildren, 20 living great (grandchildren, and a thankful community. Through her example, we have all learned that hard work, dedication, and strong values will lead to success and happiness.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to wish this special woman the happiest of birthdays and many more to come. I offer my sincere thanks for all she has done for Northwest Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent the week of April 8, 2002, and on April 16 and 17, 2002. Consequently, I missed the following recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, and 98, and "no" on rollcall Nos. 83, 90, 91, and 96.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the American family, and to express my support to the Child Custody Protection Act.

As elected officials, we have been entrusted with the great responsibility of protecting not only the rights of the individual, but also upholding and reinforcing the authority of the States in which they live. Before us is a bill that not only strengthens existing state laws, but also protects a very vulnerable group in today's society—pregnant teens.

A 1998 poll shows that 78 percent of Americans strongly disagreed with the transporting of a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion without her parents' knowledge. Our constituents have spoken, and it is our explicit responsibility to protect the rights of parents in the 43 States that have parental involvement statutes.

One specific example is the Hope Clinic in Granite City, IL, which brazenly cites Illinois' lack of required parental consent through radio ads in St. Louis, essentially supporting the circumvention of Missouri State laws. We must prevent clinics from luring in teenagers from States where parental consent is required.

If our genuine goal as Representatives is to improve the safety and well-being of the American public, then we must pass the Child Custody Protection Act.

FAIR CARE FOR KIDS ACT

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, each day an estimated 13 million children, including 6 million infants and toddlers, spend some part of their day being cared for someone other than their parents. Research shows that quality early care and education leads to increased cognitive abilities, positive classroom learning behavior, increased likelihood of long-term school success, and greater likelihood of long-term economic and social self-sufficiency. Childcare centers and family childcare homes need to provide care that promotes healthy development. Parents need to be able to go to work and have the piece of mind that their children are in safe, nurturing environments.

Childcare is costly. Many families cannot afford childcare. For families with young children and a monthly income under \$1,200, the cost of childcare typically consumes 25 percent of their income.

On an average monthly basis, more than 1.8 million children, nationwide benefit from federal financial assistance for childcare through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and USDA Child and Adult Care Food program. There are more children receiving federal childcare help through these programs than through Head

Start. But, generally, the quality of care is much lower.

Reimbursement rates, which determine the maximum the State will reimburse a childcare provider for the care of a child who receives a federal subsidy, are too low to ensure that quality care is accessible to all families. Currently, in New Mexico day care providers are being reimbursed at lower rates than the current market rate, including licensed centers that provide infant care. As a result, many of the best childcare setting or even average ones, limit or do not accept children who are on assistance.

Low payment rates directly affect the kind of care children get and whether families can find quality childcare in their communities. In many instances, low payment rates force child care providers to cut corners in ways that lower the quality of care for children, including reducing number of staff, and eliminating staff training opportunities.

If day care providers are not reimbursed at or near the current market rate, then the lowest income children are forced to go to the most marginal settings. And in some states, parents or grandparents are prohibited from making up the difference between the subsidy and the fee for higher quality care.

Children in low quality childcare are more likely to have delayed reading and language skills. Parents need access to affordable, quality care for their children. Increased payment rates lead to higher quality child care as child care providers are able to attract and retain qualified staff, provide salary increases and professional training, and maintain a safe and healthy environment.

That is why I am introducing the Fair Care for Kids Act. My bill would require that current market rates are paid to day care providers who receive federal funding. Market surveys, which identify market rates, must be current and that is why they must be updated annually.

This bill is a step in the right direction for helping our working parents. This bill is a step in the right direction to providing quality day care to our children.

TRIBUTE TO THE CROATIAN SONS
LODGE NUMBER 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union, on the festive occasion of its 95th Anniversary and Golden Member banquet, on Sunday, April 28, 2002.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include: William A. Bursich, Sally Cullen, Lynn Edward Evans, Steve Jack Grdina, Anastasia Kresich, Eugene Krukowski, Michael F. Luketic, Charles Peretin, Stefania Peretin, Dorothea Petrovich, Stephen Ratkay, Dennis Rivich, Frances Staesnick, Peter T. Sut, and Mary Ann Thews.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with over 300 additional Lodge members who have previously attained this important designation.

This memorable day will begin with a morning mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar presiding. The festivities will be culturally enriched by the performance of several Croatian musical groups. The Hoosier Hrvati Adult Tamburitza Orchestra directed by Frank Jovanovich, the Croatian Glee Club "Preradovic," and the Croatian Strings Tamburitizans and Junior Dancers directed by Dennis Barunica will perform at this gala event. A formal dinner banquet will end the day's festivities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families. I am proud to represent these gifted residents of the First Congressional District of Indiana.

**RICHARD HAIRE RETIRES FROM
CORRALES ELEMENTARY**

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, we all know that our schools will never be any better than the men and women who teach in them. I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable teacher who has made Corrales Elementary one of the best in my home state of New Mexico.

Corrales has been truly fortunate to have someone of the talents and dedication of Mr. Haire within the community. It is an honor to be able to recognize him on this special occasion.

After serving as an exemplary elementary school teacher in New Mexico for more than 32 years, Richard Haire is retiring the chalk, and will end a career that will conclude with teaching a fifth grade class of children at Corrales Elementary for twenty-three consecutive years. I say he is retiring the chalk because I know that he will continue to contribute to the community in a variety of ways.

Mr. Haire graduated second in a class of 360 in 1965 from Commack High School in upstate New York, where his classmates voted him most likely to succeed. He graduated cum laude from the State University of New York with a BA in psychology, and then received his Ms in Education from Syracuse University.

In addition to teaching children, Mr. Haire was a mentor to scores of his colleagues. Indeed, he is a teacher's teacher. His greatest service to our community lies in his devotion as an educator to his students. He deserves the greatest praise both from the families of these young individuals, and from all those whose lives he has touched. His efforts are an

invaluable investment in New Mexico's future and we are all truly blessed that we had such a dedicated professional in the classroom.

It is impossible to find a former student whose life has not been changed positively by Mr. Haire. Everyone can point to a turning point where his teaching caused each to embark upon a course of action. In his service to education, Mr. Haire embraced the principle that one person can make a difference, by leading by example, getting people involved, touching everything and everyone in the community.

Teachers like Richard Haire do make a difference. I believe so strongly in education. I know that as we battle the ills of our society—poverty and hopelessness—education is the great beacon and the great hope. I strongly believe that our public school system will continue to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The commitment Mr. Haire has made to children both in and out of the classroom continues to illustrate the power of a single person.

Mr. Speaker, in 1818, Thomas Jefferson said, "A system of general education, which shall reach every description of our citizens from the richest to the poorest, as it was the earliest, so will it be the latest of all the public concerns in which I shall permit myself to take an interest." This quotation embodies Richard Haire's career.

We will dearly miss his service at Corrales Elementary.

LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING LOAN PILOT PROGRAM

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGO

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation which will amend the Native American Housing Loan Pilot Program by making spouses of qualified Native Americans, including American Samoans, Native Hawaiians, Native Alaskans and American Indians, eligible to obtain VA home loans.

While veterans living in most of our nation have been able to obtain home loans guaranteed by the federal government for decades, certain segments of our veteran population did not obtain this benefit until the 1990s. Many American Samoan, Native Hawaiian, Native Alaskans and Native American Indian veterans who lived on native lands were not eligible for home loans because, among other reasons, fee simple title to the land could not be acquired. Without clear title to the land, commercial banks would not make home loans and, without commercial loans, the Department of Veterans Affairs could not offer assistance to these veterans.

In 1992, Congress created a pilot program to address this problem. This program was created through §8 of P.L. 102-547 and is now called the Native American Housing Loan Pilot Program. The Native American Housing Loan Pilot Program provides VA direct housing loans to Native Americans who, because of where they live, are not eligible for the national VA home loan guarantee program. Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiians, Native American Indians and Native Alaskans all benefit from this program.

For nine years, this program has been a tremendous success—hundreds of loans have been made and the default rate is very low. However, this direct loan program does not solve the housing problem for veterans married to American Samoans, Native Hawaiians, Native Alaskans and Native American Indians.

