

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF GLENDALE, RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Assistance League of Glendale, represented by President Ginger Whitesell, which will receive the 2002 Organization of the Year Award at the 35th annual News-Press Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to an organization that demonstrates extraordinary commitment to serving the community of Glendale.

Chartered and incorporated in 1943, for nearly 60 years the 80-member league has spearheaded philanthropic projects to respond to the needs of the community. The group fulfills these needs in several areas. Through its annual Operation School Bell project, clothing is presented to youngsters from low-income families. In 2000, 277 youngsters received two sets of clothes including underwear, a jacket, sweater and one pair of shoes.

The League organizes an Authors and Illustrators Day, which finances visits by published authors and illustrators to five or six elementary schools a year. In addition the League annually donates \$1,000 to be used toward the purchase of books at Glendale elementary schools.

For the Senior Neighborhood Fellowship program, members are hosts of a monthly luncheon for senior citizens, who enjoy a special program and fellowship. The group also provides \$6,500 annually in scholarships for female seniors at all the high schools in Glendale and two women at Glendale Community College, including a student in the college re-entry program. To help students prepare for the Scholastic Assessment Test for entrance into college, League members organize test seminars in the fall and spring and hires instructors to teach skills in math and English.

For extraordinary commitment to philanthropy and worthy projects in Glendale on behalf of young and old alike, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating the Assistance League of Glendale and its President Ginger Whitesell upon receiving the 2002 Organization of the Year Award.

H. RES. 392

### HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the distinguished Majority Whip, Mr. DELAY, for his courageous and principled lead-

ership in the House during this time of crisis in the Middle East. This Resolution, which Mr. DELAY authored with Congressman LANTOS, is to be commended.

Following the activities of September 11, 2001, we came together as a Congress, and as a country. Standing together we authorized the use of force against "those nations, organizations, or persons" that the President "determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons." Mr. Speaker, I am proud that we voted for that Resolution. And I am proud that we went into Afghanistan and dismantled the base of the al Qaeda.

Why am I proud, Mr. Speaker? Because terrorism, in all its forms, must be defeated. Today we recognize that homicide bombings, practiced by the Palestinian people against innocent Israeli civilians, are acts of terrorism. The number of Israelis killed in the last year and a half by suicide terrorist attacks alone, on a basis proportional to the United States population, is approximately 9,000, three times the number killed in the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, no one wants a peaceful resolution in the Middle East more than I, but, as this Resolution states, it is clear that Yasir Arafat and members of the Palestinian leadership have failed to abide by their commitments to nonviolence made in the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles (the 'Oslo accord') of September 1993, including their pledges (1) to adhere strictly to 'a peaceful resolution of the conflict,' (2) to resolve 'all outstanding issues relating to permanent status through negotiations,' (3) to renounce 'the use of terrorism and other acts of violence,' and (4) to 'assume responsibility over all PLO elements and personnel in order to assure their compliance [with the commitment to nonviolence], prevent violence, and discipline violators.'

I would note that the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, which is part of Yasir Arafat's Fatah organization has been designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the United States Government, and is responsible for hundreds of murders of Israeli civilians.

This cannot continue, Mr. Speaker. Israel is our friend, our ally, and the only democracy in the Middle East. The very values we share with Israel are under attack by terrorists. Back in September we pledged to fight those who seek to annihilate us. I am pleased that we have the opportunity today to recognize that Israel deserves the same privilege.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 159, H.R. 3694, the Highway Funding Restoration Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 160, H.R. 4069, the Social Security Benefit Enhancements for Women Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 161, on Agreeing to the Journal. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

HONORING JOSEPH FORLENZA

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Forlenza who will retire in June of this year after 41 years serving as a teacher, coach, or principal in the Catholic school system. He has spent the last 28 years as principal of Powers Catholic High School in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. He will be honored with a special ceremony on May 18th for his outstanding achievements in education.

Joseph Forlenza graduated with a BA in History and Business from St. Joseph College in Indiana in 1961. That year he became a teacher and a coach at Mendel Catholic High school in Chicago, Illinois. When he first began to work his intention was to earn money for law school. However, a love for teaching and coaching the next generation overcame the desire to follow a career in law. He went on to earn a Masters degree in History in 1967 and a Masters degree in Secondary School Administration in 1971 both from Eastern Michigan University.

As the Powers Catholic High School principal, Joseph Forlenza has made a lasting mark on the educational system. Under his leadership, Powers Catholic High School has earned a reputation as an exceptional institution. The parents, students and staff are continuing the tradition of excellence started by Joe Forlenza. He has created a welcoming atmosphere for students and at the same time worked to support the staff in their classroom roles. He has remained true to the goal of helping students learn, analyze, and prepare for life's challenges. He has achieved this by presenting students with real life problems and formal classroom instruction. His commitment to the students has been rewarded as many graduates of Powers Catholic High School have gone on to become leaders in their respective communities and fields. He will leave Powers High School but the traditions that he created will live on.

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Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in praising Joseph Forlenza for his enthusiasm and pledge to strive for excellence in the development of education and life. I wish him the best in the upcoming years.

IN HONOR OF LEIGH McCREARY,  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 WANDA  
OWEN YOUTH AWARD

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leigh McCreary, who will receive the 2002 Wanda Owen Youth Award at the 35th annual News-Press Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to a youth volunteer who demonstrates extraordinary commitment and dedication to community service.

Leigh is the 17-year-old daughter of Rose Montoya Lona and Fred Lona of Glendale. She was nominated by Mary Ann Baldonado of San Gabriel Mission High School, a private Catholic high school where Leigh is a senior. Leigh has given 86 hours of her time over 3½ years to the Midnight Mission, mostly helping to prepare and serve food to hundreds of homeless people and cleaning the cafeteria following a meal. She also takes time to talk to the homeless people at the mission.

On her own initiative, Leigh sought out an internship with Assemblyman Dario Frommer's office and has volunteered more than 100 hours there. She has assisted his staff with constituent correspondence and casework, speechwriting and press releases and compiled informational packets.

In addition, Leigh has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity for a year. Wielding a hammer and paintbrush, she has helped build homes for low-income families, and says her most challenging chore was using a shovel to level off a garage floor.

She also tutors students after school at Incarnation Elementary School and maintains her grade point average above 4.0.

