

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

2002 AAA STARS OF LIFE  
STATEMENT

**HON. BILL LUTHER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the emergency medical and ambulance services profession who dedicate their lives to helping individuals in need.

Every year, the dispatch of an ambulance is the first response to millions of medical emergencies. Often, the survival of a patient is significantly improved by the prompt medical at-

tention provided before arrival at an emergency room. As a result of the selfless acts of these courageous and devoted men and women, the lives of thousands of Americans are saved each year. While these professionals do not expect to receive recognition for their work, they deserve our sincere gratitude.

I consider myself fortunate to have met with a number of medics from Minnesota and around the country and have heard firsthand accounts of the tireless efforts that they perform on a daily basis for the communities they serve. They are truly America's health care safety net.

For the past nine years, the American Ambulance Association (AAA) has recognized those emergency, medical and ambulance

service professionals who exemplify what is best about their field, and bestow upon them the Stars of Life award. These appropriately designated Stars of Life have been selected by their peers to represent them in Washington, DC as part of pre-National EMS Week activities. The highlights of their visits to our nation's capital are an awards banquet this evening where they are presented with this prestigious award and meetings today and tomorrow with their Members of Congress. The American Ambulance Association is honoring 113 Stars of Life this year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the names of the 2002 American Ambulance Association Stars of Live honorees be printed in the RECORD.

| State         | Name of Star of Life      | Company or organization                | Town              |
|---------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Alabama       | James "Pete" Norris       | American Medical Response              | Birmingham.       |
| Arizona       | Jim Hayden                | Rural/Metro                            | Mesa.             |
| Arkansas      | Chuck Creed               | Columbia County Ambulance Service      | Magnolia.         |
| California    | Lon Adams                 | American Medical Response              | Burlingame.       |
|               | Tanya Banks               | American Medical Response              | Concord.          |
|               | Sajee DeReauxchette       | American Medical Response              | Hemet.            |
|               | Susan King                | American Medical Response              | Lancaster.        |
|               | Kelly Taddeo              | American Medical Response              | Los Angeles.      |
|               | Jonathan Graves           | American Medical Response              | Moorpark.         |
|               | Brian Mullins             | American Medical Response              | Palm Springs.     |
|               | Jim Sachs                 | American Medical Response              | Roseville.        |
|               | Keith Fournier            | American Medical Response              | San Diego.        |
|               | James Bauck (Posthumous)  | American Medical Response              | San Leandro.      |
|               | David Tovar               | Medix Ambulance Service                | Mission Viejo.    |
| Colorado      | Randy Ermer               | American Medical Response              | Aurora.           |
|               | Liz Dienst                | American Medical Response              | Colorado Springs. |
|               | Wescott "Wes" Hyde        | Summit County Ambulance Service        | Frisco.           |
|               | Charles "Chaz" Gross      | Summit County Ambulance Service        | Frisco.           |
| Connecticut   | Louis Formica             | Hunter's Ambulance Service             | Meriden.          |
|               | Jennifer Giordano         | Hunter's Ambulance Service             | Meriden.          |
|               | Joseph DeAngelis          | American Medical Response              | New Haven.        |
| Florida       | David Twiss               | American Medical Response              | Fort Lauderdale.  |
|               | Kevin Hull                | American Medical Response              | Largo.            |
|               | Jon. C. Thompson          | Rural/Metro                            | Orlando.          |
| Georgia       | Misty Hall                | Mid Georgia Ambulance Service          | Macon.            |
|               | Richard Thompson          | Mid Georgia Ambulance Service          | Macon.            |
| Hawaii        | William "Lin" Watkins     | American Medical Response              | Makawao.          |
| Illinois      | Carol Swank               | Advanced Medical Transport of Illinois | Peoria.           |
|               | Lisa Newell               | Advanced Medical Transport of Illinois | Peoria.           |
| Iowa          | Thomas Sheetz             | Medic EMS                              | Davenport.        |
|               | Jerry Weismann            | American Medical Response              | Iowa Falls.       |
|               | Karla Anderson            | Iowa EMS Association                   | West Des Moines.  |
|               | Gary Ireland              | Iowa EMS Association                   | West Des Moines.  |
| Louisiana     | Melanie Guidry            | Acadian Ambulance and Air Med Service  | Lafayette.        |
|               | Troy Guidry               | Acadian Ambulance and Air Med Service  | Lafayette.        |
|               | Emily Savoie              | Med Express                            | Melville.         |
|               | Robin Rozas               | Med Express                            | Melville.         |
| Massachusetts | Marie Watson              | Lyons Ambulance Service                | Danvers.          |
|               | Stacy Gillis              | Lyons Ambulance Service                | Danvers.          |
|               | Brad Wilson               | American Medical Response              | Framingham.       |
|               | Todd Simoes               | Cataldo Ambulance Service              | Somerville.       |
|               | Robert White              | Cataldo Ambulance Service              | Somerville.       |
|               | Michael Pandora           | American Medical Response              | Springfield.      |
|               | Todd Beaudet              | Action Ambulance Service               | Wilmington.       |
|               | Joseph V. Amello          | Action Ambulance Service               | Wilmington.       |
|               | Shawna A. Caponigro       | Action Ambulance Service               | Wilmington.       |
| Michigan      | Josh Hanson (Posthumous)  | American Medical Response              | Natick.           |
|               | Erik Youngblood           | Huron Valley Ambulance Service         | Ann Arbor.        |
|               | Mike Bentley              | LifeCare Ambulance Service             | Battle Creek.     |
|               | John Pinkster             | Life EMS                               | Grand Rapids.     |
|               | Roy Zigler                | Life EMS                               | Grand Rapids.     |
|               | Toni Tarrant              | American Medical Response              | Pontiac.          |
| Minnesota     | Joe Martinez              | Life Link III                          | Minneapolis.      |
|               | Peter Grothman            | Gold Cross Ambulance                   | Rochester.        |
| Mississippi   | Rosa Newman               | American Medical Response              | Natchez.          |
|               | Tammy Holloway            | American Medical Response              | Jackson.          |
| Missouri      | Steve Bell                | Emergency Providers/MAST               | Kansas City.      |
|               | Chad Schipper             | Emergency Providers/MAST               | Kansas City.      |
| Montana       | Jeff Bakker (Posthumous)  | American Medical Response              | Billings.         |
| Nevada        | Ken Kavanaugh             | American Medical Response              | Las Vegas.        |
|               | Don Vonarx                | REMSA                                  | Reno.             |
|               | Ken Whittaker             | REMSA                                  | Reno.             |
| New Hampshire | Dennis Mechem             | Rockingham Regional Ambulance          | Nashua.           |
|               | Rebecca Coltey            | Rockingham Regional Ambulance          | Nashua.           |
|               | Jennifer Shea             | American Medical Response              | Somersworth.      |
| New Jersey    | Jesse VanMiddlesworth     | Med-Alert Ambulance                    | Sparta.           |
|               | Jerome Cuppia             | Med-Alert Ambulance                    | Sparta.           |
| New Mexico    | Steve Lovato (Posthumous) | American Medical Response              | Roswell.          |
| New York      | Alonzo Merchant           | Rural/Metro                            | Bronx.            |
|               | Ken Bak                   | Rural/Metro                            | Buffalo.          |
|               | Ron Barrett               | Rural/Metro                            | Buffalo.          |
|               | Gene Buchanan             | Rural/Metro                            | Corning.          |
|               | Matthew Kanciruk          | CHS Ambulance Service                  | Farmingdale.      |
|               | Larry Baumgart            | Rural/Metro                            | Rochester.        |
|               | Kevin J. Sullivan         | Mohawk Ambulance Service               | Schenectady.      |
|               | Lester Freemantle         | Mohawk Ambulance Service               | Schenectady.      |
|               | Jeffrey Jones             | Rural/Metro                            | Syracuse.         |

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|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| North Carolina | Rob Stuck            | MetroCare Ambulance Service   | White Plains.   |
|                | Jay Robbins          | MetroCare Ambulance Service   | White Plains.   |
|                | John C. Crunk        | Mecklenburg EMS               | Charlotte.      |
|                | Eric Morrison        | Mecklenburg EMS               | Charlotte.      |
|                | Bryon Runyon         | Mecklenburg EMS               | Charlotte.      |
|                | Doug Rorie           | First Health of the Carolinas | Pinehurst.      |
|                | Donna Dow            | First Health of the Carolinas | Pinehurst.      |
|                | Thomas Williams      | First Health of the Carolinas | Pinehurst.      |
|                | Michael Lineberry    | First Health of the Carolinas | Pinehurst.      |
|                | Don D. Martin (MN)   | F-M Ambulance Service         | Fargo.          |
| Ohio           | Christopher Wheeler  | American Medical Response     | Akron.          |
|                | Bradley Bell         | Rural/Metro                   | Columbus.       |
| Oregon         | Lawrence D. Fields   | Stofcheck Ambulance Service   | LaRue.          |
|                | Gregory Smith        | Rural/Metro                   | Youngstown.     |
|                | Victor Hoffer        | Metro West Ambulance          | Hillsboro.      |
|                | Bill Wildman         | Metro West Ambulance          | Hillsboro.      |
|                | Dawn Poetter         | Metro West Ambulance          | Hillsboro.      |
|                | Randy Johnson        | Metro West Ambulance          | Hillsboro.      |
|                | Frank Wallender      | Metro West Ambulance          | Hillsboro.      |
|                | Candy Schneider      | Metro West Ambulance          | Hillsboro.      |
|                | Lindy Boyersmith     | Mercy Flights                 | Medford.        |
|                | Sandra Gearheart     | American Medical Response     | Milwaukie.      |
| Pennsylvania   | Forrest Wieder       | Centronia Ambulance Corps     | Allentown.      |
|                | Jeff Zeiber          | Exeter Ambulance Service      | Reading.        |
| South Carolina | Donald McCown, Jr.   | Medshore Ambulance Service    | Anderson.       |
|                | Steven A. Kelly      | Medshore Ambulance Service    | Anderson.       |
|                | Ernest Autry         | First Health of the Carolinas | Cheraw.         |
| South Dakota   | Faron Wahl           | Rural/Metro                   | Sioux Falls.    |
| Tennessee      | Darin Hash           | Rural/Metro                   | Knoxville.      |
| Texas          | JoAnna Burgan        | American Medical Response     | Greenville.     |
|                | Clifton Brown        | LifeNet EMS                   | Texarkana.      |
| Vermont        | James Collins        | Regional Ambulance Service    | Rutland.        |
| Virginia       | Arthur D. White, Jr. | LifeCare Medical Transports   | Fredericksburg. |
|                | Alison Burkholder    | American Medical Response     | Richmond.       |
| Washington     | Bill Munson          | American Medical Response     | Yakima.         |
| Wyoming        | Ivan Maxfield        | American Medical Response     | Cheyenne.       |

IN HONOR OF POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the anniversary of the Polish Constitution. The Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791 established a tradition of democracy and human rights in Poland that continues today.

The Polish Constitution has the honor of being the first Constitution in Europe to guarantee inalienable human and economic rights for all. This historic document was modeled after the Constitution of the United States of America.

During the turbulent 1790's of classical Europe, Poland emerged as a light of hope for the future of democracy in Poland, and across the European landscape. While other nations surrounding its sovereign borders engaged in revolution and civil war, Poland maintained its integrity for many years under this Constitution.

The rise of Soviet communism in the post-World War II era stemmed the Polish democratic principle for forty years, but under the capable leadership of Lech Walesa, democracy embodied in this Constitution returned to the Eastern European "cradle of democracy." The human and economic rights that were abandoned by years of communist rule have triumphantly flourished in recent years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the people of Poland, the Polish American community, and their timeless Polish Constitution—on the occasion of the anniversary of its creation—two hundred and eleven years ago.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Small Business Week. Small businesses have contributed and continue to contribute to our nation's economy. They are anchors in our neighborhoods, and employ and train millions of workers every year. Small businesses account for half of our gross domestic product, and I am committed to ensuring that small business owners and workers have the resources and protections necessary to grow and thrive.