In American Samoa, for example, there are many non-Samoan veterans married to a Samoan spouse who are ineligible to obtain VA home loans. These non-Samoan veterans are surprised to find out first, that the national VA home loan program is not available to them, and second, that they are ineligible to participate in the Native American Housing Loan Pilot Program, which is operational in American Samoa.

The bill I introduce today will expand the eligibility of the program by making spouses of qualified American Samoans, Native Hawaiians, Native Alaskans and Native American Indians eligible to obtain VA home loans.

This would be a small adjustment to the current eligible population and would be made available only in those few areas in which the national VA home loan program has not been implemented.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

**ISRAEL DESERVES THE RIGHT TO
DEFEND HERSELF**

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, since September 11th, Americans have been living in a new age. Attacks on New York and Washington made us keenly aware of our vulnerability.

Never before had we been attacked so savagely so close to home. That is a day we will never forget.

Well, Mr. Speaker, now we all know what it must be like to be an Israeli, because this has been the pattern of THEIR lives, every day.

Israel has long lived under the shadow of terrorism. In the aftermath of 9-11, Americans need look no further than the people of Israel as a source of strength and courage.

Terrorists have no regard for innocent human life and have threatened innocent Israelis for years.

But in recent weeks these terrorists have escalated their bloody tactics and threaten ALL innocent Middle Easterners who just want to live in peace.

They have escalated their violence to a terrifying level that threatens regional stability and world peace.

Mr. Speaker, the whole world is watching and wondering and praying for peace in the Middle East and an end to this senseless slaughter.

Our President has stepped up to the plate and initiated negotiations towards that end.

That's all well and good, Mr. Speaker, but on the very day that Secretary of State Powell arrived in Israel to begin the process, yet another terrorist bomb blew a hole in the heart of peace itself.

And in spite of this we continue to insist that Israel pull its troops out of the West Bank! Mr. Speaker, we are asking Israel NOT to defend herself.

Mr. Speaker, how can we ask Israel to pull back—to stop defending itself—at the very

time we are engaged in our own war against terrorism?

We are fighting in a country thousands of miles away, but Israel's enemies are in her own back yard. How can we tell Israel to back off, when the terrorists don't play by civilized rules?

Israel is a land that is holy to so many people throughout the world. Yet the terrorists have invaded the most sacred churches, shooting from its windows, and using nuns and clerics as human shields.

This is what Israel is up against, Mr. Speaker. Yassir Arafat either can not, will not, or does not want to, end the terrorist attacks against innocent Israelis.

Since September 11th, we Americans know very well what terrorists seek to do—to strike mortal fear within the fabric of everyday life, to destroy free society from within.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot expect Israel—or any free country—to cease defending itself against this kind of threat.

Just as we are standing up to Osama Bin Laden and his forces of evil, Israel must stand up against the forces of evil that would bring her down.

SOCIAL SECURITY CERTIFICATES

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, on Feb 15, 2002, House Majority Leader DICK ARMEY circulated a Memorandum where he called on Congress to push Social Security Privatization in the upcoming legislative session. I agree that addressing the long-term solvency of the Social Security program deserves our utmost attention in the upcoming legislative session. However, the recommendation that we privatize Social Security does nothing to strengthen the financial solvency of the program.

The Majority Leader exclaims that his bill H.R. 3135, which allows workers to voluntarily put between three and eight percentage points of their Social Security tax into personal retirement accounts, is based on a progressive scale that allows lower-income workers to put more into their accounts and to build more wealth. The Majority Leader failed to take into account the volatility of the stock market. I do not believe that the American public is willing to gamble their retirement security in the up's and down of the stock market. Especially, with the recent collapse of Enron and the present economic recession, the American public is even more suspicious of any proposal that will partially or fully privatize Social Security. Americans know that Social Security provides guaranteed, lifelong benefits. No matter what the stock market does the day you retire or in the months leading up to your retirement, your benefits will be unaffected.

In addition, the Majority Leader's plan to send out Social Security certificates to seniors that claim to guarantee their Social Security benefits is disingenuous at best. Not only will sending these bogus certificates cost the taxpayers 47 million dollars, but it does absolutely nothing to guarantee that Social Security benefits will be there in the future. The Congressional Research Service has concluded that the certificates provide no more protection

than already exists under law. It's not an iron-clad guarantee and Senior citizens will not be able to use these certificates in a court of law. The certificates should instead tell Seniors the truth about the Republican's plan to privatize Social Security and their reckless waste of the budget surplus, which will inevitably lead to a lack of benefits for Seniors.

Nevertheless, the Social Security program faces serious financial challenges, however, those challenges are manageable and does not require us to dismantle the system via privatization.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 476, the Child Custody Protection Act.

This legislation makes it a federal crime to knowingly transport a minor across state lines with the intent that she obtain an abortion, in violation of the minor's home state parental consent or notification law. Under the measure, violations of this law would be punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and one year in prison. Any parent or guardian who suffers legal harm from the violation of a parental notification law is allowed to seek civil action for damages.

The bill includes an exception from prosecution, however, if the abortion is necessary to save the life of the minor. The bill also protects the minor from prosecution under its provisions. The measure allows individuals accused of violating this provision to defend themselves against civil and criminal actions by claiming that they believed the parents had been notified or had given their consent, as required by state law.

By way of background, it is important to note that in many states it is illegal for a school nurse to dispense so much as an aspirin to a minor without parental consent. However, absent this legislation, minors can be brought across state lines without parental consent for the express purpose of obtaining an abortion. Over-the-counter aspirin requires parental notification, but abortion does not? Mr. Speaker, how can this be?

In 1999, the House passed identical legislation by a vote of 270 to 159; unfortunately, the measure was never considered by the other body, thus necessitating its reintroduction in the 107th Congress. I commend Chairman SENSENBRENNER, Chairman CHABOT, and Congresswoman ROS-LEHTINEN for their work in crafting this urgent legislation, and I truly hope that my colleagues will Join me in voting for this legislation today. As such, I urge an "aye" vote on final passage.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE PAST AS A PROLOGUE TO
THE FUTURE—75 YEARS AFTER
THE FLOOD OF 1927—

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, as we mark the 75th Anniversary of the Flood of 1927, the images that come to mind serve to remind us of how the flood affected Missouri and shaped the flood protection policies of today. Although the floodwaters of the past have receded, the lessons they have left behind are unmistakably clear.

The first major levee break during the Flood of 1927 was at the Dorena levee and has significant meaning to those living in the surrounding area because it forever changed Missouri and the entire river delta. The Dorena break alone flooded 135,000 acres of land in the St. John Levee and Drainage District, left 7,500 people homeless and overtopped the Farrenburg levee near New Madrid, flooding an additional one million acres. Overall, the break will always be remembered as part of the greatest natural disaster in American history.

When the Flood of 1927 finally subsided, the disaster had displaced 700,000 people—80,000 more people than currently live in Missouri's Eighth District today. Geographically, the flood left 26,000 square miles under water (an area roughly two times the size of the country of Switzerland), crops were destroyed, cities paralyzed, farm land ruined and more than a thousand people were dead (276 from the flood and the remainder from the sickness and disease that followed). Today, a flood of that magnitude would shut down every interstate from St. Louis south to New Orleans—running east or west.

Prior to the Flood of 1927, the river control system in place was based on a "levees only" policy, which many attribute as being partially responsible for the Flood of 1927. The policy meant that there were no outlets, reservoirs or spillways to assist in flood control. The lack of coordinated protection for water flow combined with the heavy rain and melting snow resulted in major flooding which broke the levees in more than 120 places. At a time when the federal budget barely exceeded \$3 billion, the flood, directly and indirectly, caused an estimated \$1 billion in property damage.

As is the case with many disasters, the Flood of 1927 prompted lawmakers to take a long look at past policy. In an attempt to learn from the flood so that they wouldn't repeat the mistakes of the past, the Flood of 1927 led to the "Flood Control Act of 1928." The plan, which gave the US Army Corps of Engineers the job of providing flood control on the Mississippi River, authorized the Jadwin Plan, or what came to be known as the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project (MR & T). This comprehensive flood control plan has four major elements—levees, floodways and control structures, channel improvements and stabilization measures, and tributary basin improvements. These elements work together to provide flood protection and navigation while simultaneously promoting environmental stewardship and restoration.