For her commitment to make Glendale a better place as a youth leader in the community, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Leigh McCreary upon receiving the 2002 Wanda Owen Youth Award.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY  
SITE APPROVAL ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. PHILIP M. CRANE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my full support for House Joint Resolution 87, approving Yucca Mountain as a repository for storage of high-level spent nuclear fuel. It is important to remember that over half the population of this nation lives within 75 miles of a temporary nuclear waste facility and that Illinois is one of the states most dependent on nuclear power. Close to my home in Illinois is the Zion nu-

clear power plant, though the plant itself is no longer operational, nuclear fuel remains in temporary storage there. The people living near by are anxiously awaiting the Federal Government to fulfill its promise to take possession, and dispose of this material.

In the 37 years that government and private industry has transported nuclear waste, there have been only 4 rail accidents and 4 highway accidents. That represents a 99.7 percent success rate. It also represents 2,700 shipments of 10,000 spent fuel assemblies over a distance of more than 1.6 million miles. It is important to remember also that the states will be actively involved in the rout selection process, there will be no shipments through down town Chicago.

The containers, in which the spent fuel is stored, are quite capable of withstanding a broadside from a locomotive traveling 60 mph, tests have been conducted that prove this. The trucks and trains carrying this spent fuel are accompanied by at least one escort, which must report to the Department of Energy (DOE) every two hours and are continuously monitored and tracked by satellite. This is just the smallest part of the safety precautions being taken by the DOE, the NRC and state and local first responder's nation wide.

After twenty years of spending \$8 billion of the taxpayers money the Department of Energy has determined it is safe to store spent nuclear fuel at Yucca Mountain. That being the case, it is high time the Federal Government keeps its long-standing commitment to citizens and utility companies by taking possession of these materials. Passage, by the House, of H.J. Res. 87 is a big step in that direction.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL D.  
BRADBURY

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my longtime friend, Michael D. Bradbury, who will be honored this week by Interface Children Family Services "for his contributions and dedication to youth and to the community throughout his long career as a public servant."

Mike was elected District Attorney of Ventura County, California, in 1978, a year before I was elected to the Simi Valley City Council. We developed a steadfast friendship and mutual respect while working together on a variety of issues over the years. Mike will retire from the District Attorney's Office at the end of the year. He will long be remembered as a no-nonsense prosecutor and a recognized leader in law enforcement both statewide and nationally.

No one person, of course, is responsible for creating a community that is recognized annually as the safest urban area in the western United States. But certainly Mike Bradbury leads the pack. Under his direction, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office adopted a no-plea-bargaining policy. Criminals know if they commit a crime in Ventura County they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Because of his tough stance on crime, Mike was re-elected District Attorney five times.

At the same time, Mike recognizes that crime prevention is more than being tough on criminals. It also requires providing a safe and secure environment for families and children and providing children with the tools they need to become productive members of society. In addition to his work with Interface Children Family Services, Mike was an honorary fundraising chairman for Big Brothers/Big Sisters; president of the Boy Scouts of America, Ventura County Council; member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of California and the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center; member of the National Advisory Committee of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids; and a member of the Advisory Board of the Assistance League of Ventura County.

Not surprisingly, he has been equally active in law enforcement organizations, and holds the distinction of being the first district attorney in California history to be twice elected president of the California District Attorneys Association. In 1992, Governor Pete Wilson appointed him chairman of the California Council on Criminal Justice and, in 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the President's Commission on Drunk Driving.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on with praise for my respected friend. But let me sum up his achievements by noting the numerous awards he has received for his dedication and accomplishments, note that he is also an educator at prestigious law schools, and that he has published numerous articles on criminal justice.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Interface Children Family Services and me in thanking Michael D. Bradbury for a lifetime of dedication to his community and the criminal justice system, and wish him and his wife, Heidi, and his sons and daughters, many years of rest and relaxation at Hang 'em High Ranch. Although, knowing Mike, he won't be resting long.

JOSEPH PISTILLI RECEIVES  
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Joseph Pistilli, whose commitment to various community organizations has helped make New York City a better place to live. Mr. Pistilli is a successful businessman who truly understands the importance of giving back to the community. In recognition of his many contributions to the community, Mr. Pistilli will be receiving the Community Service Award from the Astoria Long Island City Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Pistilli is an active member of many organizations. He serves on the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the Queens Builders and Contractor's Association, and the President's Circle of New York Hospital of Queens. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the NY Public Library, a Board Member of The Boys & Girls Club, and a member of the Queens Museum of Arts.

In 1975, he founded Pistilli Realty Group. As Chief Executive Officer of the Group, he is actively involved in the development, ownership and management of residential and commercial real estate in the metropolitan New York

area. The company owns and operates approximately forty commercial and residential buildings in the New York area, containing roughly 3,000 units.

Mr. Pistilli is also a co-founder of Pistilli Construction and Development, which constructed an office building in Astoria, Queens, currently the Group's headquarters, which received the First Prize of Excellence from the Queens County Chamber of Commerce in December 1998. The Development Company is beginning alteration of an industrial manufacturing plant into residential apartments, and has completed construction of a four story building on a ten thousand square foot lot in the heart of Astoria, incorporating the original structure of a landmark banking institution. His projects are known for their remarkable quality and attention to detail, reflecting his great professionalism. His projects truly reflect the flavor of the community and his desire to enhance the neighborhood.

On April 5, 1999, Joseph Pistilli opened and chartered the newly formed First Central Savings Bank headquartered in Whitestone, New York. This was the first new-chartered savings bank organized in New York State in excess of ten years. On July 2, 2001, First Central Savings Bank opened its second branch in Astoria. Mr. Pistilli serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First Central Savings Bank. So far, Mr. Pistilli has brought in \$50 million in assets and more than 3,000 customers.

Mr. Pistilli was recognized for his achievements in business by *Newsday* in 2001 for turning his modest family-held real estate portfolio into a major corporation.

I am particularly pleased to recognize Mr. Pistilli's philanthropic efforts on behalf of SHAREing & CAREing, the only breast cancer awareness and support center in Western Queens. When they needed a permanent home, Mr. Pistilli found them a location, renovated the space and donated all the office furniture. The women who rely on SHAREing & CAREing view him as true friend, who demonstrates a remarkable sensitivity to women's health issues.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joseph Pistilli for his dedication to improving our community.

IN HONOR OF JASON SABOURY,  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 ELLEN  
PERRY AWARD FOR SERVICE TO  
SENIORS

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jason Saboury, who will receive the 2002 Ellen Perry Award for service to seniors at the 35th annual News-Press Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to an individual who demonstrates extraordinary commitment to serving the senior community of Glendale.

Jason is the 15-year-old son of Cathy and Massoud Saboury of Glendale and is a ninth-grader at Clark Magnet High School. Last summer, he volunteered 84 hours at the City

of Glendale's Glendale Adult Recreation Center for Senior Citizens. Jason was nominated for the Ellen Perry award by Louise Briley, recreation program coordinator.