There are approximately 25 million small businesses in the United States and they account for 75 percent of all new jobs added to the economy and represent 99.7 percent of all employers. There are over 280,000 employer businesses in the state of Illinois, and over 97 percent of them are small businesses, with fewer than 500 employees. Currently, there are an estimated 6.2 million women-owned businesses, accounting for 28 percent of all privately held firms. These firms generate \$1.15 trillion in sales and employ 9.2 million workers. Also, minority-owned businesses have quadrupled over the last decade. Minorities now own 15 percent of American businesses and 99 percent of these firms are small businesses. But the sad truth is that not enough is being done to provide these businesses with the opportunities needed to survive and compete in today's market.

I recently toured several business areas in my district and met with business owners in Morton Grove, Illinois. I also met with several business groups, such as the Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce. I was proud to see small businesses thriving in the community. The main source of help for these businesses is the Small Business Administration. The SBA has a portfolio of business loans, loan guarantees, disaster loans and venture capital worth more than \$58 billion, and I will work hard to

provide the necessary financial and technological support that will allow the SBA to do its job in an efficient and effective manner. I am working in Congress to improve a number of programs and services that the Small Business Administration provides which will give important resources to small businesses in my district and across this nation.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a prescription drug benefit for all seniors.

As a nurse, I am very familiar with the role of prescription drugs in medical treatment programs. In recent years, more and more drugs have become available to manage medical problems that formerly were left untreated or required periods of hospitalization. These drugs have allowed Americans to live longer, more productive lives.

I also know the importance of taking the correct dosage of drugs, at the prescribed times. Today, too many seniors cut back on the dosage, or alternate the days they take the drugs. By altering the dosage, they do not receive the full benefit of the prescription drug therapy. Some seniors are forced into choosing between buying food or paying for their prescription drugs. Why have they been faced with these decisions? Because they cannot afford to pay for their prescriptions.

It is time for Congress to establish a Medicare prescription drug plan. We need to make prescription drugs affordable for all our seniors, regardless of where they live, what drugs they take, or their income level. We need a plan that provides a meaningful reduction in the cost of prescription drugs.

But more importantly, we must also look at the continuing increase in the cost of prescription drugs. The rising cost of drugs is certainly a consideration in a Medicare prescription

drug plan. The problem of increasing prescription drug costs is not limited to our seniors. Individuals enrolled in HMOs, employer sponsored insurance plans, or private insurance plans are seeing their coverage of prescription drugs diminish and/or their co-payments rise as the insurer tries to keep pace with the rising cost of prescription drugs. Hospitals and state Medicaid programs are struggling with the cost of prescription drugs. We must look at ways to ensure prescription drug are available at reasonable prices for all Americans.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE

**HON. JOHN COOKSEY**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. COOKSEY. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)—its 4,200 volunteers and Department of Defense (DOD) staff—in celebrating 30 years of service to this Nation.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) was established in 1972, the year the United States ended the Selective Service System and established an all-volunteer military force. DOD realized that support from employers and communities would be instrumental in maintaining Reserve component membership. ESGR was created to obtain employer and community support for the National Guard and Reserve and to promote the role of Reserve forces in the national defense.

ESGR has lived up to the task and accomplished much more. Since 1972, with the help of the Advertising Council, Inc., ESGR has benefited from nearly \$1 billion in pro bono advertising reaching the six million employers with one or more employees in the United States.

Employers have, in turn, signed ESGR Statements of Support, publicly committing to support the National Guard and Reserve. The former Chairman of the Board and CEO of General Motors, Mr. James H. Roche signed the first Statement of Support in the Office of the Secretary of Defense on December 13, 1972. The next day, President Richard Nixon signed a Statement of Support covering all Federal civilian employees. Since the inception of this program, Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton and President George W. Bush have all signed Statements of Support, along with hundreds of thousands of employers, including Dell Computer Corporation, Xerox, the Society for Human Resource Management and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. To date, over 300,000 employers have signed statements of support. Additionally, the strategic alliance formed in 1998 between ESGR and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce resulted in more than 1,200 chambers of commerce nationwide signing a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

ESGR offers Ombudsman services designed to provide information to employers and Reservists regarding their rights and responsibilities under the law, and to resolve conflicts through informal mediation. These

services operate in cooperation with the Department of Labor. ESGR volunteers in 54 U.S. states and territories contribute thousands of hours of effort representing millions of dollars of volunteer service in support of ESGR programs, its services, and the men and women of our nation's Reserve forces.

Mr. Speaker, the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is smart government in action. The small ESGR staff in Arlington, VA, under the direction of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs provides guidance and support to a network of 4,200 volunteer business, civic, and community leaders.

ESGR educates employers on their rights and obligations under the law and recognize employers who actively support employee participation in the Guard and Reserve. ESGR also educates members of the National Guard and Reserve in regards to their rights and responsibilities to the value of their employers support. Committees can be found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

With the end of the cold war, the Reserve components have been called with increasing frequency. During the Gulf War in 1990–1991, more than 250,000 Reserve component members were called to active duty to support military operations in the Persian Gulf. Since the start of Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, more than 80,000 National Guard and Reserve troops have been activated and are playing a critical role.

Mr. Speaker, thousands of employers, local and state government officials, Active and Reserve component leaders, and military members from across the nation and around the world request ESGR's employer support expertise on a daily basis. When Guardsmen and Reservists return home following mobilization, ESGR committee members are there to provide information and support services to those in need.

The U.S. Congress passed the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, (USERRA) of 1994, and updated it in 1996. This law completely revised the Veterans Reemployment Rights Act of 1940. USERRA articulates the rights and responsibilities of Guard and Reserve members with regard to job protection and explains employer rights under federal law. ESGR helps employers and Reservists understand this law and helps them informally resolve any employment conflicts that may arise.

Mr. Speaker, again, I want to congratulate ESGR and its 54 ESGR committees on their 30 years of service and commend this network of over 4,200 volunteers' patriots for their time and talent. They are serving their country and maintaining the much needed support of our employers and communities for the Guard and Reserve. Through the efforts of agencies like ESGR, we can call on our Reserve forces to answer our nation's call without the fear of job loss.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, and thank you ESGR.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

**HON. MICHAEL FERGUSON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and recognize the volunteers of the Chaplaincy Committee of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.

The Chaplaincy program provides services to Jewish residents in nursing homes and patients hospitals in central New Jersey. The committee also works with the nearly 100 volunteers doing either Bikur Holim (visiting the sick) or Kabbalat Shabbat (a service to welcome the Sabbath) for residents in area nursing homes. The volunteers range from all over central New Jersey.

On May 8th, the Chaplaincy Committee plans to recognize and thank the volunteers for their hard work, as I am here to do the same today.

I commend the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey for the good works they have helped to provide to central New Jersey, and to the volunteers themselves—they have my deepest gratitude. There is no greater gift to the community than your time and service.

TRIBUTE TO MS. FARAH M. WALTERS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Farah M. Walters for her masterful leadership of University Hospitals Health System and University Hospitals of Cleveland. As President and Chief Executive Officer of University Hospitals Ms. Walters has presided over UH's expansion from a \$400 million hospital to a nearly \$2 billion health-care system serves patients at more than 150 locations in Northeast Ohio and is the region's largest private sector employer.

Ms. Walters graduated from the executive MBA program at Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management and holds a Masters of Science In Nutrition from Case Western Reserve University. She has consulted and lectured for major health organizations such as the Pan American Health Organization, American Hospital Association, National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Army, and various hospitals and universities. Ms. Walters has received numerous prestigious awards for her work. For example, in May 2001 she was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations Foundation; in February 1999 she became the first woman to receive the Business Executive of the Year award from the Sales & Marketing Executives of Cleveland; and in May 1998 she became the first woman to receive Business Statesmanship Award from the Harvard Business School Club. In January 1993, Mrs. Walters was appointed to Hillary Rodham Clinton's National Health Care Reform Task Force, and in 1993

Modern Healthcare selected her one of the 50 individuals in the USA to shape the future of health care in the country. In addition, University Hospitals of Cleveland has been the recipient of many awards under her leadership, including, the North Coast 99 Diversity Award from the Employer Resource Council and Enterprise Development and the Exemplary Voluntary Effort Award from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ms. Walters serves on a variety of national and local boards and is active in civic affairs. She has served on a number of key committees of the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, DC. She also serves on the board of Cleveland Tomorrow, Greater Cleveland Roundtable and Ohio Business Roundtable. In 1994 Ms. Walters was appointed by Governor Voinovich to serve on the 15 member Commission to Study the Ohio Economy and Tax Structure. Within the community, she has served as Chairman for the 1997 United Way Campaign, the first woman and first CEO of a non-profit organization to be selected for the position.

My fellow colleagues, I ask you to Join me in rising to honor this truly remarkable woman who has dedicated her life to the betterment of health care, and is one of Cleveland's finest citizens.

PAUL SIMON CHICAGO JOB CORPS  
CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2002*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of Senate Bill 378, which will rename the Chicago Job Corps Center, located at 3348 South Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, as the Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center after former U.S. Senator Paul Simon of Illinois. Senator Simon was not only a great U.S. Senator for the state of Illinois, but he is a champion for working people across the nation.

Senator Simon has dedicated his life to helping the people of this country. As a scholar, writer, and public servant, Senator Simon has worked hard to battle against the social injustices that haunt our nation. During his congressional service, Senator Simon was a strong supporter of the federal Jobs Corps program and was instrumental in the chartering of a Jobs Corps center in Chicago. The Center provides opportunities in a campus environment to gain a valuable education with advanced career training, to learn a skilled trade, so that individuals may reach their full potential. Job Corps provides up to two years of hands-on work-based training and internships, in areas ranging from bricklaying to computer repair. The Center also provides academic training in remedial math and reading, GED preparation, and English as a second language, and outreach to those in the community that may not have the opportunity to attend college. It is these things that define the goals Senator Simon has set to achieve for the millions of Americans looking for skilled employment in the workplace.

Senator Simon has been a dear friend of mine for many, many years. His contributions

and dedication as a public servant have always inspired me. He has not only made great contributions to this country and the state of Illinois, but he continues to play a vital role as Director of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. He is a leader in strengthening democracy and in addressing key global issues such as the looming water shortage crisis. I feel that renaming the Chicago Job Corps Center as the Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center is an appropriate recognition of what he has done for the Chicago area and all of us. Thank you Paul, for everything.

WORLD ASTHMA DAY

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, asthma has become epidemic. Over 2.3 million Californians have asthma, a chronic illness that makes breathing difficult and causes symptoms such as shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing and chest tightness. Nationwide, the number of asthma sufferers has increased 50 percent since 1980.

Nearly one in thirteen children in the U.S. have asthma and this percentage is growing more rapidly in preschool age children than in any other group. Between 1982 and 1995, incidents of childhood asthma increased by 87 percent and is now the most common chronic illness among children. Asthma accounts for approximately 17 percent of children's emergency room visits and is the major cause of school absences.

Asthma can be fatal. Rates of death from asthma, hospitalizations and visits to emergency rooms have been increasing for more than 20 years, particularly among children and African Americans. During 1979 to 1982, the death rate from asthma for all blacks has increased 71 percent while for whites it has increased 41 percent.

Asthma episodes can be triggered by dust, pets, mold, air pollution, tobacco smoke, some insects, certain chemicals, cold air and stress. Managing asthma includes proper diagnosis, access to high quality medical care and monitoring the condition and avoiding the things that trigger attacks.

In Los Angeles, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America—Southern California chapter, working in conjunction with the California Department of Health Services—Childhood Asthma Initiative and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, is sponsoring a community-based initiative to identify ways to control inhalation exposures that trigger children's asthma attacks. The Healthy African American Families has established an asthma intervention program called "Breathe Free" that is targeted for African American children in South Los Angeles communities.

I applaud the efforts of these organizations to identify the asthma risk factors, educate the public, provide intervention measures in homes and child care centers and make progress in reversing the terrible trend of childhood asthma.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING CHAIRMAN  
ROBERT W. GIARRUSSO

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the public service of a longtime local business leader in my Central New York district. From 1988 until just recently, Mr. Bob Giarrusso served as Chairman of the Onondaga County Republican Committee. I write to congratulate him on his retirement and to thank him for his fourteen years of service to our community. He is the longest serving chairman in the committee's history.

During Bob's tenure, the Onondaga County Republican Committee flourished. He made the committee more democratic and more inclusive and expanded committee members' involvement and influence. His efforts supported Republican candidates at all levels of government, and his leadership encouraged some of our community's best and brightest individuals to run for public office.

Most importantly, Bob Giarrusso led local Republicans with an unique style all his own that was both endearing and dignified. Through Bob's longtime political service, our community certainly has been enhanced.