Since the establishment of MR & T in 1928, more than 87 percent of the project has been

completed. This investment of nearly \$11 billion has been used for planning, construction, operation and maintenance. That \$11 billion has paid off—people live in safer communities protected from many of the hazards of flooding; commerce and economic development have enhanced river towns and steps have been taken to promote conservation of land while providing recreational use opportunities for communities along our nation's rivers. Perhaps most notable is that the MR & T project has prevented \$258 billion in flood damages to date. It means that for every one dollar spent, we have saved \$24 in flood-related damages.

It is that type of investment in the future that we continue to make as the Army Corps of Engineers works with Congress during the budget process. As was the case during the Depression and previous wars, Congress is currently faced with certain financial realities. In light of those realities, I still believe this much-needed funding is critical to ensuring that flood protection, navigation, port authority and drainage projects are completed so that lives are saved and the economic livelihood of towns up and down the river are preserved.

RECOGNIZING MR. CRAIG BAZZANI

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize Mr. Craig Bazzani for his many years of continuing service to the 15th District of Illinois. A graduate of Illinois State University, Mr. Bazzani has shown exemplary dedication to my home state. Throughout his twenty-five year tenure at the University of Illinois, Mr. Bazzani has held several key positions that have enabled him to make immense contributions to the betterment of the institution. He played an important role in the design of a major debt-financing program, introduced the first University Financial Accounting System, developed the labor relations program, assisted the University in making major strides in the provision of multiple sources of energy for its buildings and facilities, and took the initiative to modernize all of the areas that reported to him. But what leaves an even more lasting impression is the deep devotion he has shown to his co-workers, inspiring in them the necessary confidence to complete the difficult tasks with which he has been entrusted. The University will surely miss Craig's incisive and effective style of administration, but joins me in wishing him the best of luck in his retirement and all of his future endeavors. We thank him for his many years of service to the University, knowing that only the most honorable of people could ever fill his shoes.

MAKE THE MARRIAGE TAX
PENALTY RELIEF PERMANENT

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lend my strong support for making the mar-

riage tax penalty relief permanent. Last May Congress passed historic tax relief which included marriage penalty tax relief. Unfortunately, the tax package, including the marriage tax penalty relief, is sunset to expire in 2011.

Prior to passage of the tax relief legislation, the U.S. tax code penalized over 25 million married couples, costing them an average of \$1,400 in additional taxes over that of two people living together outside of marriage. This discrepancy, justifiably, became known as the "Marriage Tax Penalty."

The tax relief package passed by Congress phased out the marriage tax penalty, providing billions in tax relief over 10 years for married couples. However, due to the compromise reached with the Senate, the marriage tax penalty relief is set to expire in 2011. Thus, in 2011, once again, millions of married couples will be faced with paying more taxes simply because they are married.

Mr. Speaker, the strength of America rests on the solid foundation of the American family. For too long our federal tax policy has chipped away at that foundation. Under Republican leadership and with the leadership of President Bush, Congress has taken an important step toward reaffirming the centrality of marriage in the American society. Let's not hang the specter of future tax penalties over the heads of our current and future American families. We must eliminate the Marriage Tax Penalty once and for all.

I thank the gentleman from Illinois, my good friend Mr. Weller, for his strong and consistent advocacy of tax fairness, especially in this vital area of marriage taxes. I have been proud to fight with Mr. Weller on this issue for so long. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to eliminating this onerous burden on marriage and make the marriage tax penalty relief permanent.

IN HONOR OF NORA E. WRIGHT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a truly remarkable woman on the occasion of her 100th birthday celebration.

Deacon Nora E. Wright was born at the dawn of the twentieth century to the late Rev. and Mrs. Robert Brightwell in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from the Roth Street School and Spelman Seminary in her hometown. As the daughter of a Baptist Minister she was taught to love family and church above all else. In 1952, she joined the Berean Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. Hylton L. James. She has always been an active and dedicated member of her church. Deacon Wright has served as a Supervisor of the Deaconess Broad for 15 years, President of the Senior Missionary Society for 24 years, an advisor to the floral club, and a member of the Senior and Volunteer Choirs. Her religious convictions and service go far beyond her own church. In 1978, she was honored for her 44 years of service as a District Worker to 25 churches, Recording Secretary for 30 years, and as the Vice-President at large. Under the Pastorate of Dr. Arlee Griffin, Nora was consecrated as a Deacon. Extending beyond the Eastern Baptist Association, she became

Chairman of the Worship Committee of the New England Convention.

Deacon Wright's work has not been limited to the church. She also organized and became the leader of the Annie G. Martin Tent # 102; she was the organizer and president of the Guiding Light Benevolent Club of Brooklyn; and Founder and Executive Director of the Ruth L. McLean Scholarship Guild. All of these groups were formed with the concept of helping others. Nora has also held positions as the Recording Secretary of the Executive Board of the Eastern District Grand Tent #3; Financial Secretary of the Brooklyn Tent Home; a member of the Past Grand Officers League of the Royal Degree Chamber #5; and Treasurer of the C.V.C. Alumni. One of her greatest accomplishments is the creation of the first Black calendar Children Preview in 1960.

Deacon Wright has been recognized for many of her accomplishments; she received a citation from the now former Brooklyn Borough President, Howard Golden; a citation of honor as an extraordinary elder from the Kings County District Attorney, the Honorable Charles J. Hynes; and a citation from former New York State Assemblyman(now Councilman), the Honorable Al Vann.

Mr. Speaker, Deacon Nora E. Wright is a wife, a mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She has lived through experiences that most can only read about in history books and throughout she has remained a dedicated church leader, and a lover of all mankind. On the occasion of her 100th Birthday, she is more than deserving of this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

INTRODUCTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PROTECTION ACT OF 2002

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce legislation that would outlaw the practice of purchasing or selling Social Security numbers.

A few years ago, a man named Liam Youens was stalking a 21-year-old New Hampshire woman named Amy Boyer. Youens reportedly purchased Amy Boyer's Social Security number from an Internet Web site for \$45. Using this information, he was able to track her down, a process that he chillingly detailed on an Internet Web site that he named after his target. Finally, this demented stalker fatally shot Amy Boyer in front of the dental office where she worked. Afterwards, he turned the gun on himself.

This terrible tragedy underscores the fact that while the Social Security number was originally intended to be used only for the purposes of collecting Social Security taxes and administering the program's benefits, it has over the years evolved into a ubiquitous national personal identification number which is subject to misuse and abuse. The unregulated sale and purchase of these numbers is a significant factor in a growing range of illegal activities, including fraud, identity theft, and tragically, stalkings and now, even murders.

Today, if you open up a bank account, apply for a loan, buy insurance, get a credit card, sign up for telephone service or electric or gas utility service, you are almost invariably asked to provide a merchant with your Social Security number. Over the years, this number has become a key to verifying a person's identity. As a result, it has become increasingly clear that there are growing and serious privacy risks being created by unrestricted commerce in Social Security numbers, and resulting abuses of this number, that require immediate legislative action.

The risks and abuses associated with misuse of the Social Security number are only being magnified by the rapid growth of electronic commerce. Right now, only \$5 billion of the \$860 billion in annual retail sales currently occur over the Internet. But that figure will continue to grow exponentially in the future. So, the question we must ask is how are we going to adjust our laws to deal with this new medium? How will we animate the New Economy with our old values—such as our cherished right to privacy?

Today, the real privacy challenge we are facing isn't Big Brother; it's Big Browser. If you buy anything over the Internet, that information can be linked up to other personal identifiers to create disturbingly detailed digital dossiers that can profile your lifestyle, your interests, your hobbies, or your habits. We also know that the Social Security number is a critically important personal identifier that many online and offline businesses wish to obtain about consumers. Consumers who value their family's privacy, however, have a compelling interest in not allowing this number to be used to tie together bits and pieces of information in various databases into an integrated electronic profile of their interests and behavior that can be zapped around the world in a nanosecond to anyone who is willing to pay the price.