Jason said he didn't want to face another summer just sitting on the couch at home, so he went through the phone book and saw the listing for the adult center and called to find out what he could do to help. "I wanted to do something good for the community," he said, "I get along well with my grandparents and thought it would be fun and I would learn a lot from the senior citizens too."

His service included cashiering, serving meals to senior citizens at the center, assisting at bingo games and encouraging seniors to participate in table tennis and chess. Each morning he welcomed them and talked with them. Jason said he got a lot of tips on daily life from the seniors. Jason said the seniors were appreciative of his services and company and that he treated everyone with the same cheerful attitude.

When he returned to school after the summer break, Jason discovered he could get school credit for volunteering. This school year, he has volunteered 110 hours. He has helped out at the Brand Park Winter Wonderland snow day, performed clerical work, shelved books and performed other jobs at the Grandview Branch Library and helped with Balboa Elementary School's after-school program.

For extraordinary commitment to serving the senior citizens of Glendale, and his volunteer work with the City of Glendale, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Jason Saboury upon receiving the 2002 Ellen Perry Award for service to seniors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

**HON. BOB RILEY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 134, on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 135, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 415. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 136, on Agreeing to H. Res. 415, Providing for Consideration of H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 137, on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 138, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 139, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 140, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 141, the Markey amendment to H.R.

4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 142, the Weldon (PA) amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 143, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 144, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 145, the Tierney amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 146, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 147, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 148, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 149, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 150, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 151, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 152, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 153, the Sanchez amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 154, the Goode amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 155, the Paul amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 156, the Bereuter amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 157, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions Tierney amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 158, H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yes.

RECOGNIZING THE ARTISTIC  
TALENTS OF BRENDA ANDERSON

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Brenda Anderson of Springdale High School. Brenda is the top winner in the 2002 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery."

It gives me great pride and pleasure that Brenda's artwork will be representing the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit in the United States Capitol.

I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Brenda's artwork, along with all of the other winning artwork that will be on display throughout the next year. It is truly amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our nation.

Brenda's piece, entitled, "Paradise," is a picturesque oil painting of a coastal view. Her attention to detail of the waves rolling in to the rocky beach as the dark clouds loom above, emulate a day at the beach and trigger your senses of the taste of the salty air and smell of the fresh ocean breeze.

Brenda's artwork was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition, I hope that she and her family are proud of her artistic talents as well as this accomplishment.

I would also like to recognize all the other participants in this year's 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." I would like to thank these vibrant young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

HONORING BERNICE WILLIAMS

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bernice Williams as she retires from teaching after 38 years. Mrs. Williams will be honored at a luncheon on June 1 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Bernice Williams is an example of how hard work and dedication can change one's life. In high school her dreams of becoming a teacher and attending college seemed to be dismissed as nothing more than wishful thinking. Many women did not attend college in the 1950's and 1960's. However, Bernice followed her own dream and attended Michigan State University in 1959. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English and a teachers certificate in 1963. She was the first person in her family to earn a college degree. In June she

attended a march for justice led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His desire for equality was something Mrs. Williams truly thought was a worthy cause. During her teaching career Mrs. Williams has been a strong supporter of multi-cultural education. She has spent the last 35 years at Holmes Junior High School where she has been trying to incorporate these ideals into her teaching. While doing all this she went on to earn a Masters degree from Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan. Her endeavors as a teacher are worthy of the honors she is receiving.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Bernice Williams for her devotion to students and their quality of education. Her accomplishments in the face of adversity are a true inspiration.

IN HONOR OF JULIANN BUDIMIR,  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 BETTY  
PRESTON AWARD FOR CIVIC  
ACHIEVEMENT

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Juliann Budimir, who will receive the 2002 Betty Preston Award for Civic Achievement at the 35th annual NewsPress Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to a volunteer who demonstrates extraordinary commitment and dedication to civic achievement.

Juliann Budimir was nominated by the Oakmont League of Glendale. She has served for three years as President, two years as Vice President, and one year as Treasurer of the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association Board of Directors. She worked with homeowners to identify issues of community concern and then acted as a liaison to city departments to help resolve those issues and concerns. Her major triumph was getting a stop sign installed at the dangerous intersection of Kenneth Road and Sonora Avenue.

Juliann was a representative for the Greater Downtown Glendale Strategic Plan and for the study sessions for Glendale's Hillside Ordinance. She served in many leadership roles for the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council and was its representative to the City of Glendale Sign Ordinance Study Session Committee for two years.

She served as Director of the Music Mobile program of the Glendale Junior Philharmonic, teaching elementary school children about classical music by taking a van loaded with instruments to schools for on-stage demonstrations.

She is President of the Oakmont League, a philanthropic organization that sponsors an annual egg hunt party for the Salvation Army Day Care Center and provides scholarships to public high school and Glendale Community College students.

For her laudable civic, philanthropic and music education endeavors that have helped make Glendale a better community, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Juliann Budimir upon receiving the 2002 Betty Preston Award for Civic Achievement.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES W. WALKER

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to James W. Walker, who will retire this summer as president of Moorpark College, in Moorpark, California.

President Walker has overseen enormous growth at Moorpark College in his ten-year tenure as president. When he arrived in 1992, enrollment stood at 11,900 students. Today it stands at more than 14,500 and is projected to grow to 19,000 students by 2015. To prepare for that growth, President Walker recently led the college through a strategic planning process and the creation of a Moorpark College Facilities Master Plan. The comprehensive document details renovations and new construction that will be necessary to continue providing an outstanding education to Moorpark students.

His work on the Master Plan was instrumental in convincing the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees to place a \$356 million bond measure on the March 5, 2002, ballot, which passed with 65 percent of the vote.

The Master Plan and successful bond measure are typical of President Walker's leadership. During his tenure, he oversaw construction of the Performing Arts Center and the Kavli Science Center, and planning for the Learning Resource and Telecommunications Center. He established numerous educational and business partnerships, including preparations for off-campus centers in Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. In 1999, he partnered with the Moorpark Unified School District to create The High School at Moorpark College for high-achieving Moorpark students.

President Walker's retirement caps a 43-year career in public education, which includes teaching at the high school and community college levels and many management positions. In 1994-95, he was tapped to serve as interim chancellor of the College District because of the untimely death of then-Chancellor Thomas Lakin. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Chief Executive Officers, California Community Colleges and current board member of Intelcom. He was a founding member of the advisory board for California State University at Channel Islands and is on the Board of Visitors for Pepperdine University.