Many new challenges await Central New York Republicans as we enter a new year. I applaud Bob for his strong leadership and believe that his decision to step aside will only infuse the local Republican Party with new energy and new life.

It's my pleasure to thank Mr. Giarrusso for his service to the Central New York community and to congratulate him on a job well done.

HONORING CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCILMAN TIM RANEY

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, tonight, Tim Raney will be recognized for his service as a councilman in my hometown of Citrus Heights, California. Though the peaceful transition of officials into and out of elective office is not a unique occurrence in this great nation, this particular event is worthy of our recognition.

Tim Raney was elected to the Citrus Heights City Council in November of 1996, on the same ballot that a proud community voted to make formal its desire to become an incorporated city. Tim was an active leader in the drive for Citrus Heights cityhood, an effort that was more than a decade in the making, going to the United States Supreme Court to affirm the right of its residents to self-governance.

As a member of the first city council, Tim and the four other council members were responsible for negotiating the contracts for police and public safety services, garbage and waste management services, and all other services that make a city responsive to its citizens.

In his six years on the council, he was a tireless advocate for the community. He

served on the Sacramento Transportation Authority, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. In 1998, then Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to the Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century. From naming a blue-ribbon panel to improve school test scores, to championing economic development issues and working to bring consensus to regional transportation issues, his mark on the community is clear.

As Councilman Raney steps down from the city council to pursue professional goals and commit more time to his growing family in their new home, he does so as more than a former councilman. He will be remembered as one of the founders of the City of Citrus Heights, and as a solid example of a true public servant.

HONORING THE WOODMERE SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the past, present and future female congregants of Congregation Sons of Israel—Woodmere Synagogue.

For over 70 years, the Woodmere Sisterhood organization has promoted ideals that lie not only at the core of Judaism, but at the core of humanity. Their involvement on Long Island has affected individuals on many levels. Hundreds of women have dedicated themselves to bettering our community and on June 2, members of the Congregation will honor the Sisterhood at the annual Journal Dinner Dance.

These women led other congregants in perpetuating the rich heritage of the Jewish people through a variety of community outreach programs. These included trips to various museums, "Lunch and Learn" Sabbaths, screenings of pertinent films and lecture series.

They established and maintained a Judaic library and Video Center for the use of the congregation and Hebrew School. They also created several scholarship funds. One offers teens the opportunity to spend a summer in Israel; one offers partial tuition to the Hebrew High School; one offers needy children partial tuition to the Morgenstern Hebrew School; and one subsidizes camp tuition. They also have a Torah Fund for the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

The Sisterhood plays a crucial role in certain day-to-day operations of the Synagogue. Their participation in the local community varies from providing new floral arrangements for the sanctuary every Sabbath to gift-giving on special occasions: Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and births. The Sisterhood was also instrumental in hosting Bat Mitzvah classes for adult women in the congregation.

The Sisterhood is involved in International matters, especially those concerning Israel. The current situation has greatly affected all members of Congregation Sons of Israel—Woodmere. The Sisterhood just concluded a fund raising drive to purchase an armored school van for an Israeli school.

The list of the Sisterhood's accomplishments and contributions is endless. Today I

rise in recognition of the countless women who have contributed to this effort, in particular the following past Sisterhood presidents:

Florence Behrens, Rosetta Sokoloff, Jeanette Kirshenbaum, Roslyn Mayer, Gertrude Wickel, Ann Studner, Mildred Kreiss, Gertrude Leinwand, Mollie Lewitt, Rose Lewis, Sherle Gross, Dorothy Feldman, Charlotte Koss, Dorothy Kimmel, Bertha Snyder, Blanche Finkel, Lila Goldman, Anne Selier, Barbara Semel, Arline Slepoy, Edna Ritzenberg, Muriel Liebowitz, Rosalie Bachana, Karen Boxer, Joan Mann, Shirley Fisher, Audrey Liberstein, Leslie Aronin, Teri Stein, and Liane Feuer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 128, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

IN PRAISE OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT OF OUR 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

**HON. RONNIE SHOWS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my praise to President Bush for declaring that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm and is not tied to the maintenance of state militias.

On Monday, Solicitor General Theodore Olsen made the Bush Administration's position clear when he filed briefs in the Supreme Court on two cases that are under review. In short, it is the Administration's position that the Second Amendment grants an individual the right to keep and bear arms.

I am pleased that the Bush Administration has recognized that the Constitution protects individual rights to keep and bear arms. But we must always remain vigilant against efforts to strip us of our rights. As a member of the National Rifle Association, I vigorously oppose any gun control efforts that violate our Constitutional rights, such as national registration of law-abiding gun owners or misguided law suits against gun manufacturers.

Some people believe that enacting new laws against guns will prevent school violence or crimes committed with guns. It is easy for them to equate gun violence with the need for greater gun control, but this is a complex problem with many factors contributing to it, not just guns. We should stop looking for scapegoats. Simply enacting more gun control laws on top of the many already in place does not begin to address this problem.

Again, I applaud President Bush for taking a strong stand in favor of our constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

IN HONOR OF DR. MARTY PLAX

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marty Plax, for his 26 years of service as Director of The American Jewish Committee's Cleveland Chapter. His tenure as Area Director was characterized by integrity, character, and intelligence.

Marty Plax's academic background made him an ideal candidate to serve as director of the committee. After receiving an undergraduate degree from Washington University in 1963, he went on to the State University of New York at Buffalo where he earned a Masters Degree and Ph.D. in Political Science. Dr. Plax then embarked on a highly distinguished academic career, which included lecturing and holding professional positions at a number of major universities. In addition, Dr. Plax shared his expertise as the Visiting Scholar at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and served as Adjunct Associate Professor at Cleveland State University since 1979.

Moreover, Dr. Plax is a man with a strong social conscience, who used his academic training to assist him in community involvement. He is a prolific social writer who has published several books, numerous articles, and countless "Letters to the Editor." However, his writings were only one aspect of his community work. He can be best described as a "Contemplative in Action." A leader in Community Conflict Resolution, he has been involved with mediation since 1968, served as Chairman of the Ohio Boxing Commission, as a member of the Community Relations Committee for The Cleveland Orchestra, and on the State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

I ask my colleagues to join me in rising to honor this truly remarkable individual for his distinguished years of service to Cleveland, the United States, and the world.

REMARKS BY BILL WEBB, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE

**HON. CURT WELDON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to enclose in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the remarks of Bill Webb, Executive Director of the Congressional Fire Services Institute, during a ceremony honoring one of our colleagues, NICK SMITH of Michigan, for his support of our Nation's fire and emergency service personnel.

Good afternoon. My name is Bill Webb, Executive Director of the Congressional Fire Services Institute. Established as a non-profit, nonpartisan policy institute, CFSI serves a unique role in Washington, DC educating Congress about the needs and challenges of our Nation's fire and emergency services . . . not the needs of one particular facet such as the career or volunteer fire service or the chiefs, but all fire and emergency services providers.

Each day, we work with a select group of members—allied members so to speak—who understand the cooperative roles of our Nation's fire service and the Federal Government in protecting our communities. They represent both sides of the political aisle. Our efforts are geared towards developing legislation and influencing Federal policies for the betterment of public safety.

Today, we are honoring a true champion of our Nation's fire and emergency services, Congressman Nick Smith. While Congressman Smith represents the 7th district of Michigan, his contributions to public safety go way beyond his Congressional district, impacting the readiness of over 26,000 fire departments, nationwide.

The fire service is greatly indebted to this individual for championing many of our causes. For instance, two years ago, Congress authorized for the first time a major grant program specifically for local fire and emergency services departments. This year, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program was funded at \$360 million. It was through the efforts of Congressman Smith and a select group of colleagues that this program became a reality, enabling thousands of departments to receive funding to help reduce the threat of fire and other dangers within their local jurisdictions.

Operating a fire department is not an easy task. Nor is getting Federal programs established. The grant program was no exception. I'll never forget a meeting I attended two years ago in a Congressional office regarding this program. A number of Congressmen and women were meeting with the OMB Director to express their frustration with the budget proposal which failed to include funding for this program. One of the most vocal members at the meeting was Congressman Smith, who was not shy about expressing his frustration over the lack of funding. Two days later, the OMB Director had a change of heart and placed \$100 million in the budget for this grant program. Everyone at the meeting would agree who made the difference for the fire service that day.

And before this program, Congressman Smith was working to revitalize the mission of the United States Fire Administration. In 1999, a blue ribbon panel charged with reviewing the mission of the Fire Administration issued a report questioning, among other things, an apparent lack of leadership within the Administration. The report included 34 recommendations for improvement.

Much of the problem had to do with a lack of funding—badly needed funding for research, education and training. As Chair of the Basic Research Subcommittee, which has oversight of USFA, Congressman Smith was able to significantly increase the funding authorization, enabling Congress to infuse a financial dose of medicine into the staggering agency.

That same year, I had the honor of attending the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland, an annual event honoring the sacrifices of those firefighters who fell in the line of duty that year. Congressman Smith delivered the special address. I don't remember any particular thing he said; but what I do recall is that he didn't read from a prepared script, but rather spoke from the heart. You could easily sense Nick Smith's admiration and respect for all first responders.

Congressman Smith is an individual of great character, a man who is truly dedicated to supporting our Nation's fire and emergency services. The events of September 11th have made all of us work a little harder to ensure we are ready for the next attack. In the case of Nick Smith, it has become a passion, an unrelenting mission for which we should all be grateful.

I have just shared with you my observation of Nick Smith in Washington. Now it is my pleasure to turn the microphone over to Chief Victor Hilbert, of the Delta Township Fire Department who will offer some insights into how the Congressman's work has benefited public safety in his own Congressional district.

TRIBUTE TO THE WILKERSON  
CHAPEL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Wilkerson Chapel and the anniversary of its 140 years of service to the community of Collinsville, Illinois.

The people of the Wilkerson Chapel are truly good Samaritans. They have spent 140 years preaching the word of Christ to Collinsville and surrounding areas and participating in other good works.

To such people as Rev. Charles Orr and his congregation, the good deeds themselves are their own best rewards. Yet, on this special day, I think it is appropriate that they are recognized for their efforts. They are good Christians and good Americans, and remind us all of the compassion and energy that makes this country great.

To the people of the Wilkerson Chapel, thank you for all your good works over almost the last century and a half; and may God grant you the opportunity to continue doing His work for many years into the future.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT  
WINFORD EVANS AS THE RECIPIENT  
OF THE DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE CROSS

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 30th, a great soldier and leader was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, 56 years after its authorization.

Sadly, the recipient, SSG Winford Evans, who fought for this country in World War II passed away in 1991. However, the U.S. Army presented the award, along with two others, to his family during a ceremony held in Sikeston, Missouri.

SSG Evans earned the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroic action during a July 1945 battle in the Southwest Pacific Theater. Seeing his platoon leader wounded, SSG Evans disregarded enemy fire and brought the leader to safety. As the battle progressed, he directed mortar attacks and was wounded but continued to fight. Less concerned with his own immediate safety than with defending those around him, he positioned himself within 25 yards of the enemy, threw hand grenades, fired on the enemy and wounded and killed several enemy soldiers.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross, SSG Evans was awarded two Bronze Star Medals. The first has an oak leaf cluster and the other one has a "V" device. These

two medals were awarded to SSG Evans for his heroic achievements in the Asian Pacific Theater from 1943–1945.

This May as we take time to celebrate Military Appreciation Month, it seems fitting that we recognize men and women in uniform like SSG Winford Evans. His sacrifice, along with the sacrifice of so many others who stood in harm's way to defend our country, remind all of us of the selfless valor of our military men and women. I am hopeful, particularly during this time of military action abroad, that others will reflect on the service and dedication of those who came before SSG Evans and those who will come after him and hold in their hearts an appreciation and admiration for their actions and desire to secure peace and freedom for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, on this very special occasion, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in recognizing and remembering SSG Evans and extend our best wishes to his family as they remember his service to the United States of America.

EXPRESSING REGRET AND SYMPATHY FOR FAMILIES OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN

SPEECH OF

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2002*

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 412 and offer my sincerest condolences to the families and friends of the four Canadian soldiers who gave their last full measure of devotion in the defense of liberty during Operation Enduring Freedom last month. Eight of their comrades also were wounded in the same tragic incident. They, along with the rest of Canada, are now left to mourn the loss of their fellow patriots.