If you do a simple Internet search in which you enter the words "Social Security Numbers," you will turn up links to dozens of web sites that offer to provide you, for a fee, with social security numbers for other citizens, or to link a social security number that you might have with a name, address and telephone number. Where are the data mining firms and private detective agencies that offer these services obtaining these numbers? In all likelihood, they are accessing information from the databases of credit bureaus, financial services companies or other commercial firms.

If someone actually obtains a Social Security number from one of these sites, they have a critically important piece of information that can be used to locate the individual, get access to information about the individual's personal finances, or engage in a variety of illegal activities. By bringing a halt to unregulated commerce in Social Security numbers, the bill I am introducing today will help reduce the incidence of pretexting crimes, identity thefts and other frauds or crimes involving misuse of a person's Social Security number.

We need to take this action now if we are going to fully protect the public's right to privacy by preventing sales of Social Security numbers. That is why I am pleased today to be introducing legislation which would outlaw this practice. My bill would make it criminal for a person to sell or purchase Social Security numbers. Under the bill, the FTC would be given rulemaking authority to restrict the sale of Social Security numbers, determine appro-

iate exemptions, and to enforce civil compliance with the bill's restrictions. The bill would also authorize the states to enforce compliance, and provide for appropriate penalties.

I look forward to working with my House colleagues to enact this important privacy protection proposal into law.

HONORING STEVE COFFMAN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Steve Coffman, who is retiring on April 19, 2002, from the Alexandria Police Department after 33½ years of dedicated public service to the City of Alexandria.

A lifelong Alexandria City resident, Steve's dream of serving his community was realized on October 10th, 1968, when he was sworn in as Alexandria's first auxiliary police officer. Steve started his law enforcement career during a tumultuous time in our nation's history. In 1971, the Alexandria City Council voted to integrate T.C. Williams High School, a decision that was criticized by many in the community. In addition, we were in the midst of the Vietnam War, and on the domestic front, racial relations were strained and unstable. In Alexandria, it was very important for our law enforcement agents to keep the peace and restore community relations during this time.

Steve has served the law enforcement community in several capacities, most recently as one of two Polygraph Operators for Alexandria City. He has also served as a Street Patrol officer and Identification Technician.

During Steve's long and distinguished law enforcement career, he has received many accolades, including the Police Officer of the Year award, one of the Police Department's highest honors.

I join Steve's family, including his wife Patty, daughters Angie and Valerie, as well as the City of Alexandria, in congratulating and thanking Steve for his dedication to improving the lives of others and serving the needs of our community.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrate Israel Independence Day, paying tribute to the shared values and goals that are the cement of strong U.S.-Israel relations. We demonstrate our unwavering support for our staunchest ally in the Middle East. We express our solidarity with the people of Israel whose vibrant democracy and brave military stand beside us on the front lines of the war against terrorism.

But even as we celebrate the miraculous achievements since the establishment of the Jewish State 54 years ago, we must recognize that Israel is still engaged in a fight for its survival.

Since Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat rejected the tremendous proposals put forward

at Camp David and unleashed the current Intifada, more than 460 Israelis have been murdered and more than 3,000 wounded by vicious terrorist attacks. Proportional to our own population, that figure is staggeringly more than three times the number of those killed in the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Daily life in Israel has been torn apart by the uncertainty of when another suicide bomber will strike against innocent civilians at a pizza store, a café, a grocery store, a disco, or on a bus. Families have been shattered by Palestinian terrorists who have targeted Bat-mitzvah guests and mothers walking their children to synagogue.

The reason there is no cease-fire is that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat supports the violence. He was unwilling to stop Hamas and Islamic Jihad and the documents seized by the Israeli army from Arafat's headquarters and other Palestinian Authority offices demonstrate that he actively endorses and funds the terrorist activities of his Fatah militias—the Tanzim, Force 17, and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, which was recently added to the U.S. list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

The root cause of Palestinian terrorism is not settlements. It is the exhortation by the Palestinian leadership for its youth to sacrifice their own dreams of statehood to Arafat's quest for martyrdom.

The underlying source of Palestinian hatred is not Israel's acts of self defense. It is anti-Semitism indoctrinated by Palestinian textbooks and television shows that glorify murder and exalt suicide bombers.

It is shocking to me that those in Europe and at the United Nations who so harshly judge Israel have no sympathy for Israel as the victim of daily terrorism.

The war between Israelis and Palestinians is not about Arafat and Sharon. It is about the refusal of a democratic society to reward terrorism with territory. It is about a civilized society unwilling to legitimize suicide attacks as a form of political negotiation.

If Arafat can succeed, then Bin Laden can succeed. Not because they share the same goals, but because they share the same tactics.

That is why it is so critical that the United States stand with Israel in this time of crisis, strong in our resolve against those who support and justify terrorism. Israel as a sovereign nation has the right to take all measures necessary to defend its citizens, and it is in the interest of the United States to support its ability to do so.

Although President Bush has dispatched CIA Director Tenet, Senator Mitchell, General Zinni, Vice President CHENEY, and now Secretary Powell to try and restore security and stability, it is clear that no one will succeed unless Chairman Arafat renounces terrorism and starts preparing the Palestinian people for peace instead of war.

At a time when synagogues are burning in France, Saudi newspapers are launching 21st century blood libels, and a Passover Seder in Netanya can become the target of terrorist bloodshed, the existence of the State of Israel is more important now than ever.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong concerns about H.R. 476. I held the same concerns when I voted against this legislation during the 106th Congress, as did many of my colleagues in the House and Senate. No effort has been made to address the valid problems with this bill in the nearly three years since we last took it up on the House floor.

This restrictive legislation would isolate a young woman at a time when she needs support the most. I absolutely believe that young women should involve parents in important life decisions. In fact, most young women do involve a parent when making a decision about abortion, however, that option is not always available. Incest, abuse and other serious family problems are a sobering reality for many in our country. In that case, a young woman should be encouraged to consult another trusted adult, such as another family member, a medical provider or a religious counselor—this bill makes that virtually impossible and even criminal.

Under this bill, grandparents, older siblings, religious leaders, and other responsible adults could face prosecution, imprisonment, fines, or civil suits for coming to the aid of a young woman during her time of need. The true absurdity of this legislation can be summed up in this astonishing example: A father molests his young daughter and the young woman goes to her grandmother for help. Should the young woman obtain an abortion in another state, this bill could give the father standing to sue in a civil court and could make the grandmother liable for \$100,000 in damages and a year in prison.

In addition, this bill is dangerously overbroad. The law would apply to anyone having peripheral involvement in the minor's abortion, even if the person was not acquainted with the bill's legal provisions or even aware of the minor crossing state lines.

I supported a Motion to Recommit that would have sent this flawed bill back to the committee with the recommendation that the legislation exempt grandparents and adult siblings from the bill. This Motion would have provided young women with at least a minimal safety net of family members. It failed by a vote of 173–246.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to oppose legislation that will endanger young women's lives and health by isolating those who cannot involve a parent. We should encourage young women to turn to other family members when they cannot turn to their parents, and Congress has no business criminalizing that.

PHILIP E. RUPPE POST OFFICE
BUILDING

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to express my thoughts about a gentleman of

distinction, who served his constituents from Northern Michigan for six terms. Philip Edward Ruppe was born in Houghton County, Michigan where his family lived since the 1870's. He attended Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan for two years after which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in 1948. He served our Nation as a lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy during the Korean conflict.

After his service in the Navy, Mr. Ruppe became the president of the Bosch Brewing Company for ten years, served as director of the Houghton National Bank, the Commercial National Bank of L'Anse and R. L. Polk and Company.

In January 1967, the people of Northern Michigan elected Mr. Ruppe as their representative until 1979, when he ran for the United States Senate. As a member of the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Ruppe served on the Committee on Merchant Marines and Fisheries and was ranking member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees. He dedicated his time to constituent services and economic development in the Upper Peninsula.

I want to recognize and thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) who thoughtfully introduced H.R. 1374, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Calumet Street in Lake Linden, Michigan, as the "Philip E. Ruppe Post Office". It is most appropriate to name a post office to honor Philip Ruppe who represented his constituents most ably during his tenure in Congress. Congressman Ruppe and his late wife, Loret Ruppe, who was a well-loved and respected director of the Peace Corps and Ambassador to Norway, were dedicated parents to their daughters and imparted the importance of public service to them.