In his spare time, he served on the boards of the Moorpark Boys & Girls Club and the Southeast Ventura County YMCA. He has also run all 17 Los Angeles Marathons.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking James W. Walker for his lifelong dedication to the education of our children, and in wishing him and his wife of more than 40 years, Nancy, well-earned quality time with their son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Kerri, and their three daughters; and daughter and son-in-law Laura and Kevin, and their three sons.

LINDA AND GEORGE PERNO  
NAMED KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Linda and George Perno who are being honored as Kiwanians of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Astoria/Long Island City. Their contributions to the community have touched many lives. It is a pleasure to pay tribute to both of these illustrious community leaders.

Linda and George Perno started their business, Lincole Lithograph, in 1975. True partners in business and in life, they are both deeply involved in community activities. Born and raised in Astoria, Queens, Ms. Perno's passion for community service started when she was an office volunteer at her son's kindergarten. Ms. Perno is a current Board Member and Past President of the Astoria Civic Association. She also sits on its Scholarship Committee, and Chairs the Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner Dance which draws over four hundred people annually.

Ms. Perno was recently voted President Elect of Astoria Long Island City Kiwanis. She has been a board member of Community Board 1 for the past ten years, and is currently the Chairperson of Education. She was also appointed to the Board of Directors of SHAREing & CAREing, a support group for breast cancer survivors in western Queens, and is the Chairperson of Fundraising. Ms. Perno's strength in education and youth made her a partner in SHAREing & CAREing's educational and youth outreach program. Ms. Perno serves as President of the Broadway-Astoria Merchants & Professionals Association.

Mr. Perno also joined the fight against breast cancer and provided his input in designing all of SHAREing & CAREing's printed matter.

Mr. Perno is a member of the Board of Directors of Astoria Civic Association and is currently a Vice President. He is Sergeant-at-Arms for the Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis and is a thirty-five year member and a past Deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Spellman & Colon Councils.

Mr. and Mrs. Perno are the proud parents of two and the grandparents of three. In 2001, they sponsored their grandson's baseball team for Elmjack Little League.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda and George Perno as Kiwanians of the Year. The Pernos' dedication to our community serves as a model of commitment to us all.

**BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE  
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FIS-  
CAL YEAR 2003**

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES H. MALONEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2002*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 4546) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes:

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Chairman, as a member of House Armed Services Committee, I fully support H.R. 4546, the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act, which was passed by Committee on a bipartisan vote of 57-1. This bill readies our military for threats posed to our national security, now and in the future. I would like to mention four provisions that are particularly important to the people of Connecticut.

First, from my work to provide clinics for veterans in Waterbury and Danbury, I understand the urgency in providing concurrent receipt for disabled veterans. This bill contains a provision to authorize military retirees who are 60 percent or greater disabled to receive their full retirement pay and disability compensation benefit by fiscal year 2007. Through a transition program, military retirees will receive increasing amounts of monthly compensation. Transition payment levels will increase annually until fiscal year 2007, when all retirees with a disability rating of 60 percent or greater will receive their full retired and VA disability pay. The concurrent receipt provision in this legislation could not come soon enough for the veterans of Connecticut.

Second, Connecticut does not currently have a Civil Support Team. Section 1026 of the Authorization contains language I offered in Committee, which is consistent with my legislation (H.R. 3154), to deploy National Guard Civil Support Teams (CST) in each state and territory. CSTs are federally funded assets under state control. To date, Congress authorized only 32 Civil Support Teams. According to a September 2001 GAO report entitled Combating Terrorism, "The Department of Defense plans—and officials suggested—that there eventually should be a team in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia." The war on terrorism makes this a matter of utmost priority. The Civil Support Teams are strategic assets, stationed at the operational level, as an immediate response capability to assist in the event of a weapons of mass destruction emergency. Since September 11, 2001, Civil Support Teams have responded to more than 200 requests for support from civil authorities for actual or potential weapons of mass destruction incidents. Civil Support Teams have also supported national events including the World Series, Super Bowl and the 2002 Winter Olympics. Section 1026 expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should establish 23 additional teams, so as to ensure there is one in each state and territory of the United States. Having one of these critical teams in Connecticut will provide a high degree of preparedness and improve the ability of first responders to act in times of crisis.

Third, the bill contains \$56.5 billion in crucial funding for military research and development, \$649 million more than the President's request. Outstanding research companies in the 5th District carry out a number of these important programs. Just one example is the new U.S. Army equipment being developed to take advantage of a wide range of battery technology advancements. The bill contains \$2 million for rechargeable bipolar wafer-cell

Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) replacement batteries for the SINGCARS radio system, as well as for the service's fleet of trucks and armored vehicles. This cutting edge battery technology as well as other advanced technology is being developed in Danbury, CT.

Fourth, I am proud to stand in support of this bill as it has \$10 billion to improve military construction and housing. This funding is urgently needed to address the conditions under which we force our fighting men and women to reside. If we want to improve readiness we must improve the living conditions of the men and women of the armed services. I have received many letters from constituents over the state of military quarters. Let me quote just one example from Lieutenant Sapiro, a Connecticut Police Officer who has been called up for active duty as part of Operation Noble Eagle . . .

"We are now in our third month of living in quarters that were slated for demolition. The condition of our quarters is relative and varies unit to unit. There may or may not be a mold spore problem in some of our quarters. We cannot get a definitive answer and members of our families at home are concerned for our welfare. In my section alone, I have had sergeants report back from sick call with bronchial pneumonia, bronchitis and chronic sinus and respiratory distress which developed and persists since their arrival here at Fort Leonard Wood. . . . Several of the sergeants I write about are New York City Police Officers who have lost friends at the World Trade Center."

The problem of cramped and unsanitary living conditions cannot be ignored. We ask so much of our troops, like this Lieutenant from Shelton, CT. That is why I support this bill, which increases funding for military construction, including troop housing, by \$500 million above the President's budget.

As proud as I am of the readiness provisions in this bill, there are sections of the legislation, which deeply concern me. Specifically, I object to sections 311 and 312, in regard to which I joined Congressman RAHALL in offering an amendment to strike those sections, which provide exemptions to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act for the Department of Defense. The Endangered Species Act requires, with limited exceptions, the designation of critical habitat for all endangered or threatened species. Federal agencies are required to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in order to avoid actions that destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act already provides an exemption for any agency action for reasons of national security. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of Defense has never sought an exemption. A blanket legislative exemption to the designation of military lands as critical habitat for endangered species is not needed. Similarly, section 311, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, allows for administrative flexibility in regard to the incidental taking of migratory birds, including reference to military training activities. It is regrettable that we did not have the opportunity to debate this issue on the floor.