The tragic event of April 17 should remind all of us that war is dangerous. Service men and women often risk their lives each and every day, so that we may enjoy our freedom and security. These brave Canadians have made the ultimate sacrifice for Canada and for freedom throughout the world. Today, I pray for their families and loved ones.

Canada is not only our neighbor, it has been our closest friend and ally. Soon after the terrorist attacks on September 11, Canadian families selflessly opened their homes to American travelers who were stranded in Canada when American airspace was closed. Since then, Canada has stood, shoulder to shoulder, with its American ally to face the forces of evil in Afghanistan and elsewhere. Despite this tragic accident, Canada and the United States will continue to stand together and fight our mutual enemies until they are vanquished and peace prevails.

Canada, we grieve with you today for your fallen heroes. Their dedication and steadfastness in the face of danger should be a source of pride and comfort. With soldiers like these, I have no doubt that the days of the terrorist are limited and that victory will be ours.

I want to commend my friend and colleague from New York, Mr. HOUGHTON, for this resolution. I urge my colleagues to stand with our

Canadian neighbors and support passage of the resolution.

## TANF REAUTHORIZATION

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, in the past several weeks we have heard a lot of talk about TANF reauthorization. The Bush Administration wants to increase the number of hours that welfare recipients work to 40. Twenty-four hours would have to be in work-related activities, activities that do not include education or vocational training.

But even in the remaining 16 hours, the limits on education and job training are severe in the Republican proposals. Recipients can receive vocational training, education, or rehabilitation and substance abuse treatment for a total of three months in a 24 month period.

We know that education is one of the main avenues for a person to move out of poverty. A year 2000 survey of people who left the welfare rolls after 1996 found that only those workers who had at least a two-year post secondary or vocational degree were able to rise above the poverty line.

Single female heads of households with a high school diploma are 60 percent more likely to have jobs. That number increases to 95 percent when they have an associate's degree.

We need to focus less on putting people in jobs, and focus more on training people for careers with room for advancement. TANF Reauthorization should be about reducing poverty, not reducing caseloads.

## RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE CONGRESSIONAL TOWN MEETING STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

### HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize the outstanding work done by participants in my Student Congressional Town Meeting held this spring at the University of Vermont. These participants were part of a group of high school students from around Vermont who testified about the concerns they have as teenagers, and about what they would like to see government do regarding these concerns.

## FINANCIAL AID AND HIGHER EDUCATION (By Candace Crosby and Kim Dickenson Apr. 8, 2002)

CANDACE CROSBY. As students preparing for college, we find that the financial issue is becoming a larger problem compared to what our parents had to pay for college tuition. According to a VSAC representative, 70 to 80 percent of students today need some type of financial aid. The rates for tuition are high, but what's worse is that they are rising at rate of about 5 percent a year all over the country.

What concerns us as future college students is how we will be able to pay for the tuition, and tuition doesn't include room and

board and other expenses. We think that, today, there is a lack of adequate financial aid for college-bound students.

When preparing to pay for college, teens in Vermont turn to VSAC—which is the Vermont Student Association Corporation—for financial help. Of course, VSAC is a healthy program, but are they able to give financial aid to all the students that need it? No. Does VSAC have enough money to give scholarships and grants to the teens that need it at the same increasing rate that college tuition is rising? No.

We spoke to a representative from VSAC who gave us the information that VSAC has increased their funds for scholarships and financial aid, but has not been able to keep up with the increasing tuition costs. Based on one of VSAC's grants, the Vermont Incentive Grant, fulltime graduates can get between \$500 and \$8,650 for one year to help pay for college. The \$8,650 is an extremely helpful amount of money to receive, but not all the teens going to college will receive this amount. Even if a student gets the minimum, \$500, it will not even begin to help for any student to pay for their college education. It will only cover a few of the books that students will need for their first year of college.

KIM DICKENSON. Online at USNews.com, we searched for college tuitions for various Vermont colleges. We looked up the cost at Castleton State College, Lyndon State College, UVM, Johnson State College, VTC and Southern Vermont College. We found that the average tuition costs for these schools was approximately \$6,825. We found that the average room and board add approximately \$5,520 more to tuition. Together, this amounts to \$12,345. Even more interesting is that some of the room-and-board costs are higher than the tuition costs. At Castleton State College, tuition is \$5,392, and room and board is \$5,530. \$12,000 is a lot of money, even with VSAC's help, but students leave colleges thousands of dollars in debt.

What about students who want to go to college outside of Vermont? These costs are astronomical, and the tuition alone can be \$20,000 or \$30,000, because the students are not residents of the state. How are students supposed to pay for college without a lot of financial aid when they go to these schools?

0 percent of Vermont students take out loans provided by VSAC. We found a list of loans that could be borrowed from VSAC, and the amounts ranged from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Even if a student went to a college that had a tuition of \$25,000 a year, and they took out a loan to pay for the first two years, they would have to pay back 73,615. The student pays 23,615 more dollars in interest. That is practically paying for a third year of college.

We think that is a ridiculous amount. We thought of a few solutions so that students can receive more financial aid and won't have to have an enormous debt to pay back. The burden of debt would decrease if funds for scholarships, grants and other financial aid would be increased. We think the federal and state governments should fund VSAC's financial aid programs even more than they already do. This would enable more students to receive money so that the financial burden on families wouldn't be as great.

## THE RIGHTS OF THE ABENAKI

(By Evan Worth, Alan Blackman, Nicolette Baron, and Steph Bernath April 8, 2002)

EVAN WORTH. We are doing the issue of Abenaki rights. And as of now, they are not recognized as an Indian tribe. They have been pushing, seeking federal recognition for the past 25 years, which is a criteria for federal recognition, which they need to have been a continuous entity since 1900, they

need to have existed as a community since before 1900, there needs to be a political influence throughout history, they need a membership criteria and governing procedures, they need roots before 1900, and they cannot be members of any other type of group, and cannot be stripped of their status.

ALAN BLACKMAN. Vermont seems to have a very long-held tradition in being first in giving people, specific groups of people, rights—outlawing slavery, granting rights for all men to vote, and, more recently, civil unions. I feel we should continue this. And in doing this, it is another way to, so to speak, take Vermont forward.

The main concern against this, particularly Governor Dean's apprehension with granting them recognition is, casinos and land claims. Chief April Rushlow has claimed on numerous occasions that, quite frankly, they have higher concerns, such as burial grounds and things of this nature. The main reason they want this, what provoked this, actually, such a strong pursuit of this, was kids being taunted at school for being Abenaki, but not being recognized by the government. What they want is essentially grants for education, healthcare, things they couldn't get as of now. And I feel that it is a good idea and it would be a step in the right direction to grant them recognition.

NICOLETTE BARON. Some of the qualms that state government has cited for not giving recognition to the Abenaki was extra rights, aside from those already given to minorities, the fact that it will lead to federal recognition, and they can institute their own laws and have their own fish and wildlife regulations that do not need to concur with the guidelines of the state.

On the issue of the minorities, the minorities that are around the nation and around the state are African-Americans and Hispanics. While those groups do have an important part in the history of this state and the nation, the Abenakis were among the first inhabitants of this state, and they are the only native American tribe that has not been recognized.

State recognition could lead to federal recognition, which would give the Abenaki rights to make their own laws, including those regarding fish and wildlife regulations. The laws that they would make would most likely conform to the Constitution of the United States, not go beyond that or not be radical, which I think is what the state government is concerned with. All laws would be to prohibit harm and to make it, you know. And fishing and wildlife laws would be based on the need to eat, and not hunting game, not game-hunting. And being recognized as a tribe would allow them to sell their wares, like basket weaving, which is a tradition in the Abenaki, and to get better economic status for these people. And it would give them rights with scholarships, and that's really important, to send their kids to school.

STEPH BERNATH. What I find to be very disturbing about the Abenaki struggle for recognition is the negativity exhibited by the state department. I have yet to hear the acknowledgement from the state department that something positive may come out of the Abenaki getting the recognition they obviously deserve. Nearly every argument brought forth by the state of Vermont has been critical of what the tribe may do once they receive recognition. It has been made clear very many times that the Abenaki are not interested in gambling or hurting Vermonters in any way. Chief April Rushlow has clarified this one too many times.

The victims of this criticism, on the other hand, the Abenaki, have openly acknowledged they are aware of what the State Department fears may happen to those people who live on Abenaki land if they are given

recognition. They have said that they are willing to work with the people of Vermont, as they have done in years prior, and stated that they have nothing to fear from the tribe.

The Abenaki are willing to work with the state of Vermont, but it appears as if the state of Vermont is unwilling to work with the Abenakis, the People of the Dawn, the people who have lived in Vermont for thousands of years. It is time that these people receive the recognition they deserve. The state of Vermont must be willing to give them a chance to prove who they are and what they stand for.

Chief April Rushlow has stated, "We're the only race in the United States who has to prove who we are." She was right. Chief Rushlow also said, "We're here when it is convenient for the state of Vermont." Once again, Chief Rushlow was right.

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HONORING SUMNER COUNTY EXECUTIVE THOMAS MARLIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE

**HON. BOB CLEMENT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sumner County Executive Thomas C. Marlin on the occasion of his retirement from government service. I consider him to be a good friend of the Clement family and appreciate his dedication to the people of Tennessee and Sumner County in particular.

An outstanding public servant, Marlin was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1952–1956. Upon returning from his tour of duty, he worked in the private sector at the telephone company for some 22 years. During this time he became active in county government, serving as election commission chairman, county coroner, and county magistrate, respectively.

In 1976 he was elected Assessor of Property where he served honorably for 18 years. He was also an active member of the Board of County Officials Association and was elected President of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officials by his peers across the state. In 1988, he was named Overall Outstanding County Official of the Year for the entire state of Tennessee.

Marlin ran for and won the office of Sumner County Executive in 1994, a position from which he will retire this month after working relentlessly to make various improvements throughout the county, including upgrading the county road system. Additionally, he has been an active participant in community and civic organizations within the county throughout his life.

Marlin and his wife of 46 years, Nancy, are members of Hendersonville Church of Christ and have two children and four grandchildren. In his leisure time he enjoys fishing and University of Tennessee football.

As a county executive with a solid open door policy to the citizens of Sumner County, Marlin's motto has always been, "It is a pleasure to serve you."

May he be commended for his tenure of public service and enjoy his retirement.

KLUGERS RECEIVE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the well-deserved recognition that my friends Allan M. and Sue Kline Kluger will receive from the Anti-Defamation League on May 8, 2002, in Plains Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The Klugers will receive the League's 2002 Distinguished Community Service Award.

Allan is the president and founder of the Wilkes-Barre-based law firm Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, P.C. He is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Amherst College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

He is a member of the board of directors of Luzerne National Bank, Bertels Can Company, King's College, the Valley Auto Club, Bloomsburg University Foundation, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Northeast Pennsylvania Ethics Commission and the Luzerne Foundation. Mr. Kluger is also on the board of directors and executive committee of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry.

He has received the following honors: B'nai B'rith Outstanding Citizen Award, Ethics Award given by Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Wyoming Seminary Distinguished Service Award, Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award, and Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award presented by the Greater Pocono Northeast Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Sue, a graduate of Goucher College and College Misericordia Graduate School, has served as the executive director of Leadership Wilkes-Barre for the last 20 years. Leadership Wilkes-Barre brings together existing and emerging leaders from throughout Wyoming Valley and exposes them to the problems and challenges of their community and motivates and encourages them to assume leadership roles in community affairs.

She has received the following honors: Woman of the Year, Sisters of Mercy; Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award, National Society of Fund Raising Executives; Preceptor Award, National Association for Community Leadership; National Director of Who's Who in Executive and Professional Women; United Way of Pennsylvania, Volunteer of the Year Award; Alumni Medallion, College Misericordia; B'nai B'rith Distinguished Service Award; Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania; U.S. Postal Service Honoree for Women's History Month; Northeastern Pa. Council of Boy Scouts Honoree, Salute to Northeastern Pennsylvania Women; and Athena Award, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce Award for Outstanding Business Women.

Sue is also on the board of directors of Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, the Diversity Institute and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry. She is a trustee of Wyoming Seminary and a member of the Northeastern Regional Advisory Board of PNC Bank.