I have been privileged to know both Loret and Phil. Phil still resides in Bethesda, Maryland, and I am delighted to have him as a constituent and wish him the best in life.

PENSION SECURITY ACT OF 2002

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose this legislation, and in support of the Democratic alternative.

Millions of working Americans are watching what we do here today. They are watching to see just whose side we're on. They want to see whether we will do something to prevent another Enron. They want to know whether their retirement savings are truly safe.

With this bill, we know who the Republican leadership would protect. This bill is a get out of jail free card. It doesn't protect pensions, it protects those who would prosper on the backs of their employees.

This bill keeps employees off pension boards. It limits the ability of employees to collect damages when the misconduct of company officials costs them their life savings. It forces employees to keep stock matches in 401(k) plans for three years after each match, while executives are held to no such limit. This bill even allows companies to offer investment advice from the same firm that administers the company's 401(k) plan.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the thousands of Enron employees who have worthless stock certificates to show for their years of hard work, this bill is an outrage.

The Democratic alternative provides real protection. Employees should have the same control over their retirement accounts as executives, and should have the same access to unbiased, independent investment advice. Our bill levels the playing field between executives and employees, giving employees full control of their retirement accounts. And, executives would be held fully accountable when they violate pension rights.

Mr. Speaker, you say you're on the side of the American people. But, as the saying goes, actions speak louder than words, and your bill hurts the working families of this Nation. Vote no on the underlying bill and yes on the Democratic alternative.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES
ON H.R. 2646, FARM SECURITY
ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I commend the Agriculture Committee Chairman COMBEST and Ranking Member STENHOLM for the skill and hard work they have put into crafting the Farm Security Act. I would also like to commend the Conferees of the House Agricultural Committee for their continued efforts to work toward agreement on a farm bill that is good for America's farmers. I want to thank them for the great sensitivity to and understanding of the needs of our nation's farmers.

This motion to instruct goes against that understanding and, thus, I rise in strong opposition to this motion and urge all my colleagues to vote against it.

The presentation of this motion is unnecessarily repetitive in nature. The Members of the House of Representatives have already voted on this issue. During House consideration of the Farm Security Act, an amendment containing this language failed by a bipartisan vote of 238–187.

Mr. Speaker, one thing I can count on hearing every time I return home is that our farmers need help this year. Our farming families put everything they have on the line every year to feed America. America's families never got the economic boon that swept the nation in the late 1990's.

This year, good weather worldwide has created commodity surpluses and driven down the price that farmers get for their crops. The U.S. dollar also remains strong relative both to our competitors and customers, making U.S. crops more expensive and less competitive. U.S. producers continue to compete on an uneven playing field, facing much higher tariffs on our exports to other countries than other countries face on their exports to us.

The goal of our farm policy should be to provide a safety net so the American agricultural sector survives through these difficult times. This motion to recommit would limit payments for commodity programs and is a slap in the face to those families.

Furthermore, this motion unjustly deters the Conferees efforts to resolve funding levels for conservation and research programs. This motion claims to increase conservation programs as if it is a new idea, when, in fact, the Conferees have already allotted an eighty-percent increase in funding.

I urge my colleagues to reject this unnecessary and disruptive motion and to stand aside and let the Conferees continue their hard work on the conference committee.

IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION
OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD
MEDAL ON BEHALF OF DR.
DOROTHY I. HEIGHT

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, for two hundred and twenty-six years, the United States Congress has expressed its highest regard for exemplary and extraordinary accomplishments by awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to its most outstanding citizens. It is now time to include among these laureates Dr. Dorothy Height, lifelong social worker, internationally known and respected human rights activist, who celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this year.

Dorothy Height, whose public service career spans over 65 years, has created an enviable legacy of advocacy and leadership in the cause of social justice for the whole nation, and particularly in her advocacy for the needs and rights of women, children, and families. She has constantly inspired others, from the poor to world leaders, to achieve at the highest level. As an advisor to Presidents through their First Ladies, Dr. Height has effected significant change in the lives of not only African-American women, but all women and their loved ones. She counseled Eleanor Roosevelt and prodded President Eisenhower to desegregate the nation's schools. She pressed President Johnson to appoint black women to sub-cabinet posts. As one of the "Big Six" civil rights leaders, she was the only woman at the table when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and others made plans for the civil rights movement.

Dr. Height's many achievements and her distinguished service to the Nation and world has earned her over 50 awards and honors from local and State governments as well as the Federal Government, including the following:

In 1965, she received the John F. Kennedy Memorial Award from the National Council of Jewish Women.

For her contributions in interfaith, interracial and ecumenical movements for over thirty years, she was awarded the Ministerial Interfaith Association Award in 1969.

In 1968, she received the Lovejoy Award, the highest recognition by the Grand Lodge. Elks of the World for outstanding contribution to human relations.

In 1974, Ladies Home Journal named her "Woman of the Year" in recognition of her work for human rights;

The Congressional Black Caucus presented her with the William L. Dawson Award for decades of public service to people of color and particularly women.

For her tireless efforts on behalf of the less fortunate, President Ronald Reagan presented Dr. Height the Citizens Medal Award for distinguished service in 1989, the year she also received the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Freedom Medal from the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award.

Other awards include:

1993 Springarn Medal from the NAACP;

1993 Induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame;

1990 Oleander Foundation's Generous Heart Award;

1990 Camille Cosby World of Children Award;

1987 Essence Award;

1990 Steller Award.

Dorothy Height has sought no reward, because her monumental achievements were comfort and compensation enough. But this Congress and the nation owe her a debt of gratitude and should commission a Gold Medal for all her contributions. In her own words, 'I want to be remembered as someone who used herself and anything she could touch to work for justice and freedom. I want to be remembered as one who tried.'

It is with knowledge of your enthusiastic support of these noble causes that we respectfully request your endorsement of this measure. Please contact Alice Holmes at 202-225-7086.

HONORING THE STATE OF ISRAEL
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 54TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the State of Israel and join in sending our good wishes to the people of Israel, on occasion of Israel's 54th year of independence. Regrettably, commemoration of this important milestone comes at one of the darkest and most isolated points in Israel's 54-year history. All over Israel, the traditional celebratory activities have been canceled due to increased security risks due to an unprecedented wave of suicide bombings that has struck almost every corner of the country since the intifada commenced.

Mr. Speaker, every year Israelis stand and memorialize the soldiers who have given their lives so that Israelis can continue to live free in their land, and the next day Israelis celebrate their independence. It is no coincidence that Israel's Memorial Day and Independence Day are observed side-by-side. For far too many years in Israel's history, death and independence have been inexorably linked. Only on Independence Day during the nearly disastrous Yom Kippur War of 1973 do Israelis recall being so threatened, and even then the fighting was among soldiers at the front who could be reasonably certain their wives and children were not in imminent danger.

Mr. Speaker, in a recently-published poll conducted by Israel's largest daily newspaper, Yediot Aharonot, 53% Israelis said they would be afraid to celebrate Independence Day in an

open public place and definitely would not do so. Living with the threat of terror is a new reality for America after September 11th. Israelis have had to live with the threat of violence almost every day, which has intensified since January 2002.

Mr. Speaker, the breakdown of the peace process in the Middle East and the recent escalation of violence should be a matter of great concern to the United States. The United States' close friendship with Israel dates back to May 14, 1948, when President Harry S. Truman announced our recognition of this new nation, within moments of its declaring independence. Since that time, the United States has, time-and-again, offered its support to Israel in its struggle to survive and has played in advancing the peace process. As history has shown, strong U.S. leadership, particularly from the President, is necessary if there is to be any progress toward Mideast peace. That is why Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton and now Bush, have all involved themselves in the quest for an end to the conflict. Today, the challenge is to help guide Israel and its Palestinian neighbors back on the path for peace.

Mr. Speaker, on this important day, I think it is instructive to look back at what the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said, when he received his Nobel Peace Prize in 1994, to understand Israel's struggle for peace. "We will pursue the course of peace with determination and fortitude. We will not let up. We will not give in. Peace will triumph over all its enemies, because the alternative is grimmer for us all. And we will prevail."

Mr. Speaker, my greatest hope for Israel on its 54th Day of Independence is the realization of its greatest hope—to live in peace with its neighbors with security for its people.

