

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DAN NEELEY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to pay tribute to a wonderful man who passed away on August 19, Dan Neeley. Dan was a dear friend and his passing grieves me deeply.

Dan began working for Buick Motor Corporation on September 12, 1963. He was a dedicated employee and a dedicated citizen. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1967 after serving two years. After returning to his job at Buick, Dan became active in the UAW. As a member of Local 599 he was elected in numerous posts until he passed away. Between 1971 and his passing Dan served as Alternate Committeeman, Committeeman, Shop Committee, Alternate Shop Committee, Alternate Benefit Representative, the Jobs Bank Coordinator, and he was a delegate to UAW Constitutional Conventions and Bargaining Conventions. He was a member of the Civil Rights Committee, the FEPC Committee and the CAP Committee, and he was a founding member of the "Unity for Justice Black Caucus."

His determination to provide equal representation to all persons led him to be involved in the community. Dan held in his heart the words of Reverend Jesse Jackson, "Educate yourself on all levels: academic as well as political for knowledge is power." His belief in the power of those words persuaded Dan to organize the "Get Out the Vote Center" in Flint. His support for minority owned business brought about the "Black Business Awareness Day." His ideas and involvement were the genesis for greater union recognition of the contributions of minorities. He led marches to promote the inclusion of minorities in Joint Programs jobs and he was instrumental in advancing minorities in leadership positions. Dan loved people and the community acknowledged this love. Dan was especially proud to have received the Drum Major Award from the City of Flint and the Walter Reuther Twenty Year Distinguished Service Award from the union.

His family, friends and the community will remember the compassionate man devoted to helping those in need. We will hold in our hearts and minds his goodness, his fire, his keen intellect and strong desire for justice. I ask the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring Dan Neeley and his lifelong pursuit of a better world.

NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with Members of this House and many others throughout the world in congratulating Father Angelo D'Agostino, S.J., MD and his dedicated team who are marking the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Nyumbani Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. Father D'Ag, as he is universally known, created and has tirelessly built this unique facility for HIV-positive children in the midst of AID-ravaged sub-Saharan Africa. I had the honor to visit Nyumbani several years ago, as have several other Members of the House and Senate, and I know we all salute Father D'Ag, his staff, and the children for the great work they are doing.

Before Nyumbani, HIV-positive children were being abandoned, excluded from schools, orphanages and hospitals, left to die without medical care or a home. Father D'Ag, a physician and priest, has built this refuge for the children, including a modern medical laboratory and school, and increasingly is beating the odds and providing the children a chance to survive and live productive lives.

Nyumbani also operates the Lea Toto community-based outreach program which works in the desperate slums of Nairobi with adults and young people who are HIV-positive or at risk of AIDS, educating them and providing medical services. Today, the Nyumbani orphanage is caring for 85 children. As Father D'Ag recently wrote, "When Nyumbani was first established, very few of us thought these children would grow to adulthood, but through all your love, prayers, care, attention and valued contributions and donations, we are keeping the kids alive, happy and educated. We expect them to become valued members of Kenyan society."

The program is also making progress in changing public attitudes about HIV children, and recently was informed by the Nairobi City Council Education Office that they are requesting local schools to accept Nyumbani's school-age children. This was unthinkable just a short while ago in Kenya, and a genuine testament to the great work of the Nyumbani project. I am also very pleased to bear that the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, Johnnie Carson, whom I met during his earlier service in Ho Chi Minh City, is planning on honoring Nyumbani at an embassy reception later this year.

It goes without saying that the financing of the Nyumbani program continues to be a daily struggle notwithstanding the many contributions from individuals and governments. There is a new "Nyumbani Gift Shop" that sells locally-made items and gives all profits to the Nyumbani project. While in Kenya, I urged our local AID offices to expand U.S. assistance to

this worthy program, and I very much hope that we will continue to provide assistance without imposing burdensome regulations that handicap the ability of the project to utilize our funds efficiently. In addition, efforts to secure private contributions and donations to enable Nyumbani to continue and expand its efforts in Africa continue in the United States and worldwide.

The Nyumbani program is offering medical services, education, family and hope to dozens of children and others in Kenya, and deserves the recognition and support of all Members of the House and all Americans. I salute Dr. D'Ag and his co-workers, and the children of Nyumbani on their 10th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY MAE GREEN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Shirley Mae Green, a beloved community member.

Shirley was born July 22, 1924 in Bristol, Virginia. She moved to Dayton, Ohio when she was a teenager, and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1943.

Shirley was a caring, pro-active, and self-giving individual. She was very involved in her beloved community of Bloomington, California. From her involvement in various organizations such as the Parent Teacher Association and the Norton Air Force Base Chapel she only wanted to be of service. Her wholehearted efforts to improve the community made her a prime candidate to serve on the Parks and Recreation and the Colton Unified School District Boards. Her desire to improve and motivate the Bloomington community was visible from her involvement in Bloomington's Christmas Tree Lighting, Clean-Up Day, Easter Egg Hunt, and numerous parades. Furthermore, she was an advocate for the Senior Center and walking trail at Ayala Park.

Shirley's contributions to her Bloomington community have been recognized through her citizen of the year award in 1987, her two awards from the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce in 1986 and 1988, and her award from the California Jaycees in 1987.