Allan and Sue have three children, Attorney Elizabeth Kluger Cooper of Great Falls, Va.; Attorney Joseph E. Kluger, Allentown and Wilkes-Barre; and Lawrence Kluger of Mechanicsburg. The couple also has four grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the service to the community of Allan and Sue Kluger and this well-deserved award, and I wish them all the best.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DOUG BEREUTER**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, 2002, official business on the other side of Capitol Hill caused this Member to unavoidably miss roll call vote 128 (H. Con. Res. 271, expressing the sense of the Congress supporting the National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month). Had this Member been present he would have voted "aye."

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WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

**HON. MARK FOLEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to young Americans who have penned essays describing the ideals and characteristics that they believe make this country great. These essays, entitled "What America Means to Me," are particularly impressive because they were written by elementary students at The Joseph Littles—Nguzo Saba Charter School in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The following 4th and 5th graders are to be commended for their inspirational works: Alia Bougouneau, Diandra Buchanan, Simon Calixte, Diriki Geuka and Stewart Scott. These students have indeed impressed their fellow students, teachers and the surrounding community.

The dreams expressed by these students are dreams common to every American but I find it remarkable that these students have, at such a young age, already grasped the essential strands that weave our country together with great strength. Our country is one that has always thrived on the support of its citizens and, now more than ever, this support is integral to our nation's might. I am most pleased to honor these young Americans for their show of support to the country they love. Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect Congress' appreciation for their efforts.

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MINNESOTA MOURNS THE DEATH OF LLOYD DUXBURY, JR.

**HON. JIM RAMSTAD**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute a Minnesota legislative giant who served our

great state with the highest distinction and recently passed away at the age of 80.

Former Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, Lloyd L. Duxbury, Jr., served in the Minnesota Legislature from 1951 to 1969, the final eight years as Speaker. I had the privilege of working for Speaker Duxbury as his chief aide in 1969—and I will forever be grateful for that invaluable experience and our friendship of the past 33 years.

“Dux,” as he was affectionately known to his countless friends, was a very influential leader in our state’s political history, a brilliant lawyer-legislator and legendary politician.

Everyone loved “Dux”—for his infectious laugh and great sense of humor, as well as his warmth, charm and love for people from all walks of life.

Speaker Duxbury was born and raised in Caledonia, Minnesota, a small town in the southeastern part of our state. Dux loved his bluff-and-farm-filled native southeastern Minnesota. He loved the farmers and small shopkeepers, and he loved his fellow lawyers and legislators.

And everyone loved Dux!

From his prep school days at Phillips Exeter Academy to his college and law school years at Harvard University, Dux had literally thousands of friends and admirers, as his legendary career touched thousands of lives.

Dux served his country in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946. He received his B.A. degree from Harvard University in 1947 and his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1949.

Elected to the Minnesota House in 1950, shortly after graduating from Harvard Law School, Dux rose to the leadership ranks. He was highly respected as a legislator, served the House Conservative Caucus as its leader from 1959 until 1962, and was elected Speaker of the Minnesota House in 1963.

Lloyd Duxbury’s top legislative priority was fairness. That’s why he worked so hard in Minnesota to remove the tax on people’s personal property and convert it to a sales tax.

Speaker Duxbury worked with people of all sides to get things done and he was at his best when circumstances got the most heated.

Dux brought people together to solve problems, and he hated partisan wrangling. When President Richard Nixon nominated Dux to be U.S. Attorney in 1969, he turned the post down because of its partisan nature.

Following his retirement as Speaker in 1969, Dux was appointed Vice President and Counsel of the Burlington-Northern Railroad and moved to Washington, D.C.

Subsequently, Dux worked for the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging and lobbied for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. At age 78, he was still taking the subway to his office here before returning to Minnesota so he could spend more time with his beloved family and friends.

Lloyd Duxbury is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. David and Margaret Duxbury, daughter, Marna Duxbury and 3 grandchildren, Nicole, Christine and Jacob Duxbury, as well as his brother, John Duxbury.

You might be gone, Dux, but you will never be forgotten, as your legacy will live forever.

You truly represented the best in public service, Speaker Duxbury, and your love for your family, friends and country will live forever in the hearts of each of us. God bless you, Dux, and rest in peace dear friend.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROGER BOYKIN

### HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man whose commitment and dedication in the areas of health and community service warrant our utmost commendation. On Friday, Dr. Roger Boykin will be honored for his many years of community service in the City of New York at a celebration entitled “A Salute to Our Very Own.”

I feel privileged to have known and worked along side Dr. Boykin, a long time resident of Jamaica, New York. On a first hand basis, I can attest to the fact that the quality of life in communities across the great State of New York has been enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of Dr. Boykin. Very early in his life, career and residency, Dr. Boykin demonstrated his singular purpose as care and concern for others. With patience and compassion, Dr. Boykin served his community and his state in fine form.

Dr. Boykin was born the son of Richard Boykin, Sr. and Thelma Boykin. He attended Brooklyn Technical High School. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (cum laude) from Columbia University School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Following his life long passion to become an M.D. and a servant in the community, young Roger successfully completed his Doctor of Medicine degree (cum laude) from State University of New York-Downstate in June of 1973.

After completing his residency and internship at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center/Kings County Hospital Center and Brooklyn Veteran’s Administration Medical Center respectively, in Internal Medicine, he received a Fellowship and served at Albert Einstein Hospital, Bronx Municipal Hospital and VanEtten in Pulmonary Medicine.

His unique talent for giving to the community and his expertise in his profession were not lost on his peers and colleagues. Among his many achievements include certification as a Diplomate of The National Board of Medical Examiners; Diplomate of The American Board of Pulmonary Medicine; Diplomate of the American Board of Critical Care Medicine; Diplomate of the American Board of Geriatric Medicine; and, he is a Member in good standing of the American Lung Association of Queens.

Dr. Boykin practiced his unique brand of compassionate medical care and considerate patient relations as a staff physician at Brooklyn Veterans’ Administration Medical Center, Catholic Medical Center of New York, Mary Immaculate Hospital, and The Jamaica Hospital. In 1982, he began his career as an instructor in Clinical Medicine at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center and in 1992, Dr. Boykin became an Assistant Professor. Currently, Dr. Boykin is the Associate Chief of Staff for Primary and Extended Care for Veterans Affairs, New York Harbor Healthcare System; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at state University of New York Health Sciences at Brooklyn; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Touro College and an Instructor for the American Heart Association.

Throughout his career, Dr. Boykin has served his patients with compassion and care. Through his many years of service to the community, he has contributed to the improvement and enrichment of his neighborhood family. Dr. Boykin may have single handedly changed the standard of behavior for community physicians involved in public service. He has for many many years worked with and perpetuated the highest professional standards, unwavering commitment, and irreplaceable knowledge and expertise. He has put much more than a dent in the quest for quality health care for all and we in the State of New York are most grateful to be the recipient of his personal largess and generosity.

“A Salute to Our Very Own” is a fitting title for honoring Dr. Boykin. He is our very own. He has made a nation and a neighborhood a much better place to live. He has given without reserve and we can only hope to thank and commemorate him adequately.

I wish him well in all his future endeavors and join with my Queens family, friends, colleagues and fellow elected officials in commemorating his years of service.

IN HONOR OF TOM BARRON

### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Barron for his extraordinary advocacy of environmental causes and his unwavering commitment to young people everywhere.

A dear friend of mine once said that she looked for two qualities in leaders—that they care about the earth, and that they care about kids. If caring about the earth and kids is the mark of a special leader, and I believe it is, then Tom Barron is such a man.

Tom grew up in the ranch country of Colorado with his seven brothers and sisters. It was on the family ranch that he developed a love for the land and a passion for exploring nature—all at a very young age. Tom has been a manager of a successful venture capital business, a Rhodes Scholar, a board member of the Wilderness Society, Yale University and a Trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Colorado. Today he is a very popular writer who has created the beloved characters of young Merlin and Kate, in *The Ancient One*.

He believes that stories are the most powerful and effective way to express complicated and philosophical points of view. He knows that experience, rather than lectures, are often what teach us the most in life. This is very clear in all of his work. In *The Lost Years of Merlin*, Merlin learns all of his most important lessons from nature. He learns how to be humble and to understand his connection to the larger universe. Most important of all, he realizes his fundamental responsibility to something greater than his own self-interest. Tom’s character Kate, the heroine of *The Ancient One*, turns herself into an ancient redwood tree in order to save her town. In the book, a chain saw cuts into the side of the tree, into Kate’s side, which is a powerful metaphor for violence, cruelty and senseless destruction.

Throughout his professional and private life Tom Barron has made it a goal to bolster educational causes and recognize exceptional

young people. He has donated incredible amounts of his own time and many resources to the betterment of children's lives. His mother, Gloria Barron, spent twenty years creating The Touch Museum at the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. She was an example of selflessness and service, and to honor his mother, Tom Barron founded the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. The prize honors young people from diverse backgrounds who have shown exceptional leadership in making the world a better place. Recipients of the award have distinguished themselves by organizing many wonderful projects, including the creation of scholarships, working to conserve a local river, and organizing a rodeo for disabled children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to Tom Barron for his extraordinary contributions to Mother Earth and to all of her children.

### RELIGIOUS FANATICISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SAUDI ARABIA

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, in recent months our Nation, and this Congress, has sought to understand the motivation for and consequences of religious fanaticism, especially in the Middle East. An opinion article entitled "In Saudi Arabia, an Extreme Problem," published in the Washington Post today brings into focus the fundamental problem of religious fanaticism in Saudi Arabia. This insightful article asserts persuasively that political and religious fanaticism has given rise to the deplorable human rights conditions, particularly concerning women, in Saudi Arabia. The article is all the more compelling because its author, Sulaiman Al-Hattlan, is a Saudi Arabian citizen and a courageous voice for democracy and human rights and who has witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of religious fanaticism in his country. He believes that the Saudi government must pursue reforms in order to promote education, free-thinking, political participation, and the human rights of the Saudi people. Mr. Speaker, I earnestly commend the following article to the attention of my colleagues and request that the article be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the Washington Post, May 8, 2002]

IN SAUDI ARABIA, AN EXTREME PROBLEM

(By Sulaiman Al-Hattlan)

While the Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah rightly searches for peace in the Middle East, it is equally important for us in Saudi Arabia to seek peace for our own home.

As a citizen of Saudi Arabia, I dread the possibility that Osama bin Laden might instigate a repeat of a deadly 1979 Saudi government mistake. In that year, a group of religious fanatics occupied the Grand Mosque of Mecca. They denounced the legitimacy of the Saudi government, claiming that it wasn't "Islamic" enough. The government managed to reclaim the mosque, and later the group's leader and most of his followers were executed.

But the end of the story had a twist: Though the government killed the extremists, it then essentially adopted their ideology. After the Mecca incident, Saudi au-

thorities began imposing crushingly strict and pointless rules. Women were banned from appearing on television. Music was not allowed to be played in the Saudi media. Stores and malls closed during the five daily prayers. Members of the religious police were granted more power to intervene in people's personal lives. The Saudi government did all of this to please the Islamists, perhaps fearing further extremist threats. The fundamentalists interpreted these government actions as a nod to their power and an indication that they were now dictating the rules of the game.

The result has been all sorts of restrictions that have created notions of fanaticism in the kingdom, and a society with a constant undercurrent of a "witch hunt." Different groups in Saudi society end up competing with fundamentalists over who can appear more conservative in the public eye. Our private life, too, has been full of contradictions and hypocrisy, as we seek to avoid being alienated or excluded as "seculars" or "liberals." In our obsession with our image, and fearing each other, we all lose. As a society, Saudi Arabians lost 20 years of a generation by avoiding a harsh reality: Our government was wrong, and, by extension, so were we. None of us dared to say it loudly then, and some still cannot say it. But our reaction to the 1979 Mecca tragedy has created a generation of angry, confused young people, many of whom have become fanatics, including those 15 Saudis among the 19 suspects in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the 100—or more—Saudi prisoners in Guantanamo. How many other confused young Saudis are still out there?

It does not take a great deal to describe the motives of terrorism. Oppression and poverty are an easy recipe for fanaticism. People with no option of independently leading their lives will more willingly follow an extremist mentality because they know nothing else, and have no moderate alternatives to compare it with. This extremist mentality becomes so entrenched and pervasive that its endurance is not dependent upon the life or death of one persuasive leader. Therefore, whether bin Laden eventually is killed or survives the current war is a temporary concern; in the long term, the real issue is the endurance or destruction of his rabid philosophy.