Despite my concern with these particular environmental exemption provisions, I support the bill as a whole. The \$383.4 billion legislation authorizes an approximately \$40 billion in funding increase from fiscal year 2002. The bill prioritizes the welfare of our troops by authorizing \$20 billion for military health care.

\$7.3 billion is directed to combat terrorism. The bill raises force end strength and provides for a 4.1 percent pay raise for our troops. Altogether, the bill addresses a range of defense programs that serve our national interest, some of which have particular relevance to Connecticut. It provides for much needed equipment and force modernization. For example, 39 Black Hawk type variant helicopters are authorized, 12 above the President's budget. These helicopters are crucial to meeting our strategic requirements: from helping our troops in the mountains of Afghanistan to performing a medical emergency evacuation here at home. So, for these reasons I commend the legislation to my colleagues and look forward to its passage.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN  
ROPFOGEL, RECIPIENT OF THE  
2002 NEWS-PRESS MAN OF  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stephen Ropfogel, who will receive the 2002 Man of Achievement Award at the 35th annual News-Press Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to a volunteer who demonstrates extraordinary commitment and dedication to community service.

Stephen Ropfogel was nominated by the Glendale Association for the Retarded, where he has served as President and Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the past four years. He has been vital in educating the community about people with disabilities and in creating new ideas for fund-raisers for the association. His "Summer in the City" fundraising program, conducted in partnership with local restaurants, is one example of his dedication as an innovative fund-raiser. He also was instrumental in implementing a jewelry-making venture by clients at the association's Self-Aid Workshop.

For the past five years, he has served on the Glendale Safe Place Executive Committee, which now provides 22 safe locations for youngsters to go if they are victims of child abuse or facing other dangers. He has also coordinated efforts between the Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club and Los Angeles County Medical Alliance for the awareness program "Not Even For A Minute," which reminds parents of the dangers of leaving youngsters unattended in a vehicle. Stephen is also credited with helping to save the annual Days of the Verdugos Parade, a terrific community parade honoring Glendale's heritage and an event in which I have been privileged to take part.

For his commitment to making Glendale a better and more caring community that treats people with disabilities with compassion and dignity, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Stephen Ropfogel upon receiving the 2002 Man of Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GERALD E.  
WRIGHT

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Gerald E. Wright of Denmark, South Carolina; a man who has dedicated his life to improving the educational opportunities and pursuits of young people in his community. For over thirty-five years, Dr. Wright has served the young people of his community and the State of South Carolina through his roles as a mentor, a teacher, and a superintendent.

Dr. Gerald E. Wright began his quest for higher education at Morehouse College, where he received a degree in Mathematics. He matriculated at South Carolina State College where he earned masters and Doctorate degrees in Education.

Dr. Wright began his career in education as a Mathematics Instructor at Voorhees College in 1965. He later held numerous positions, that included Federal Projects Coordinator, and Director of Support Programs for Denmark-Olar School District Two.

In 1992, Dr. Wright became Superintendent of Denmark-Olar School District Two in Bamberg County, which is currently in my Congressional district. It was as Superintendent that he made some of his most indelible marks on the school system. His accomplishments include: the establishment of a JROTC Unit at Denmark-Olar High School, the initiation of block scheduling, the improvement of parent education through the PEP STEP Program, and the addition of a Coordinator of Student Services, among many others.

He hired additional staff and teachers through Title I funds which included a School-to-Work Coordinator. He reinstated the music program, and reorganized the Gifted and Talented Program. Dr. Wright also implemented "community involvement night" giving parents and members of the community a forum to discuss pertinent issues affecting the school. Because of Dr. Wright's initiatives, High school students in his school district have had the opportunity to receive educational experiences in a more conducive environment. Dr. Wright is currently contributing to his community as an Instructor of Mathematics at Denmark Technical College.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Gerald E. Wright, a man who deserves recognition for his role in improving the educational system of Bamberg County and South Carolina. I commend him on his dedication to others, and wish him Good Luck and Godspeed.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEFENSE  
SUPPLY CENTER RICHMOND

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent many of the men and women who serve at the Defense Supply Center Richmond. They perform duties that are absolutely

essential to the smooth operations of our armed forces, though they may seem unglamorous to a nation that considers the television show JAG to be a peek into the life of the average servicemember.

And, they perform these duties with great pride in their work—an ethic that is evident in their most recent accomplishment.

These men and women have recently been chosen to receive a 2002 Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. They are only one of five commands to achieve this distinction for their exemplary support of the Department of Defense mission. The Center received this award several times during the last decade—1991, 1993, 1994, and 1997—an unprecedented record. But, particularly now, as men and women in uniform are fighting a war overseas and our national defense at home is on alert, honoring their support of the DOD mission takes on new meaning.

On behalf of all the citizens of Virginia's Fourth District, I wish to thank the men and women of the Defense Supply Center Richmond for their dedication to duty, their quiet dignity, and their ceaseless quest for excellence in their daily labors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS JOSEPH  
NYMAN

**HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mr. Thomas Joseph Nyman of Abington, Pennsylvania. For 30 years Mr. Nyman has taught Social Studies at Abington High School. I recognize him today as he is retiring at the conclusion of the 2001–2002 school year.

Throughout his career, Tom is a pillar in his community and has played an active role in improving his surroundings and bettering the students he taught.

Tom honorably served his country as a sergeant in the United States Air Force where he served on active duty from 1964–1968 as an intelligence analyst. After returning home, Tom received both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Education from West Chester University. He then went on to earn a Master of Arts from Villanova University.

Active in his community through the American Red Cross where he has been a volunteer instructor since 1961, Tom also served with the Plymouth Community Ambulance from 1971–1979. He was a coach for his children's teams in the Glenside Youth Athletic Club and served in various parish ministries for St. Luke's Church in Glenside, Pennsylvania. He volunteered in the Abington Community Handicapped Swim program from 1990–1995. He is active in Citizen's and Police Together (CAPT), serving as the Co-Chair of the 24-Hour Relay Challenges in 1994 and 1995. Tom is also a volunteer instructor with the Brigantine, New Jersey Community USLA Junior Lifeguard program.

Tom is the recipient of many awards including the American Red Cross honor for 4,500 hours of volunteer service, the Abington Township Community Service Award, the Pennsylvania Community Crime Prevention Award,

the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Citation for Community Service, and the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils Advisor of the Year Award.