NEW THOUGHTS TO MEET THE
CHALLENGES ON TERRORISM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, thousands of American citizens will gather in Washington, DC to challenge the open-ended war the United States is now waging. They are right to do so, and the broader American public would do well to listen.

Congress authorized a police action to apprehend the conspirators behind the September 11 attack. Congress did not declare war because the President did not ask Congress to declare war. Yet, the Administration is conducting itself as if it were engaged in a declared war, sending military special operations forces to many new countries and ramping up defense spending. The Administration's budget contains real, inflation-adjusted spending increases only for military spending. Non-military spending is projected to remain flat, and funding for many important programs is decreased, in spite of growing unmet needs. The list of national priorities from which the Administration has taken away federal funds includes education, housing for the elderly, health care, and transportation.

This war footing will ultimately make the world a more dangerous place. Already, the Administration has derailed efforts to negotiate

the termination of North Korea's missile program and undermined efforts by President Khatami and other pro-reform Iranians to moderate the policies of Islamic fundamentalists in Iran. The Administration's unilateral intention to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, its abandonment of efforts to pass a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and its refusal to negotiate enforcement mechanisms for the Biological Weapons Convention will only compound this instability.

The protestors are also concerned about having civil liberties and basic rights undermined at home. The USA PATRIOT Act, which 65 of my colleagues and I opposed, allows widespread wiretapping and internet surveillance without judicial supervision. It also allows secret searches without a warrant and gives the Attorney General the power to determine what is and isn't a domestic terrorist group. The law allows the U.S. government to imprison suspected terrorists for an indefinite period of time without due process or access to family members or lawyers. Last November, the President announced his intention to establish military tribunals as well. The Administration remains confused about extending internationally recognized treatment under the Geneva Convention.

The protestors' central observation is that these actions will likely have the opposite effect of what is intended—U.S. efforts intended to quell international terrorism will provoke more of it. History is replete with the unintended and counterproductive consequences of U.S. action: the U.S.-led embargo of Iraq, which has led to the deaths of thousands of Iraqi civilians, has solidified Saddam Hussein's hold on power. Our government secretly sponsored anti-Soviet fundamentalists in Afghanistan and this led to the rise of the Taliban and their harboring of Osama bin Laden.

The path to ending terrorism, whether by individuals, organizations or nation states, is a foreign or domestic policy based on social and economic justice—not corporate concerns. This is the hopeful premise of H.R. 2459, a bill to create a Department of Peace. This Cabinet-level Department would serve to promote nonviolence as an organizing principle in our society. We should treat others as we would want them to treat us. We should follow international law, if we want others to do so. We should practice non-violence and encourage non-violent conflict resolution whenever possible. We should stop supporting repressive regimes, if we want democracy to flourish.

But that is not the path the Administration has chosen. Those gathering in Washington, DC believe we cannot stop terrorism with an open-ended, permanent war. They believe the time has come for new thinking in meeting the challenges of terrorism. I believe they are right.

INTRODUCTION OF TWO DUTY
SUSPENSION BILLS

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing two pieces of legislation that will suspend the duties on two specific products imported into the United States. Both are

chemicals used in the production of agricultural herbicides.

Among the first herbicides to be registered in the United States, 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, otherwise referred to as 2,4-D, is used principally by farmers to help protect crops from damage caused by weeds. In addition to agricultural applications, 2,4-D has been widely used to control broadleaf and woody plants on rangelands, lawns, golf courses, forests, roadways, and parks.

The other chemical, 2-Methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid, otherwise referred to as MCPA, is also an agricultural herbicide, but controls a slightly different spectrum of weeds. It was developed in the 1940's, and has been used since then to effectively control a wide variety of broadleaf weeds in cereals, grasses, flax, and non-crop areas.

Both chemicals are advantageous because they offer: broad spectrum weed control; low toxicity; low environmental persistence; little evidence of weed resistance following decades of use; and relative cost advantages over other chemical and non-chemical methods of weed control. In their long history, these chemicals have been tested according to modern standards and continue to meet regulatory acceptability.

So why is it appropriate to suspend the duties on these two chemicals?

First and foremost, MCPA is not produced in the United States, so a duty on foreign imports of this product only burdens American businesses. As for 2,4-D, only our trading partners with Normal Trade Relations currently pay the duty on this product; the majority of imports enter the United States duty-free under the Generalized System of Preferences. In this way, the duty undesirably discriminates against our good trading partners, and therefore should be suspended.

Cost is another reason to suspend the duty on these chemicals. Reducing costs is paramount in today's depressed agricultural sector. This bill helps agriculture producers and consumers in this effort by suspending the duty on critical herbicide inputs. In addition to helping farmers reduce their costs, this legislation would benefit the financially pressed federal, state, county and municipal government agencies that use these chemicals to maintain our roads, forests, rangelands, and parks.

The cost of inputs is such an important factor affecting the global agricultural economy that a proposal will be considered during the next WTO multilateral round of international trade negotiations to make all major agricultural inputs duty free. This "Zero for Zero" initiative will relieve agricultural producers and consumers from the unnecessary and burdensome costs of numerous duties. In light of this development, the legislation I introduce today is timely.

By suspending the duty on two chemicals, these bills lift a costly burden from American businesses, stop the discrimination against our close trading partners, and reduce input costs for agriculture consumers and producers. I urge my colleagues to support both bills, and I look forward to working with the Ways and Means Committee to include these bills in comprehensive duty suspension legislation that the Trade Subcommittee will consider in the near future.

HONORING ARTHUR AND CLARICE
WORTZEL ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, when Arthur and Clarice Wortzel are honored this Sunday on Martha's Vineyard, it will be with mixed feelings. We will wish the Wortzels well as they embark on their new life in Wisconsin; but we will miss the boundless community spirit which has characterized their years on the Island.

The Wortzels made Martha's Vineyard their home after many decades in the Foreign Service of the United States. Over the course of his distinguished career, Arthur Wortzel took on a variety of sensitive assignments. Mr. Wortzel and his wife, Clarice, became engaging ambassadors of American interests and values.

After retirement, the Wortzels put their skill and resolve to work for the benefit of the year-round community on Martha's Vineyard—from Community Services to the Foundation for Island Health, from the Dukes County Health Advisory Council to the Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center. No task was too small for their kindness; no task was too large for their talent.

We're delighted the Wortzels can join their three children and their families in Wisconsin. We wish the Wortzels well and look forward to staying in close touch. Our community is better for their commitment, and we'll miss their wit, warmth and wisdom until their first visit back to the Island.

RECOGNIZING A CENTURY OF
SERVICE BY THE EL MONTE
WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the El Monte Women's Club as they celebrate their Centennial Anniversary of service to the community.

On April 18, 1902, 34 women converted a three-year old Shakespearean Club into the El Monte Women's Club. A year later, the El Monte Women's Club became chartered as a San Gabriel Valley District, California Federation of Women's Clubs. The guiding principle of the Club is to unite women's clubs and like organizations throughout the world to benefit and promote their common interests in education, public welfare, moral values, civic, and fine arts.

Throughout its 100 years, the El Monte Women's Club has instituted a tradition of community service benefiting the residents of El Monte. Today, the club is the largest non-denominational women's volunteer service organization in the city. Members of the club are largely women that take great pride in their commitment to provide scholarships for youth in the community.

Among the many programs sponsored by the club, the El Monte Women's Club actively

sponsors programs on gerontology, environmental issues, and DARE Red Ribbon celebrations. Membership in the El Monte Women's Club today consists of 65 women dedicated to serving the community's needs, while providing opportunities to develop personal leadership skills, educating the public, stimulating civic consciousness and commemorating women's history.

It gives me great pride to honor and congratulate the El Monte Women's Club for its 100 years of contributions to the community.

**CEDAR FALLS TO RECEIVE A 2002
GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET
AWARD**

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share some good news about a well-deserved award bestowed recently upon Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation rightfully chose Cedar Falls to receive a 2002 Great American Main Street Award. The award recognizes America's best efforts in historic preservation-based commercial district revitalization.

Mr. Speaker, as someone who has seen first hand what this community has accomplished on behalf of its citizens, let me assure you that this honor is wholly deserved.