The Saudi government itself must fight against all kinds of monopoly of thought or debate. Right now, it faces a historical opportunity to develop its educational system, augment freedom of the press and expand women's rights, among other pressing issues. It can begin to give qualified, young, educated Saudis access to more political participation. This would involve ending regionalism, a process that gives greater privileges to some families from certain Saudi regions. As an added bonus, such a measure would safeguard against future tribal conflicts—still very much a part of Saudi national politics—that could result from the continuation of regional economic and political favoritism. It might also help end the civil cold war our society, silently, is going through.

Saudi Arabian society must also start a tough process of social and political reform. Our independent writers and intellectuals should be part of a public social dialogue that tolerates different ideas and thoughts. Our universities need to open doors for political and social activities to their students: At the very minimum, students ought to have the right to form students' organizations. This would teach them the concept of "social activism," and to organize civilized and peaceful activities within their universities. Such ideas can help the next generation create and participate in a productive and peaceful civil society, instead of dying in

Afghanistan or elsewhere for causes that most of them do not even fully comprehend.

What we learned from the deadly 1979 Mecca experience should be put to use now. Ending political and religious fanaticism is crucial for the survival of the Saudi society and its leadership. Release from this chokehold can only come from within Saudi Arabia. Just as Prince Abdullah has become the most promising hope for peace in the Middle East, he is also our best hope for immediate social and political reforms in the kingdom.

### ENHANCED BORDER SECURITY AND VISA ENTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2002*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE Madam Speaker, I voted "Present" on final passage of the Senate amendments to H.R. 3525, the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Reform Act of 2001. I fully support the bill's stated purpose of reducing threats posed by individuals and organizations which would enter the United States with the intent to commit acts of terrorism.

My concern with this measure centers on Section 306, entitled "Restriction On Issuance Of Visas To Nonimmigrants From Countries That Are State Sponsors of International Terrorism." Section 306 establishes a sweeping, over-broad prohibition against issuing non-immigrant visas to citizens of any nation on the State Department's list of terrorist states.

This could preclude the kind of people-to-people contact that can change cultures, and even the political regimes of those countries. Even at the height of the Cold War, we had exchange programs involving students and scholars from Communist nations. By sharing their first-hand experiences and changed perspectives, returnees from these programs helped undermine the demonized image of the USA projected in the official propaganda of the Soviet Union and its satellites.

In many of the nations on the prohibited list, there is a vast reservoir of good will toward the United States and a broadly based public sentiment exerting a countervailing pressure against their regimes' official hostility toward our country. Iran is a case in point, where large numbers of voters in the most recent national elections cast their ballots in favor of candidates who disagreed with the policies of the dominant faction. It is a serious mistake to discount that popular sentiment and to ignore opportunities to strengthen it by exposing citizens of those nations to Americans and American life.

Section 306 authorizes the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney General and heads of other agencies, to make exceptions to individual aliens covered by this Section if they are found to pose no threat to the safety or national security of the United States. Section 306 directs the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney General and heads of other agencies, to develop standards for making these exceptions.

The language here is unacceptably broad. If the exemption guidelines or standards were

outlined in the legislation, we would have had an opportunity to discuss and consider the merits of programs like education and cultural exchange and their usefulness for attaining U.S. national security and foreign policy goals. As it stands, it allows the current or a future Administration to establish exemption standards so narrow as to preclude the possibility of accruing the benefits of a broader—but still regulated with an eye to security considerations—exchange of citizens. In abdicating its role in setting standards, the Congress has forgone an opportunity to have a voice in this important aspect of policymaking.

COLONEL KENNETH J. SWEET  
HONORED AS LANCE P. SIJAN  
AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 16th 2002, the Greater Milwaukee Aerie 4214 Fraternal Order of Eagles will award Colonel Kenneth J. Sweet (Retired) the Lance P. Sijan Award.

Lance P. Sijan was born and raised in the Milwaukee community of Bay View. After graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1965, he went to serve in DeNang, Vietnam where he flew sixty-six combat missions. On his last mission his plane was shot down over enemy territory and, although he evaded the enemy for 6 weeks, rescue efforts failed and he died as a prisoner of war.

Lance was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor along with the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Purple Hearts, two Air Medals and a Certificate of Honorable Service. His courageous service is recognized throughout the country with scholarships and memorials.

Throughout a career that spans over 40 years, Colonel Kenneth J. Sweet (Retired) has served his country faithfully and in the same courageous manner as Lance P. Sijan.

Colonel Sweet's first assignment with the Army Air Corps was at Wheeler Field, Hawaii where he was on guard duty on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He was among the first to fire a rifle in defense of his country at the start of WWII. After the war ended he became one of the founders of the 128th Air Refueling Wing when the unit gained Federal recognition in 1947.

During the Korean War, Colonel Sweet was active for 21 months, and earned his commission on September 29th, 1961. Retiring in 1982 with 40 years and 8 months of service to his country, Colonel Sweet remains active in the community, advocating for military retiree's in Wisconsin and founding the Wisconsin National Retiree Council in 1983, and has served as its director for 16 years.

So it is with great pride that I thank Colonel Kenneth Sweet for his years of dedicated military service, and congratulate him on receiving the 2002 Lance P. Sijan Award.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING  
PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IM-  
PORTANCE OF HEALTH CARE  
EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE  
COVERAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2002*

Mr. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H. Con. Res. 271, a resolution calling on the President to designate a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month.

It is time for the leaders of our country to acknowledge that we are facing, in the near future, a nationwide health care crisis. This crisis will cut across all sectors. Seniors insured by the Medicare program and low-income children insured by the Medicaid program are facing severe cuts in nearly every state. Workers with employer-based insurance will face radically increased premiums, and the uninsured, who are already the most vulnerable will still be without.

The Baby Boomers will soon retire and flood the Medicare program. In preparation for this long-anticipated event, Congress has set forth unrealistic budgets calling for severe cuts in Medicare reimbursement for home health care, hospital services and nursing home services. At the same time, some physicians are refusing to take new Medicare patients due to an illogical and unworkable reimbursement scheme.

Hospitals are closing their doors across the country due to low federal reimbursements and lack of nursing staff. Recently, in my district, all but one hospital emergency room was declared "on diversion"—meaning they were unable to take any more ambulances or emergency patients. Yet, the administration plans to cut the hospital update again this year. We must do all that we can to ensure that this does not happen. I want to enter into the record a letter signed by myself and 24 Blue Dog colleagues asking the Speaker to support adequate reimbursement to all Medicare providers.

Think for a moment if our already crumbling health care infrastructure was challenged by a crisis—a terrorist attack resulting in a large number of casualties or a bioterror attack. The time for us to act—to secure our health care system, in terms of infrastructure, workforce and health insurance coverage—is now.

Approximately 44 million working Americans are uninsured. We in Congress need to realize that continuing to ignore the problem of the uninsured in our country will cost us as a nation—in terms of overall health and financial security.

The uninsured are more likely to delay doctor visits, delay needed care or choose not to receive that care at all. Last year, more than 40% of uninsured adults delayed a necessary medical test or treatment. Twenty percent say that they needed, but did not get, recommended treatment last year. Many who received treatment did so at a hospital emergency room. A third of uninsured children did not see a doctor in the past year.

Delaying, or not receiving health care treatment, can lead to more serious health problems. The uninsured are more likely to be hos-

pitalized for avoidable conditions, such as pneumonia or uncontrolled diabetes. The uninsured who are finally diagnosed with cancer may often be in late stages or beyond treatment.

In addition to health consequences, the financial burden on families can be severe. Debt due to high, unexpected medical bills is one of the primary reasons that families file for bankruptcy. Nearly 30% of uninsured adults say that medical bills had a major adverse impact on their families' lives.

The burden falls on our local communities through our health care safety net—but that safety net is being stretched very thin. Community clinics and public hospitals in my congressional district, and all over the country, are straining under the burden of caring for uninsured Americans. Safety net providers, despite their good work, cannot take the place of quality health management and health insurance.

We know who the uninsured are. And we know where they work. The statistics show us that, overwhelmingly, low income workers in small businesses are the most likely people to be uninsured. According to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, the working uninsured are most likely to be employed in firms with less than 25 employees.

But we in Congress are not doing a good job telling small businesses about the tax benefits available to small business owners who do the right thing and offer health insurance. A study of employers commissioned by the National Association of Health Underwriters found that small businesses are not always aware of the benefits, tax and otherwise, associated with offering health insurance.

Fifty-seven percent of small employers do not know that health insurance premiums are 100% tax deductible. Sixty-five percent of employers do not realize that health insurance premiums are treated like general business expenses with regard to taxes.

I have seen the Child Health Insurance Program make a difference to kids in my district. But despite the success of the CHIP program, 26% of poor children and 16% of near-poor children remain uninsured. Nine million American children remain uninsured.

Madam Speaker, it is time for our nation to address the health care crisis that is looming on the horizon. Congress needs to act immediately to ensure that our health care system is secure, by adequately funding and maintaining our infrastructure, addressing the workforce shortage, especially that of registered nurses, and ensuring that health care coverage is available and affordable for all Americans.

This resolution is a small part of that effort. Today, we need to take the first step to make the public aware of the importance of health care coverage—to ensure that small businesses are aware of the benefits of health insurance coverage, and that parents know when their children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP.

Congresswoman WILSON and I are asking the President to designate a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month to help bring this issue to the forefront of the national health care debate. During that month, I will challenge my colleagues to tell small businesses, parents of children and uninsured people in their congressional districts about the importance of health care coverage, the

existing tax benefits of offering coverage to employees and the public and private programs for which they are eligible.

Lack of information should not be an additional barrier to health insurance access. We must begin now.

WASHINGTON, DC, May 1, 2002.

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT,  
*Minority Leader, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT AND MINORITY LEADER GEPHARDT: We are writing to express our dismay and disappointment in the latest recommendation by the Administration to pit provider against provider by using reductions to hospitals' market basket update to restore payments to physicians. We believe this proposal is short-sighted and ill-advised. While we certainly agree that physicians deserve fair and adequate reimbursement, the Administration's proposal jeopardizes the health of patients, the viability of our communities, and the financial stability of our hospitals.

The problems facing the Medicare program will not be solved without setting priorities and funding them through honest budgeting. The assumption by the Administration that Medicare will grow at a rate 10 percent less than projected by the Congressional Budget Office, and slower than medical inflation is irresponsible. Moreover, cutting Medicare payments for one provider to give to another fails to address the issue at hand: what are our priorities in the Medicare program, and are hospitals and doctors among them? We believe that they are both priorities and ought to be funded accordingly.

Therefore, we strongly disagree with the Administration's recommendation to use hospital reimbursement as a "cash cow" for other provider adjustments. Hospitals are not only the backbones of our healthcare system, but they are also the centers of our communities. We expect great things from them, such as enhancing bioterrorism preparedness, implementing the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA), hiring and retaining essential nursing staff, and above all providing timely, quality care to the patients they treat. What they expect from their government in return is fair reimbursement for the vital services they provide.

Our Medicare providers are facing very real and very serious circumstances, and we must answer them with serious solutions. Should Congress consider Medicare legislation this year, we urge you to support adequate reimbursement for the healthcare providers in our communities. We look forward to working with you to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Marion Berry, John Tanner, Max Sandlin, Mike Ross, David Phelps, Adam Schiff, Ellen O. Tauscher, Jim Turner, Charles W. Stenholm, Tim Holder, F. Allen Boyd, Jr., Dennis Moore, Collin Peterson, Gene Taylor, Bud Cramer, Joe Baca, Jim Matheson, Sanford Bishop, Jr., Chris John, Mike Thompson, Ronnie Shows, Mike McIntyre, Ken R. Lucus, Steve J. Israel, Jane Harman.

HONORING THE REVEREND DR. S.  
HOWARD WOODSON, JR.

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to an effort taking place in central New Jersey today to honor one of our area's most noted spiritual and community leaders, the late Reverend Dr. S. Howard Woodson, Jr.

Today, in the City of Trenton, New Jersey, one of our community's busiest thoroughfares, Calhoun Street, is being renamed in honor of Dr. Woodson. It's an expression of thanks from a grateful community for over half a century of leadership and community involvement by this amazing man.