An inspiring force in the Abington community, Tom helped to educate students in both academia and in civil service. He influenced the lives of countless students for more than a quarter of a century and has created a legacy of community-minded citizens. He is a passionate, caring and personal leader who empowers those who learn from him to go forth with confidence and become leaders in their own night.

I thank Tom Nyman for his commitment to his country, community and to Abington High School. I am pleased to recognize Mr. Thomas Joseph Nyman for his many years of dedicated work. Our community is fortunate to have someone of such distinction and we appreciate all that he has done for us and given to us.

IN HONOR OF MARILYN GUNNELL,  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 NEWS-  
PRESS WOMAN OF ACHIEVE-  
MENT AWARD

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marilyn Gunnell, who will receive the 2002 Woman of Achievement Award at the 35th annual News-Press Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to a volunteer who demonstrates extraordinary commitment and dedication to community service.

The YMCA of Glendale nominated Ms. Gunnell for this honor. She is active with the Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club, and has an outstanding record of 12½ years perfect attendance. A longtime AIDS activist, she and four members of the Sunrise Rotary created Glendale Leaders for AIDS Awareness. The group prompted the city to display an AIDS quilt in City Hall for a day.

Later, the City of Glendale applied to become a California Healthy City and received a grant to generate a public questionnaire and lectures on AIDS awareness. Marilyn provided questions, conducted phone interviews and taught classes on AIDS/HIV.

Marilyn helped create the "Not Even For A Minute" program, educating the public on the dangers of leaving children unattended in and around vehicles. She instigated collaboration on the project between the Los Angeles County Medical Association Alliance and the Sunrise Rotary and enlisted the support of the Glendale Unified School District to have related posters, brochures and window decals translated into Spanish, Armenian and Korean.

She was also instrumental in bringing Project Safe Place to Glendale, selecting members for a task force that worked for more than five years to bring this worthy endeavor to fruition. Today, there are 22 Safe Places for children to seek refuge in Glendale, whether they are facing abuse at home or dangers in the community.

For her commitment to making Glendale a better, more caring and safer place, I ask all

Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Marilyn Gunnell upon receiving the 2002 Woman of Achievement Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I missed the vote yesterday on H.R. 3694, the Highway Restoration Fund Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

IN COMMEMORATION OF TEENAGE  
DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS  
DAY AND IN MEMORY OF AN-  
THONY JOSEPH TELESKA

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the creation of the Teenage Driver Safety Awareness Day at Shawnee High School located in Medford Township, NJ in my district. This annual day was started in memory of one of my constituents, Anthony Joseph Teleska, who died on December 5, 2000, at the young age of 16, as the sole passenger in a one-car accident. Anthony lost his life as a result of reckless driving, and this great tragedy has been a living nightmare for Anthony's family and friends who love and miss him terribly.

Sadly, Anthony is not the only victim of reckless driving. There are some astounding statistics regarding teenage driving that I would like to share with my colleagues: 14 percent of all deaths due to motor vehicle accidents are teen drivers; teen driver deaths due to motor vehicle accidents occur on weekends 53 percent of the time; teen drivers killed in motor vehicle accidents had a youth passenger in automobile 45 percent of the time; more than one-third of drivers fatally injured in automobiles are as a result of speed related accidents; more than any age group, teens are likely to be involved in a single vehicle crash; and this age group makes up 7 percent of licensed drivers, but suffers 14 percent of fatalities and 20 percent of all reported accidents.

As a result of Anthony's tragic death, The Anthony Teleska Memorial Foundation was created to work with local high school and law enforcement officials to increase driver safety awareness amongst teenagers.

I commend Anthony's family and friends for starting this effort towards educating the public, and teens especially, about the dangers of reckless driving. Programs like this one need to take place all over our country in order to reduce the sky-rocketing number of teenage driving accidents. Educating teenagers to drive safe is our only hope to prevent tragic and senseless accidents from happening.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE  
BAND

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the individuals of the Lions of Michigan All State Band. An organization known for its hard work and dedication, Lions Clubs have been committed to serving their communities since 1917. With a membership of over 1.4 million members serving in more than 44,600 clubs worldwide, Lions Clubs touch lives throughout the world community.

In July of this year, Lions Clubs International will hold its international convention in Osaka, Japan. As the only band from the U.S. traveling to Japan, the Lions of Michigan All State Band has the privilege of representing over 18,000 Lions Clubs members from the United States at the convention. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Lions award winning youth program within Michigan. The honor of traveling to Japan is fitting recognition for the hard work of those involved in this program. I applaud the 123 student members of the band for their willingness to serve and the adult participants that make the program possible.

I commend the community minded endeavors of the Lions of Michigan and applaud the discipline of the Lions of Michigan All State Band. I am pleased that such fine young people will be representing our country on the international level. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognition of the hard work and achievement of the Lions of Michigan All State Band.

TRIBUTE TO THE LINCOLN SCHOOL

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lincoln School on the occasion of its 130th anniversary. Established in 1872, the Lincoln School has provided unique opportunities and brought stability and continuity in the quality of education for students in the West Marin ranching community.

Throughout its history, the Lincoln School Board of Trustees has worked tirelessly to maintain the integrity of the one room school in the one school district. Surviving earthquakes, fires and storms, the Lincoln School has met the changing needs of its students, fulfilling its role as a truly integral and indispensable part of the rural community. While expecting as well as providing excellence in its programs, the school's faculty and staff have demonstrated compassion and concern for all students.

For one hundred and thirty years, the Lincoln School has served a diverse community of learners, educating several generations of students and entire Marin families. This excellence would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts, spirit and generosity of the Lincoln School parent and teacher community.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Lincoln School for making a significant difference in the lives of its students, families

and friends in the West Marin community for one hundred and thirty years.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COLONEL  
THOMAS FUHRER, USMC

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding Marine who has dedicated his life to the service of our nation.

Lt. Colonel Thomas Fuhrer has recently completed his Washington service and is being assigned to command the Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools Training Command at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Lt. Colonel Fuhrer has served on the personal legislative staff of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs for the past two years. During that time, he has worked closely with senior military, civilian, and Congressional Members and staff in this critical high visibility environment.

His performance has been singularly impressive. He has advised the Chairman, Vice, and senior officers from the Joint Staff as well as Commanders in Chief in a myriad of complex and sensitive issue briefings in addition to their confirmation and annual posture hearings.

Hailing from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Lt. Colonel Fuhrer began his career as an enlisted Marine, graduating from the venerable Parris Island in 1980. He entered Clarion University as a drilling reservist and upon graduation was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1984.