Like many American communities, Cedar Falls experienced a loss of jobs during the 1980s. By 1987, Cedar Falls' historic business district was in trouble and nearly vacant. Although committed to their downtown business district, the community struggled with a long-term revitalization plan.

Today, only two storefronts are empty. Today, downtown Cedar Falls is an attractive, vibrant place to work and visit.

The Cedar Falls Community Main Street program helped bring the community back to life. The program supported inter-agency partnerships and the lead economic development partner in the community.

Due to the dedication of the Cedar Falls Community Main Street downtown development group over the last 15 years, the area has seen a net gain of 237 new jobs, 306 building renovations or improvements, with \$8.2 million in private funds invested in rehabilitation and another \$5.6 million in property acquisition. The group includes downtown merchants, lifelong residents, and newcomers who have discovered the newly preserved and revitalized community.

I offer my sincere congratulations on this award to the Cedar Falls residents who had the vision and dedication to make such a dramatic difference in their community.

HONORING MILTON FISHER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of

one of our Nation's leading sportsmen and environmentalists. Milton Lee Fischer, of Nehalem, Oregon, recently passed away in a traffic accident near his home in Nehalem.

Milton, who was a California native, was one of the top fly-fishing guides in the world. He was also a fierce advocate for maintaining and improving the health of the streams he fished. Despite the large number of trout and steelhead that he caught, Milton nearly always released the fish, including hatchery fish. Milton's fly-fishing guests would be treated to lessons in conservation and biology, at the same time learning from his expert fly-fishing technique.

Milton used a slack-line fly-fishing technique developed in California for catching small stream trout that very few people are able to master. When most anglers would hang up their fly rods for the winter steelhead season, Milton would still be leading trips along the small streams of Oregon's northern coast.

The Oregonian newspaper quoted him as saying, "You give me equal conditions and I think I have as good or better chance of hooking a winter steelhead as anyone with bait. In fact, I'll follow you downriver and still find the fish." Milton's confidence came from his long hours spent perfecting his casting, as well as his broad knowledge of the biology and ecology of the rivers he fished. His business, River House and Pleasure Outfitters, was a favorite among fishermen and sportsmen across the country, including Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber.

Mr. Speaker, very few people rise to the top of their profession. The consensus among both amateur and professional anglers is that Milton Fischer was among a handful of the most elite fly-fishermen in the world. Please join me in honoring the memory of this outstanding American.

**HONORING CLIFTON J. SHIPMAN
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of Western North Carolina's most outstanding citizens, Mr. Clifton J. Shipman of Hendersonville, on the occasion of his receiving the first-ever Community Service Award given by the Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association. On Wednesday, April 17th, 2002, the civic and business leaders of Hendersonville gathered to pay tribute to Cliff's character, entrepreneurship, generosity and community service in bestowing upon him this prestigious award. Clifton J. Shipman truly exemplifies the best combination of the American spirit of enterprise coupled with service to his community, and the following newspaper story gives an account of why he is held in such high esteem.

[From the Hendersonville Times-News, Apr. 18, 2002]

**SHIPMAN RECEIVES FIRST COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARD**

(By Jim Wooldridge)

HENDERSONVILLE, NC.—A local entrepreneur, known as much for his modesty as for his business success, won the first ever Community Service Award given Wednesday

night by the Hendersonville Merchants & Business Association.

Clifton J. Shipman, 79, owner of the Chariot and the Cedars, plus much of the property on both sides of Seventh Avenue downtown, was chosen unanimously for the award, said presenter Carolyn Swanner.

"In reviewing his record, we found he started more than 25 businesses here and was operating 15 of them at the same time," Swanner said. "And that was before we had computers."

A third-generation native, Shipman started his enterprises between the time he ended his World War II service in 1946 and his partial retirement five years ago. He was probably best known, she said, for Clifton's Cafeteria at the corner of Church Street and Seventh Avenue. The building is now the Chariot, a dining room for private meetings and for most of the Hendersonville civic clubs.

"The impressive thing about Cliff was his extraordinary modesty," said Mac Drake, a lifelong acquaintance who got his first job from Shipman. "He never sought recognition for charitable work that touched so many people." An example, he said, was Shipman's giving the former Lutheran church building across Church Street from the Chariot to the Reformation Presbyterian Church.

His first business was the Hendersonville Riding Stables and Saddle Club, which offered not only horseback riding but three dances a week, many featuring big-name orchestras such as "Les Brown and His Band of Renown."

This property, on State Street, was Clifton's home until he bought a farm in Flat Rock several years ago. A barn on the property is the theater for the Hendersonville Little Theater company. He opened a newsstand in 1948 in the Brooks Building on Third Avenue West. It was named The Smoke Shop and was popular with young people, Swanner said. He opened his first restaurant, Clifton's, in the same building in 1950.

In 1951, he leased Hendersonville's public swimming pool on Washington Street and ran it until 1954, when he sold it to the American Legion. He started the Smokehouse restaurant on Asheville Highway in 1954, a business which today is the Quarter House.

He leased Boyd Park in 1954 and built a miniature golf course, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, and a dance pavilion. In 1958 he leased Jump-off Rock from the Town of Laurel Park and built another dance pavilion, this one with picnic area and gift shop.

Shipman converted a gasoline service station on the Asheville Highway into Hendersonville's first fast-food restaurant. It was a huge success, Swanner said, because burgers, fries and milkshakes were priced at 19 cents; soft drinks, 5 cents.

Started in 1959, this restaurant was named the Hasty Tasty. He built a new building for it in 1962 on the corner of Church Street and Eighth Avenue East. The building cost \$3,800 and Shipman sold enough 19-cent burgers to pay for it in four weeks, Swanner continued.

The Chicken Shack restaurant was another converted service station he operated in on Seventh Avenue West until 1995. It is now used as a bus stop.

Concentrating on Church Street, Shipman built his Minit Carwash in 1966 and the cafeteria two years later. Using the cafeteria's cooking capability, he bought the Chariot building on Seventh Avenue in 1970 and made it the main meeting place for service organizations.

He bought the Cedars in 1976 and spent two years restoring the former mansion as a location for wedding receptions and dinner meetings. His last major purchase was the former post office, now called the Federal Building, at the corner of Church Street and Fourth Avenue East.

LETTER FROM MICHAEL HAYHURST, PARTNER IN BOISE, IDAHO, OFFICE OF ARTHUR ANDERSEN

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to place into the public record the views of my constituent, Michael Hayhurst of Boise, Idaho. Michael is a partner in the Boise office of Arthur Andersen and is deeply concerned for the future of his firm and the well being of his fellow employees and their families. I urge the Administration and others who are pursuing the wrongdoers in the Enron collapse to remember that all of their actions impact the innocent as well. It is my fervent hope that a just settlement can be found that will ensure that the guilty are adequately punished, retirees are protected, and innocent men and women can maintain their jobs and careers.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN, LLP,
Boise, ID, March 15, 2002.

U.S. Rep. BUTCH OTTER,
*Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BUTCH OTTER: As one of your constituents, I would like you to consider the following:

I am a partner of the Boise office of Arthur Andersen. I was admitted to the partnership on September 1, 2001 (last fall) and find it necessary to provide information to you about our Firm's current situation and myself.

I was born and raised in Idaho. I grew up in American Falls—a town of 3,000 people, just west of Pocatello. As one would expect for an accountant, I was somewhat of a bookworm and did not participate much in the party scene in school. I was, however, able to maintain a 4.0 GPA (there was no extra credit for college prep courses at that time) and graduate as a co-valedictorian of the class of 1984. As an aside, I am also an Eagle Scout.

I attended Idaho State University for my higher education and graduated in 1990 with a double major in accounting and finance. My college time was extended as I received a Rotary scholarship to study in Australia between my junior and senior year. Throughout college, I maintained a 3.93 GPA and attained the highest score in the state of Idaho on the CPA exam for individuals sitting for the exam the spring of 1990.

I started my career with Arthur Andersen June 3, 1990. I was, and still am, very proud to be able to work with as fine of people as I have had the opportunity to work with over the last 11 years with Arthur Andersen. I also am very proud of the history and the culture of our firm. The coordinated attack on our name and our people by congress and the media does not do justice to, or represent the true side of my firm or the 85,000 outstanding individuals in my firm (28 thousand of whom are located in the United States).