Reverend Woodson was a community leader in Trenton since 1946. As the respected pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Dr. Woodson was also a noted leader in our nation's civil rights movement. As the Chairman of the Board of the Carver YMCA, Rev. Woodson fought to be granted independent status from the National YMCA, in order to desegregate that community institution. Later, as President of the State Conference of the NAACP, he convinced officials to convene the first state conference on housing discrimination. This conference raised awareness and led to many advances in housing rights for all in our community. Reverend Woodson's long and distinguished career has been marked by many firsts. He was the first individual of color elected as councilman-at-large in Trenton. He was also the first person of color to serve as Chairman of the Ranking Legislative Committee, Assistant Democratic Leader, and Speaker of the New Jersey State House.

In addition to being a respected and influential leader in community events, Reverend Woodson nurtured and helped grow the congregation of the Shiloh Baptist Church into one of the strongest, most committed and most spiritually vibrant churches in New Jersey. Through Reverend Woodson's leadership, the church erected a new center of worship and reached out to our community to clean up neighborhoods and bring people together for positive social change.

Today's honor is well deserved, and one of many earned by the late Dr. Woodson over his long and distinguished career. I take pride in joining with my colleagues in the House in marking this honor for an individual who meant so much to so many in central New Jersey.

### FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

### HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my support for the National Fibromyalgia Association and to recognize May 12, 2002 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. This year alone, over 10 million Americans will be diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, a disease of which there is no known cure.

Fibromyalgia is a chronic illness which causes fatigue and debilitating pain in women,

men and children of all ages and races. Patients with this illness often have to learn to live with widespread pain throughout their bodies; extreme fatigue; sleep disorders; stiffness and weakness; migraine headaches; numbness and tingling; impairment of memory and concentration.

As with many diseases of this type, medical professionals frequently are inadequately educated on Fibromyalgia diagnosis and treatment. What is worse, children and young adults with the disease not only suffer from the illness, but also from the lack of understanding and social acceptance. Others with the disease may be discriminated against at work, by friends or family. Developing a greater understanding of this disease will help guarantee hope for a better future for people with Fibromyalgia.

I am proud to recognize the needs of the National Fibromyalgia Association and to acknowledge May 12, 2002 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Palm Beach Gardens. I urge all of our citizens to support the search for a cure and help those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disease on a daily basis.

HONORING SGT. KERRY  
PORTERFIELD ON THE OCCASION  
OF HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Senior Sergeant Kerry Porterfield as he retires from a thirty-one year career of exemplary service as an officer of the St. Helena Police Department.

As a native of St. Helena, I know first hand the impact that Kerry has had on our community while both on and off duty. As a police officer, his dedication to the pursuit of justice is admirable. With over 2,000 hours of law enforcement classes and 60,000 hours of experience under his belt, Kerry has a wealth of experience and know-how that will be sorely missed. A self-taught computer guru and driving force behind the adoption of new law enforcement technologies, he has helped make the St. Helena Police Department the modern and effective institution it is today. This year, with crime at a five-year low, Kerry has been honored as "Officer of the Year."

A devoted family man, Kerry and his wife, Dianne, have two daughters, Jennifer and Kareese. Once named "Father of the Year" by his daughter Kareese's pre-school, Kerry loves to spend time with his daughters, and was very involved in their school age activities.

After attending Napa High School, Kerry went to Napa Valley Junior College where he discovered a fascination with law enforcement. Upon graduating with an associate's degree in Criminal Justice, Kerry became a patrolman with the St. Helena Police Department on December 1, 1970.

As the son of Virginia and Cliff Porterfield, both Navy veterans, Kerry is a devoted fan of the Blue Angels, and often travels to see them.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Kerry Porterfield has served the people of the St. Helena, California with both enthusiasm for his work and steadfast professionalism. He is an invaluable asset

to our community and I speak on behalf of the people of St. Helena when I thank Kerry Porterfield for his outstanding service and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS DAY OF ACTION

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the hard-working men and women of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and all that they do for our safety and the safety of our nations' transportation services. Today, IAMAW workers from Detroit to Dallas, and from Phoenix to Philadelphia, will be rallying together in a display of strength and solidarity.

Far too often, their good work goes unnoticed and underappreciated, but these are the men and women who inspect our planes before they take off, ensure hazardous materials get transported by rail safely and build the ships for our national defense. They are truly stewards of the public health.

IAMAW members safely transport more than one million passengers each day. They keep the traveling public safe in our planes and trains and check in passengers and their luggage. They keep America moving. They deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. We need to stop the cycle of hardships, cutbacks and threats of privatization that IAMAW members have had to face in recent times. They work hard everyday to ensure that our transportation systems are safe, reliable and professionally maintained—and for that we owe them a great debt of gratitude.

So today, I thank the IAMAW's 150,000 airline and railroad workers for what they do. Together, they keep our nation moving safely, and I am proud to honor them on this day of action.

TRIBUTE TO KANSAS BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the Kansas Business and Professional Women for their upcoming 83rd annual state convention, which will take place from June 7th–9th in Topeka, Kansas. I also want to congratulate their new president, Julie Smith, a resident of the Third Congressional District of Kansas, for putting together an outstanding weekend of programs and events for her members.

Among the outstanding speakers scheduled are: Coach Marian Washington of the University of Kansas' women's basketball team, who will serve as keynote speaker; motivational speaker Susan Mayer; and author Suzy Allegra. A candidates' forum for Kansas Attorney General candidates is planned, as well as a sock hop, casino night, and many opportunities for networking and information exchanges.

The Kansas Business and Professional Women's organization is nationally associated with the American Business and Professional Women's Association, both of which offer outstanding networking, educational and support services for their membership.

DEATH TAX

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, during my first term in Congress, I am proud that I have helped pass a number of bills to reduce taxes and regulations on the entrepreneurs and small businesspeople of Florida and the United States of America.

Even so, there is much work left to be done. On April 2, 2001 the House successfully passed H.R. 8, the Death Tax Elimination Act of 2001 with my support. On April 18, 2002 the House again acted and successfully passed H.R. 586, the Taxpayer Relief Guarantee Act of 2002 with my support. It is time that the other body of Congress recognizes the importance of these two bills and acts to take up these two pieces of legislation immediately. Even so, I will continue to push to make last year's death tax repeal and tax relief permanent, because the bills are still set to expire in 2011.

Repeating the death tax and making tax relief permanent are two critical issues facing America today. First, repealing the death tax is of utmost importance because of its wide reaching debilitating impact. More than 98 percent of the businesses in Florida are small businesses, and 84 percent of the jobs in Florida come from firms having 25 or fewer employees.

The real casualties of the death tax are those businesses and farms in the 98-percent range providing their owners' families a middle-class income and standard of living. Before the death tax phase-out, when small businesspeople and farmers died, their assets were subject to liquidation in order to raise money needed to pay for their tax liabilities. Now their money goes into their businesses, to pay their employees and take care of their families.

Despite their best estate planning efforts, 70 percent of small and family-owned businesses do not survive through the second generation and 87 percent do not make it through the third generation. And 9 out of 10 successors whose family business failed within three years of the owner's death said death taxes played a major role in the company's demise. Repealing the double-dipping taxation of the death tax is not only just it is long overdue.

Another major issue facing small businesses throughout America is the burden imposed by the Federal tax system. The Tax Relief Act of 2001 much needed relief for small businesses and the self-employed. About 85 percent of America's small businesses—17.4 million-pay taxes at individual rates and do benefit directly from the marginal tax rate reductions in the act.

Last year we repealed the costly ergonomics regulations put in place in the waning days of the previous Administration, passed major tax relief, and after years of

work we found the votes necessary in Congress to finally end the small-business's nightmare. We have begun the process to repeal the death tax and make tax relief enacted last year a permanent reality. We have succeeded in doing much, but still, more is needed to protect America's small business and secure its future for generations to come.

HONORING ROBERT WETZEL—RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Robert Wetzel as a recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award was established in 1969 to acknowledge Eagle Scouts who have distinguished themselves in business and in service to their community and country, Robert Wetzel is one of 1467 people who are in the same class as President Gerald Ford, astronaut Neil Armstrong and film Director Steven Spielberg. Eagle Scouts are eligible to receive the award 25 years after their first receipt of the Eagle Scout Award.

Forty-nine years ago, Bob earned his Eagle Scout award as a Boy Scout with Troop 27 in Edwardsville, Illinois. Bob attributes his upbringing to his active role in the community and to our nation. In fact, both of Bob's parents volunteered many hours with the Boy Scouts.

Among the many service organizations to which Bob belongs are: the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, the Regional Commerce and Growth Association, the Eden United Church of Christ and the advisory Council for the Boy Scouts Trails West Council. Bob is the first recipient of this award from the Trails West Council. Trails West serves Madison, Jersey, Greene, Calhoun, Macoupin and Bond counties in Illinois.

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award has been given to governors, senators, military Flag Officers, university presidents, chief executive officers of Fortune 500 companies and nationally known educators, physicians and attorneys. We can now count among its illustrious membership, Mr. Bob Wetzel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the service of Robert Wetzel to the community and to the United States and congratulate him upon the receipt of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award and to wish him and his family the very best for the future.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

**HON. LAMAR S. SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Small Business Week.

It is a time to celebrate the contributions that America's small businesses make to our economy.

Small business is the engine that drives this Nation, producing 75 percent of new jobs, accounting for almost 98 percent of all employers and 53 percent of the private work force.

It is our small businesses that will continue to lead us to economic recovery.

In particular, small tech businesses are on the front lines of the digital revolution. They have led the way in advances from broadband deployment to software development.

My state of Texas ranks second nationally in high tech workers, employing more than 411,000 with an annual payroll of about \$25 billion. Many of those employees are working for small businesses.

And my new congressional district contains thousands of small, innovative high tech centered businesses.

One such company is Security Broadband in Austin. Security Broadband was founded in 1999 and already has over 100 employees.

Security Broadband uses real-time audio and video via highspeed cable Internet to provide security for homes.

If there's an emergency, the Security Broadband system sends audio and video signals to a central monitoring station. Personnel use this information to help verify whether an actual emergency exists. With 95 percent of home alarm incidents not genuine, law enforcement officials spend a large amount of time responding to false alarms. In case of an actual emergency, audio and video capability provides information that can help make the scene safer for responding officers.

Customers also can view their homes and see and talk with family via the Internet when away from home.

Security Broadband is just one of the thousands of small technology businesses around the country connecting rural America, developing next generation hardware and software, and keeping America on the forefront of technological advances.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH A.  
PARISEAU

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to the extraordinary life of Captain Joseph A. Pariseau who, at the age of 82, passed away on February 23, 2002.

Joe was born March 19, 1919, in Franklin, MA, the son of a baker. Nurtured by a loving family of seven, Joe spent a happy childhood in Attleboro, MA, excelling in sports like the other Pariseau boys. He attended Providence College on a football scholarship, graduating in 1941 with a degree in Philosophy.

After earning his Navy wings in 1942, Joe was assigned to VP-63, flying combat missions based from Wales, Gibraltar and North Africa, patrolling for German submarines. Other career highlights include Flight Ordnance Test Pilot with VX-5, Fleet Air Gunnery Unit (precursor to Top Gun) in 1958, Aide to Admiral Wendell Switzer, an icon in Naval Aviation, evaluation of the first U.S. angled carrier deck on USS *Antietam* and Air Boss on

the USS *Ranger*. He served as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron VF-53, Carrier Early Warning Wing 12 and NAS Chase Field.

During his distinguished career, Joe flew over 40 aircraft types. His many Naval honors include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with star, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two stars, and the Meritorious Service Medal for his work as Project Manager for the Navy's billion dollar E-2C Hawkeye aircraft project.

After his 30-year career as a Naval Aviator, the "Flying Frenchman" (his aviator call sign) retired to manage his ranch in Beeville, TX, for 31 years. Joe was married to Mary D. Lassiter of New York, until her death in 1960. He married Anna Claire Heard of Beeville, TX, in 1965. They remained devoted to each other and married for 36 years until her death on February 13, 2002.