During Lt. Colonel Fuhrer's career as a Marine, he has excelled at every aspect of operations concentrating on the fiscal, disbursing, travel and logistics support of our active duty and forward deployed Marine Corps. His leadership, management, problem-solving and team-building skills have been recognized in his promotion, personal awards, and assignment to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. He received his Master's Degree in Financial Management in 1986.

Following a successful tour in the Headquarters of the Marine Corps as a budget analyst, he was selected for the prestigious Legislative Fellow Program through Brookings Institution. This program led him to the Office of Congressman JOHN MURTHA, where his tireless service was focused on Defense and Appropriations issues.

Lt. Colonel Fuhrer leaves his present assignment as the Deputy Legislative Assistant for Marine Corps matters to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he served as liaison between the nation's most senior military officer and the United States Congress. He also leaves the close professional relationship he cultivated specifically with Members and their staff on the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on Defense.

Throughout a career of distinguished service, he has made innumerable contributions to both the military and our nation. As Lt. Colonel Fuhrer departs to tackle new challenges of Command at Camp Lejeune, we will certainly miss him and wish continued success for both him and his family.

IN MEMORY OF SHARON L.  
MONSKY

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Ms. Sharon L. Monsky, a resident of Santa Barbara, California, who was renowned as an advocate on behalf of persons with the disease scleroderma.

Sharon passed away on the night of May 11, and is survived by her three children Max, Samantha, Montana, and their father, her husband, Mark Scher. The legacy she leaves behind is inspiring to us all.

In her youth, Sharon was a nationally ranked figure skater and a top United States Olympic contender. In 1965, she was the youngest female figure skater to ever have received the Senior Ladies Gold Medal Compulsory Award.

She went on to become a successful international business consultant, and received her MBA from Stanford University Graduate School of Business in 1980.

The distinguished San Francisco management-consulting firm, McKinsey and Company Inc., offered Sharon a coveted position, and she was immediately on track to being one of the youngest women partners in McKinsey's history. When in 1983, she was diagnosed with systemic scleroderma, and was given two years to live.

Defying all odds, Sharon spent the next 21 years educating all of us about scleroderma. Through her timeless efforts she brought national awareness to this debilitating disease, which affects 500,000 people annually. And she helped increase federal support for research on scleroderma.

In 1987, she founded the Santa Barbara-based Scleroderma Research Foundation, which is committed to raising awareness of the disease. The Foundation is one of a kind, the only one in our nation dedicated to finding a cure for the disease; it is a blend of science, research, private funding, and political leadership.

But largely due to Sharon's work, there is now a National Scleroderma Awareness Month, and she initiated the Cool Comedy-Hot Cuisine, a benefit gala designed to raise scleroderma awareness. She also leaves behind two research centers: The San Francisco Bay Area Scleroderma Research Center at UCSF and the East Coast Scleroderma Research Center at Johns Hopkins in Boston. Research for the disease has steadily increased to the current level of \$8.3 million, also attributable to Sharon's unwavering efforts. In addition, she served two four-year terms on the National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases advisory council of the National Institutes of Health.

At the age of 48, Sharon accomplished in half a century's time what many active individuals in excellent health are not able to achieve in a lifetime. Selflessly she sought out a cure for the disease, on behalf of future scleroderma patients and their families.

She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, businesswoman, and health advocate. She will indeed be missed but will be remembered for years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN T.  
DONLEY

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serve and protect the citizens of the State of Colorado. Corporal John Donley, of the Pueblo Police Department, has loyally served his fellow Coloradans for over thirty years. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, John announced his retirement from the force in November of last year. As he enjoys his well-deserved retirement, I would like to take this time to underscore John's service to his community before this body of Congress, and this nation.

John began his service as Motorcycle Burglary Patrol Officer, was honored for his quality service, and reassigned to the Traffic Division in 1974. Receiving a promotion to corporal in 1976, John was recognized for his expertise as a crime scene-diagramming expert and was often called upon by his fellow officers to render aid at the scene of a crime. John also dedicated much of his time to the Pueblo educational system by volunteering his experience and expertise in seat belt safety and safe driving as a School Resource Officer to a local high school. He has been a tremendous asset to the City of Pueblo both as a peace officer and as an educator. I am honored to bring forth his accomplishments today.

Mr. Speaker, today's peace officers face a wide variety of dangers and hazards in their daily duties. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their fellow citizen's rights and protection. They work tirelessly and with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication certainly deserves the recognition and thanks of this body of Congress, and a grateful nation. Thanks for your service John, and I wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.

HONORING CLEAR CREEK HIGH  
SCHOOL'S "WE THE PEOPLE"  
TEAM

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor the following young people. Hayley Cook, Emilie Hanson, Ryan Johnson, Courtney Lee, Beth Smulow, Lydon Wilkenson, Tim Bennhoff, Heather Grimm, Willie Arnold, Colin Hale, Cameron Marlin, Kristin Bonk, Ashley Gilbert, Paul White, Julie North, Linnea Pearson and Chris Wilson. These students, from Clear Creek High School, recently competed in the national "We the People" competition in Washington, DC. This exceptional group of students, along with their coach, Mr. Bob Warmack, worked aggressively throughout the year studying the U.S. Constitution, the intent of the framers of the Constitution, the origins and intent behind

the Bill of Rights and the role of citizenship in our democracy.

After winning the state competition in Colorado in December 2001, this team set their sights on the national competition in Washington, DC. They spent countless hours preparing their presentations, debating the issues and practicing their speeches. Each student was responsible for a brief statement and had to be prepared to answer questions from the judges. As a result of their intensive studies, these students acquired a very high level of proficiency on the subject of the U.S. Constitution, American history and federal case law. I have no doubt that they will use this knowledge to participate more fully in the civic life of their communities, and I wouldn't be surprised if one or several of them eventually serve in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank these young people and Mr. Warmack for taking such a strong interest in their government. I congratulate them on finishing in the top ten in the nation at the "We the People" competition. I am both honored and proud to have such excellent young minds in the 2nd Congressional District.

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#### SPACE EXPLORATION ACT OF 2002

**HON. NICK LAMPSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, as you know, much of my attention these days has been on the International Space Station. I, along with other Members, am fighting hard to restore the capabilities that the Administration has tried to cut from this important program. We need a Space Station that has the crew size, the research capabilities, the habitation facilities, and the crew rescue vehicles that successive Congresses and Administrations have supported. And we need to keep our commitments to our international partners on this program. It is going to be a tough fight, but as Gene Kranz was fond of saying: "failure is not an option".