The rules we operate under have gotten increasingly complex since I started with the Firm. This includes both the accounting rules under which our clients are required to report financial information and the auditing rules and standards under which we attempt to provide reasonable assurance that those financial statements are materially correct. I will not bore you with the details, but I can assure you that I have spent and continue to spend a significant amount of my time staying up-to-date on these rules and that I come to work every day with

nothing but the intention of doing what is right. I always strive to do the best job that I can, for my Firm, my clients and the users of their financial statements.

Also over the last eleven years, I have become increasingly involved in the community of which I am a part. I am currently acting as the Treasurer of Fundsy, Inc., the Ore-Ida Council of Boy Scouts and the Boise River Festival. Not only do I commit a significant amount of time to these activities (much of which is during my workday and using Firm resources—our culture has always been to give back to our communities, which the Firm wholeheartedly supports with monetary and other resources for our people) but I also contribute monetarily to these and other civic causes in the community.

After being with Anderson for one year, I met an R.N. working for St. Luke's RMC and we were married one year later. We now have two children. My oldest son is five and will be starting kindergarten next fall. He is in swimming lessons at the local Y and this spring and summer will participate in Y-Ball (basketball) and T-Ball. My youngest son is three and will begin preschool next fall. We just found out that our youngest son has amblyopia. He will now be wearing glasses and may have to patch his eye after the next visit to the optometrist. My wife still works as an R.N. and somehow finds time to keep all of the men in her life under some semblance of control.

I am trying to put a face on Arthur Andersen for you, my representatives to our government, so that you understand that Andersen is made up of people. The abridged story above plays itself out 40 times, the number of professionals we have in our Boise office, locally and over 28 thousand times in communities across the United States. All of us are individuals at various stages in our careers. Over 99% of our professionals in the United States have never worked on, or had anything to do with, the Enron audit.

As I signed my Partner Agreement on September 1. I have had to come to the realization that the loan I took out at that time to provide my capital contribution to the Firm will likely not be repaid from funds out of my capital account, I can live with that. What I cannot live with is the potential impact that the Department of Justice's position will have on my people in this office. This is not "justice" and has prompted me to write to you. I am an American and as we have all seen after the events of September 11, we can only be unjustly beaten down and pushed around so long before we find ourselves in a position of having to fight back.

Our position is that we are not guilty, therefore we will not plead guilty. Also, we believe that a fair reading of the facts is summarized in the attached letter and our law firm's report on its investigation into the document destruction matter would lead anyone to the conclusion that this indictment, and the manner in which it is being pursued, is nothing but a gross abuse of power that is being orchestrated for political reasons.

Normally, I would say, "let the courts decide." However, the risk of enforcing a death sentence on over 86,000 careers (28,000 in the U.S.)—which has been amply pointed out in the media—without ever having the opportunity for this to reach a free hearing in trial, along with the fact that we have been completely forthcoming and cooperative throughout this process and that we have agreed to significant changes without the enforcement of criminal charges, makes this an unconscionable act by my government's officials.

Please take the time to read the following information. I would be happy to answer any

questions you may have or provide additional information if necessary. You may reach me at 208-387-4029.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL L. HAYHURST.

VETERANS' MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION ACT OF 2002

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, today I and Ranking Democratic Member, Mr. FILNER of California, introduce a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to complete ten construction projects to improve, renovate, and update Veterans Affairs medical centers across the country.

These older VA medical centers are in dire need of repair, and our veterans need and deserve quality health care in modern, well maintained, and safe buildings. The Veterans' Major Medical Facilities Construction Act is an important step that would provide authority to the Secretary to move forward on VA's highest construction priorities without further delay. The bill authorizes appropriations for each project, and limits each project to not exceed the level authorized. The total amount authorized for these projects is \$285 million. The House VA Health Subcommittee will hold a hearing on this proposal on April 24th.

The VA medical facilities receiving seismic upgrades and corrections or seismic bracing and anchorage of non-structural items include facilities in Palo Alto, San Francisco, West Los Angeles, Long Beach, and San Diego, California. These upgrades will bring each facility into conformance with current VA seismic standards. Completion of these construction projects will eliminate significant safety risks.

Cleveland, Ohio's VA medical facility's mechanical and electrical systems will be replaced. Installed in 1961, they are in dire need of attention. Anchorage, Alaska's project involves the construction of a new combined Veterans Affairs Department of Defense facility, which will help address the workload and provide space for additional personnel. This project reflects our interest in having these two departments share health resources under Public Law 97-174, the Veterans Administration and Department of Defense Health Resources Sharing and Emergency Operations Act. The VA Medical Center in West Haven, Connecticut will see a variety of improvements: renovations to inpatient wards to correct patient privacy inadequacies, consolidation of support services, and corrections to deficiencies in air quality, ADA accessibility, and the general safety of patients and staff.

The construction project for the VA medical facility in Tampa, Florida will relocate three Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) inpatient wards and ancillary support functions to the new SCI building just dedicated in February 2002. This will allow for more space and further expansion of the facility.

The authorization level of \$285 million is included in the resolution on the budget approved by the House on March 20, 2002. Mr.

Speaker, I am very pleased and encouraged that the budget resolution the House approved included the funding necessary for this bill. I especially want to thank the Budget Committee Chairman, Mr. NUSSLE, and the Ranking Member, Mr. SPRATT, for their understanding and support of these critical construction needs in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to cosponsor and favorably consider this measure to improve the hospitals and clinics in which veterans receive their health care. We have no greater responsibility than to ensure VA facilities are safe and up-to-date. This bill will aid us in that effort and I am proud to introduce it and urge its early passage.

NATIVE AMERICAN SACRED SITES

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, Native American sacred lands are under attack as never before in this country and we must work together and be willing to put teeth into legislation to protect these lands once and for all.

The Native Hawaiians in my district are very spiritual and instinctively honor that which we receive from nature. Indeed the goddess of fire, "Pele" working through the volcanoes created most of the great State of Hawaii. She is still very active and very honored.

There are specific areas in my state which are sacred to the Native Hawaiians. Although the areas do not have a large steeple or white-washed fence around them, they none-

theless deserve to be respected and protected.

We have begun remediation on the sacred island of Kahoolawe and protected it from further destruction as a military bombing range. But there is so much more to be done.

The problem is that we have a few laws that dance around the idea of protecting native sacred lands which use words like "consultation" or "accommodate" but are inadequate to simply stop potential desecration.

Occasionally, we are able to stop the mining of one sacred site, or the demolition of another. But the time has come for Congress to enact strong legislation to protect Native American sacred lands.

HONORING REVEREND ROBERT R. BLYTHE FOR HIS SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Reverend Robert R. Blythe for his life-long commitment to the educational and spiritual development of residents in Richmond, Kentucky and the surrounding communities.

Born and raised in Richmond, Reverend Blythe is a shining product of the local public school system. He was educated in the Richmond School System before earning his bachelor's degree in math education at Eastern Kentucky University, where he was elected President of the class of 1971.

Following graduation, he went home to the local school system to begin his distinguished

teaching career. He was named the Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator in 1974, and he received the Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of America Award in both 1978 and in 1985.

In 1981, Reverend Blythe joined the First Baptist Church in Richmond as their Pastor; he was a worthy shepherd to lead the local flock. In 1986, he received his Master of Divinity with Pastoral Emphasis from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Reverend Blythe taught at Madison High School in Richmond and at Madison Southern High School in Berea as a mathematics and French instructor. He continues to educate Kentucky's future as a mathematics instructor at his alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University.

Reverend Blythe has had a significant impact on the Richmond community and its residents. He has served on the Kentucky Human Rights Commission, the Youth Leadership Madison County Advisory Committee and the Governor's Health Care Data Commission. He continues to serve as the President of the Madison County Branch of the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Blythe represents what is right about America. He demonstrates a willingness to sacrifice his own needs to foster and improve the lives of others. I am convinced that the lives of Central Kentucky residents have been and will continue to be blessed by Reverend Blythe's presence. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Blythe for his twenty years of service at the First Baptist Church and for his life-long service to the residents of Richmond, Kentucky.