Joe is survived by his daughter, Paige Pariseau Ochenrider of Whitefish, MT; son Robert R. Pariseau and wife Laurie of San Antonio, TX; brother Roland Pariseau; sister, Lucille Pariseau, both of Attleboro, MA; grandchildren Michael Pariseau of Mountain View, CA, Stacey Lowrance of Tacoma, WA, and Mark Ochenrider of Seattle, WA; and great grandchildren Colton and Madilynn Lowrance. A talented chef and superb dancer, Joe was devoted to his family and a true gentleman. A hero in the eyes of his family, Joe's service to our country reminds me of a passage in James A. Michener's great classic, "The Bridges at Toko-Ri".

"Why is America lucky enough to have such men? They leave this tiny ship and fly against the enemy. Then they must seek the ship, lost somewhere at sea. And when they find it, they have to land upon its pitching deck. Where did we get such men?"

ENRON GREED

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, memos released this week by the FERC, confirm what those of us from California long suspected: Enron reaped millions upon millions of dollars off the backs of Californians by manipulating the energy market, cheating consumers, and lying to energy regulators and the State. Recently released internal documents clearly illustrate Enron's strategies to game the energy trading system. The Enron documents describe knowingly and consciously submitting false information to the State in order to increase energy prices.

Enron's overwhelming greed is beyond outrageous; it may be criminal. Clearly, the billions of dollars stolen from Californians must be returned. It is also imperative that FERC reopen California's long-term contracts to prevent us from being further gouged.

Throughout the California energy crisis the Governor of California joined with the majority of California's congressional delegation to call on the Federal Government to do something to stop price manipulation. I want to share with

my colleagues an editorial from today's Los Angeles Times, that sums up the consequences of Federal inaction.

[From the Los Angeles Times, May 8, 2002]

MAKE ENRON PIRATES ANSWER

It was a scam after all.

As California faced desperate electricity shortages in 2000 and 2001, power giant Enron was manipulating the market to drive up prices and turn modest power shortages into critical ones. This arrogant behemoth, since brought down by its own hubris, toyed with the public health and safety of California to boost its own profit, and there's finally a smoking gun to prove it.

Internal Enron documents released by the bankrupt company's new management describe these unethical, if not illegal, trading practices in detail and indicate that other companies were doing the same thing. All the while, everyone from Enron's then-chief Kenneth Lay to Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and regulators who should have smelled a rat were saying it was all California's fault. For failing to build enough power plants. For adopting a power deregulation plan that wasn't free-market enough. For environmental laws with a Malibu mind-set.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission refused to accept its legal responsibility to rein in a wildly out-of-control market. Ultimately, commissioners said, the free market would work. For California, that meant a year of crisis, of rolling blackouts, of one major utility going bankrupt and another flat broke, of the state doling out \$6 billion to buy daily power and an additional \$40 billion for long-term contracts at what we now know are grossly inflated rates. FERC finally acted out of political necessity; it was too little, too late.

The Enron memos go on in pages of sneering, "gotcha" detail about such things as how to get paid for not putting any energy on the grid. In another ploy, the firm would buy power in California at a capped price of \$250 a megawatt-hour and resell it in Oregon for \$1,200—at a time when California was flirting daily with blackouts. The schemes had cute names like Death Star and Fat Boy.

When California complained and Gov. Gray Davis denounced the energy manipulators, an Enron official said, "California is trying to perpetuate the greatest political dodge of the last 100 years."

Yes, deregulation was flawed, California was short of power plants and a drought in the Northwest had reduced hydroelectric power. Davis was slow to react to the crisis. But these factors alone did not cause the state's power costs to go from \$7 billion in 1999 to \$27 billion the next year.

FERC should help the state obtain substantial refunds from the power-generating companies that charged exorbitant prices. The state has asked for \$9 billion, an amount that federal regulators had deemed far too high but that they now should regard as just about right.

The Justice Department should investigate possible criminal violations. The state should demand that all of its long-term contracts, signed under the duress of the inflated market, be nullified and renegotiated without delay. And FERC should extend its modest market controls beyond the present Sept. 30 expiration. Electricity is vital to public welfare. It must not be held hostage by manipulators piously invoking the free market.

They scoffed in Washington and Houston when Davis called the energy manipulators pirates. Now we know why he was right.

CELEBRATION OF ST. LUKE'S  
HOUSE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
HELPING PATIENTS BECOME  
PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate "Three Decades of Hope" at St. Luke's House (SLH) in Bethesda, Maryland. SLH helps patients released from psychiatric hospitals to live and work successfully in their communities by offering integrated mental health services and community resources.

St. Luke's House was founded in 1971, by St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The programs offered by SLH include supported living, life skills training and vocational rehabilitation, and 24-hour crisis care and services for youth with serious emotional disabilities. Currently, SLH provides care for over 800 youth and adults. To accomplish its programs, SLH operates 31 group homes and apartments in the community. It has helped more than 4,000 individuals return to an active community life.

There are four basic programs SLH provides individuals under its care. The Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program which offers individuals supported living opportunities, residential rehabilitation assistance, back-to-work skills, and a life skills building program. The SLH Mental Health Clinic provides mental health services to the public and patients in other SLH programs. Its McAuliffe Crisis House is a voluntary community-based residential alternative to inpatient hospitalization. The Career Transition Program is a joint endeavor between SLH and Montgomery Public Schools that help high school students with serious emotional disabilities to receive counseling and vocational training.

The efforts at SLH have raised public awareness of an ever increasing mental health issue. Its continued success is due to the hard work of SLH staff and volunteers that give thousands of hours to make this ministry beneficial to SLH residents and community. St. Luke's House is fortunate to have the leadership of Ms. Pam K. Cudahy as President and CEO as it moves ahead in meeting the needs of people in the 21st century. Our community is richer because of the residents and staff of St. Luke's House.

TYRANNICAL NEW LAW ALREADY  
BEING ABUSED

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to read an article in the Times of India showing that India's repressive new "Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance" (POTO) is already being abused. The new law allows the police to hold someone without charges for up to 180 days, according to the Washington Post.

According to the article, a court granted bail to a POTO defendant named Abdul Ahmed Bhat and granted him bail of Rs 2,500. The judgment shows how the police are abusing POTO. The police filed two varying reports against Mr. Bhat, abusing the process to make certain that he stayed in police custody. The official police reports exonerates Mr. Bhat of the charges against him, while the investigating officer's report implicates him.

Unfortunately, this kind of abuse is typical of the Indian government. The Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), a hardline, militant Hindu fundamentalist organization published a booklet on how to implicate Christians and other minorities in false criminal cases. The RSS is the parent organization of the ruling BJP, which sponsored and passed POTO.

Mr. Speaker, we must not support this kind of tyranny. We should end all our aid to India until it ends. We should also put ourselves on record in favor of self-determination for everyone in the subcontinent by means of a free and fair, democratic vote on independence for Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and the other nations seeking their freedom from India.

Mr. Speaker, I would like the permission of the House to insert the Times of India article into the RECORD for the information of my colleagues.

[From the Times of India, Apr. 3, 2002]

POTO MISUSED BY POLICE IN BHAT CASE

SRINAGAR.—Two varying police reports by the same investigating officer prompted the special court to grant bail to Abdul Ahmed Bhat on Monday. Bhat, a resident of Ahmad Nagar, was booked under the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance (POTO) under FIR No 12/2002 at police station Soura.

The special court had granted bail to Bhat against a bond of Rs 25,000.

The judgment points a finger of suspicion at the police for misuse of the prevention of terrorism law—despite the Centre and the state government's assurance for its fair use to tackle terrorism across the country.

Announcing the judgment on Monday, special Judge M I Qureshi said: "After close and minute examination of the two police reports and case diary that the prima-facie case under Sections 3 and 21 of POTO is made out against the accused persons except Abdul Ahad Bhat."

The judgment further reveals that there were variations in the two police reports about the date of Bhat's arrest. Also, the police report exonerates Bhat from the implication of alleged offences, while the second report submitted before the court on March 14 by the investigating officer of his own, implicates him (Bhat) for the alleged offences.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TODD  
SALIMAN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of State Representative Todd Saliman and his efforts to improve the lives of his fellow constituents and the State of Colorado. Todd has served in the Colorado General Assembly since 1994 and has dedicated countless hours of his time and energy to his position and constituents. Now, after eight years of service, Todd is retiring and I am honored to take this time to thank him for his service to Colorado.

Todd is a native Coloradan whose family has lived in the state for generations. During his tenure as a representative, he served on many committees including the Joint Budget Committee, Finance, Appropriations, and Local Government committees. Throughout his time in the legislature, he has championed the issues of health care, children and families, the environment, education, and transportation. He is known throughout the community as a devoted husband and a proud father of

a new son, and is often found providing his support to the board of directors at the Developmental Disabilities Center and was instrumental in the assembly for securing funds for children's and senior's health services.

Mr. Speaker, Todd's hard work in the legislature has not gone unnoticed during his tenure and he has been recognized repeatedly over the years for his legislative accomplishments. Today, I continue to honor his service by thanking him for his devotion and dedication to his community, his state, and his nation. Thanks for all of your hard work Todd, and good luck in your future endeavors.

COACH MIKE DAVIS AND THE  
INDIANA HOOSIERS

**HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize that the Black Coaches Association will honor Indiana University's Head Coach Mike Davis as the "Male Coach of the Year" during their national convention to be held in Indianapolis this weekend.

Mr. Speaker, my heartfelt and enthusiastic congratulation is extended to Coach Mike Davis and the Indiana University Basketball Team for their achievements in this year's NCAA Final Four Tournament.

Coach Davis started his coaching career as Alabama's assistant basketball coach in 1995, and remained with the program until 1997.

In 1997 Coach Davis became an assistant coach for the Indiana University basketball program.

On September 10th, 2000, Coach Davis became the interim men's basketball coach at Indiana University.

With only a month to prepare for the 2000–2001 season Davis led the Hoosiers to a 21–13 record, a runner-up finish in the Big Ten Tournament and an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

Displaying leadership, unwavering faith, and heart throughout the 2001–2002 season, Coach Davis led the Indiana Hoosier's to their first NCAA Final-Four appearance since 1993, narrowly missing the championship.

Coach Davis makes it no secret that he is a religious man; in fact the Christian faith permeates his entire life including basketball.

The Indiana University basketball team has voluntary chapel each week at Eastern Star Church in my district where Coach Davis is a member.

Coach Davis believes unto whom much is given much is required. He is a cheerful and generous philanthropist. For example, Coach Davis donated to non-profit organizations the bonus he received for leading Indiana to the Final Four. His gifts helped to enrich the lives of many.

Coach Mike Davis and Indiana University are to be congratulated for reminding Hoosiers and basketball fans everywhere that leadership, faith, and determination are products of achievement.

Mr. Speaker, to Coach Davis, keep up the good work and congratulations on your award and great season!

Your spirit has enriched the lives of countless individuals, especially the young people.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 10

10 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the implementation of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.  
SR-485

MAY 13

10 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine transformation plans of the United States Postal Service.  
SD-342

MAY 14

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings on S. J. Res. 34, approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.  
SH-216

10 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold joint oversight hearings to examine telecommunications issues in Indian country.  
Room to be announced  
Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the impact of tobacco marketing on women and girls.  
SD-342

Judiciary  
Constitution Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the risk of executing the innocent, focusing on the Report of the Illinois Governor's Commission on Capital Punishment.  
SD-226

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine America's hospital preparedness concerning bioterrorism.  
SD-430

10:30 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Annual National Export Strategy Report on the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee.  
SD-538

2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 1825, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho and tribes in the region for salmon habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages.  
SR-253

MAY 15

9:30 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine copyright royalties, focusing on webcasting.  
SD-226

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Air Force.  
SD-192

2 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Treasury and General Government Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.  
SD-192

2:30 p.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Housing and Transportation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine affordable housing production and working families.  
SD-538

MAY 16

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the impact of stress management in reversing heart disease.  
SD-192

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources  
To resume hearings on S. J. Res. 34, approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.  
SH-216

2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the consumer impact of Enron's influence on state pension funds.  
SR-253

MAY 17

10:30 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine non-proliferation programs, focusing on U.S. cruise missile threat.  
SD-342

MAY 20

2:30 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Branch of Acknowledgment, Department of the Interior.  
Room to be announced

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine difficulties and solutions concerning nonproliferation disputes between Russia and China.  
SD-342

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia.  
SD-342

10 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings on S. 1340, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform with respect to trust or restricted lands.  
SR-485

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To resume hearings on S. J. Res. 34, approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.  
Room to be announced