However, I don't think that our current struggles over the Space Station should divert us from the fact that we are facing a much deeper crisis—a crisis of commitment. The nation's human space flight program is adrift, with no clear commitment to any goals after the completion of the Space Station. I'd like to talk about that today, and I'd like to offer a way forward for the nation that I think can revitalize our space program, energize our industrial and academic sectors, and inspire our young people.

It was 41 years ago this month that the United States took its first, halting steps in the human exploration of space. On May 5, 1961 Alan Shepard was launched on a fifteen-minute suborbital flight. A month before, the very first human flew in space when the Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin completed a single orbit of the Earth.

It was an exciting time. At the end of May of that year, a young, energetic President Kennedy announced that the United States intended to land a man on the Moon by the end

of the decade. The so-called "Space Race" was on! Yet, five hundred years from now, I don't think our descendants will look back at the Apollo moon landings as just an interesting example of the geopolitical rivalries that marked the twentieth century. Instead, I think that the real significance of Apollo will be that it marked the first major step in humanity's journey outward into the solar system.

Would anyone who watched Neil Armstrong step onto the lunar surface for the first time in 1969 believe that three decades later we would still be stuck in Earth orbit? Certainly not me. And I still find it hard to believe.

That is not to diminish what the United States has accomplished in space over the last thirty years. We have sent space probes to every planet in the solar system except Pluto. We have built and continue to operate the world's first reusable space shuttle. And as we speak, we have a permanent crew orbiting overhead in the first truly international space station. We should all take pride in what has been accomplished to date. But we should not be satisfied.

It is now thirty years since the last American—the last representative of Planet Earth—left the surface of the Moon and returned to Earth. And we haven't ventured outward since that time. In my opinion, that's thirty years too long!

We have a solar system to explore. We need to find out if there is life beyond Earth. And we need to build the space-based observatories and research stations that will allow us to search for Earth-like plants around other stars. Space exploration is not about robotic spacecraft versus astronauts. Rather it is about using both robots and humans to explore and to gather knowledge.

I thus am introducing today the "Space Exploration Act of 2002." I am pleased to have bipartisan support with Representatives RALPH HALL, LAMAR SMITH, GENE GREEN, KEN BENTSEN, SHEILA JACKSON-LEE, BRAD CARSON and MARTIN FROST as original cosponsors. Some may say we can't afford a mission to Mars at this time. Maybe so, but my bill says that while Mars is the ultimate destination for a phased program of exploring the inner solar system, there are preliminary voyages of exploration and science that we can and should start preparing for now . . . voyages that will help us prepare for the exploration and eventual settlement of Mars—while having great scientific merit in their own right.

The "Space Exploration Act of 2002" requires the NASA Administrator to set the following goals for the future activities of NASA's human spaceflight program:

Within 8 years of enactment, the development and flight demonstration of a reusable space vehicle capable of carrying humans from low earth orbit to the L1 and L2 Earth-Sun libration points and back, to the Earth-Moon libration points and back, and to lunar orbit and back.

Within 10 years of enactment, the development and flight demonstration of a reusable space vehicle capable of carrying humans from low Earth orbit to and from an Earth-orbit crossing asteroid and rendezvousing with it.

Within 15 years of enactment, the development and flight demonstration of a reusable space vehicle capable of carrying humans from lunar orbit to the surface of the Moon

and back, as well as the deployment of a human-tended habitation and research facility on the lunar surface.

Within 20 years of enactment, the development and flight demonstration of a reusable space vehicle capable of carrying humans from Martian orbit, the deployment of a human tended habitation and research facility on the surface of a Martian moon, and the development and flight demonstration of a reusable space vehicle capable of carrying humans from Martian orbit to the surface of Mars and back.

The bill establishes an Office of Exploration within NASA, headed by an Associate Administrator, which will be responsible for planning, budgeting, and managing activities undertaken to accomplish the above goals.

The Administrator will be required to establish a process for conducting competitions for innovative, cost-effective mission concepts to accomplish the above goals, which will be open to industry, academia, nongovernmental research organizations, NASA Centers, and other government organizations.

International participation and cost sharing will be encouraged. The Administrator will be required to establish an independent panel to conduct a merit-based competitive review of the proposals submitted and an independent external review of the cost estimate and funding profile of the competitively selected proposals. These findings must be reported to Congress.

The implementation plans of the competitively selected proposals must be updated every year by the manager of the project and the Administrator must have an independent external review panel review each of the updated implementation plans and report these findings to Congress.

The bill authorizes \$50 million for FY 2003 and \$200 million for FY 2004 to carry out these activities.

If we are ever going to break out of Earth orbit and conduct comprehensive human and robotic exploration of our solar system and universe, we need to overcome a serious obstacle. That obstacle is not technical, although human exploration will be very technically challenging. And the obstacle is not financial, although we need to ensure that human exploration is done in as cost-efficient and financially responsible a manner as possible. No, these aren't the real obstacles to success. The real obstacle is the lack of a commitment to get started. We don't need another national commission to come up with goals for human space flight beyond low Earth orbit—what we need is a national commitment to carrying out any one of the many worthy goals that have been articulated to date.

I want the United States to get started. And I hope that we can interest our international friends in working with us on this grand undertaking. Because space exploration is humanity's future—not just America's. But I am an American, and I want to make sure that at a minimum America steps up to the challenge of achieving our destiny in space.

## 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.

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MAY 17

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Treasury and General Government Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the Sakajawea Golden Dollar Coin. SD-192

## 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

Armed Services  
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine management improvement of Department of Defense Test and Evaluation Facilities. SR-232A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine progress concerning aviation security issues. SR-253

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

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Business meeting to markup the Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act of 2002. SD-538

10:30 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings on the nominations of Paula A. DeSutter, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Michael Alan Guhin, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as U.S. Fissile Material Negotiator, and Stephen Geoffrey Rademaker, of Delaware, to be Assistant Secretary for Arms Control, all of the Department of State. SD-419

2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice. SD-226

2:30 p.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine strategies for improving nutrition and physical activity in America. SD-430

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine U.S./Cuban trade policy. SR-253

## MAY 22

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. Room to be announced

Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider S. 2452, to establish the Department of National Homeland Security and the National

Office for Combating Terrorism; and pending calendar business. SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the promotion of local telecommunication competition, focusing on greater broadband deployment. SR-253

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

1 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the federal regulation of the sport of boxing. SH-216

2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the National Science Foundation budget, focusing on Federal research and development activities. SR-253

## 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

2:30 p.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia. SD-342

## POSTPONEMENTS

## 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