Shirley passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2002. She is survived by her husband Jerome Green, daughters Sharron, Jerri-Lynn and Laurie, sons Dennis and Joe, and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her family, innumerable friends, and the entire community will miss her greatly.

And so Mr. Speaker, I submit this memorial to be included in the archives of the history of this great nation, for individuals like Shirley are unique in their generous contributions to this country.

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IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. MURIEL
SARGENT NORTH

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a beloved member of our community in northern New Jersey—Mrs. Muriel Sargent North, who celebrated her 100th birthday on August 31, 2002.

For a full century, Muriel has demonstrated a sincere commitment to promoting education. After graduating from Wheaton College, she worked as a school teacher in New Hampshire before settling in Ridgewood to raise a family with her husband, Ernest "Hap" North. In New Jersey, Muriel served as a member of the College Club of Ridgewood, a charitable organization that seeks to expand opportunities for advanced education by offering need-based grant and interest-free loan programs to students. Her involvement in the Club, which is composed of women who are graduates of four year colleges and universities, led to her election as president, a position she held from 1949 to 1951.

Muriel is an outstanding example of the type of person who makes Bergen County such a wonderful place. An exemplary citizen, during the Second World War Muriel assisted the country in the war effort by participating in the American Women's Volunteer Service. As an active member of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church and the local Wheaton College Club, Muriel donated her time to support the activities of these worthy groups. In addition, Muriel served as a leader in the community Girl Scouts chapter.

Full of energy and with a spirit of adventure, Muriel's enthusiasm is truly contagious. Even at the age of 100, she remains active in the Heath Village Community, participating in many of the group's planned trips and outings. Her hard work and assistance in organizing the Heath Village Craft Fair have helped to make the event a tremendous success.

It is an honor to recognize Muriel Sargent North today for her 100 incredible years of service to her fellow citizens and her generous spirit. Muriel's outlook on life is a wonderful example for us all. Bergen County is truly fortunate to have her as a member of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Muriel Sargent North on her milestone 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN YORKO

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend and a wonderful person, John Yorko. John was honored on August 21st in my hometown of Flint, Michigan by his friends, and former co-workers for his dedicated service to the United Auto Workers and its membership.

John started working at the Fisher Body 1 plant on February 2, 1934. He joined the CIO

the next year and in 1936 he participated in the historic Sit Down Strike. He was inside the plant until the strike ended on February 11, 1937 with an agreement between the union and General Motors. John's career as a life-long advocate for working men and women was born in that fateful event.

Shortly thereafter he was elected as an alternate committeeman and served in that capacity until the plant was converted to World War II production. During the war he worked in the aluminum foundry at Buick, building the Allison airplane engine. He served as a Local 599 committeeman for the duration of the war and returned to Fisher Body in 1946. He remained at Fisher Body for the next forty years and was elected to numerous committees and groups culminating in his repeated election as President of Local 581. John served as that Local's president more times than any other individual. From there he was elevated to President of Region 1C. He worked tirelessly on statewide and national committees for the United Auto Workers to bring about tolerable working conditions, equitable pay, and a humane environment for the workers of our country.

On October 1, 1974 he retired from Fisher Body with 40.8 years of service but his union career was just getting its second wind. He organized the Flint Area Retired Workers Council in 1978 and served as its president for 22 years. His work with the United Auto Workers retirees led him to one of his greatest achievements. Instrumental in compiling a written record of the Flint Sit Down Strike in 1987 for its 50th Anniversary, John is recognized by the community as the historian who captured the memories of that event for future generations. He took the recollections of the men and women who acted with courage and boldness in 1936, and ensured that their words and actions will live forever. Our children and grandchildren will be able to learn about the valor of these individuals who changed our world forever. Our debt to him is immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise today and pay tribute to one of the great men. John Yorko's humility, compassion, and forthrightness have inspired many to follow in his footsteps. I am proud to call him my friend.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF
REVEREND MARVIN WILLIAMS

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Reverend Marvin Williams' devotion to the Christ's First Presbyterian Church of Hempstead.

Reverend Williams has an admirable background. He has an undergraduate degree from Old Dominion University, and Master of Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center. Williams expects to receive a Master of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in December 2002, and anticipates earning a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in the area of Biblical Studies in December 2003, after successful completion of his dissertation project.

The Reverend has touched many lives through his ministering. Over the past 16

years, he has served in varying capacities, including chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserve, Director of Christian Education at the Brookhaven Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and adjunct professor at Nyack College. His service in the pastorate has included the Renaissance Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee; the Roseville Church of Newark, New Jersey; and the North Church of Manhattan, New York.

Reverend Williams has ministered to Christ's First and the surrounding community for the past 8 years. Word of his wisdom and strong belief spread quickly, and the church rapidly expanded to include a large number of congregants. His preaching reached a global level through the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (USA), an organization that distributed his sermons in Switzerland, Portugal, Spain, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay.

Our community was lucky to have Reverend Williams in our midst for the past 8 years. His sermons and lectures have taught us a great deal about God, charity, the church and our community. We wish him well in his future endeavors, and we will miss him greatly.

THE EXTENT OF CORPORATE
GREED

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, for weeks we have heard of the apparently boundless greed of the leaders of some of America's largest corporations—greed that has led them to ignore the retirement needs of their own employees and devastate their pension funds, slash their retiree health benefits, mislead their own investors and stockholders, lie to public regulators, and cheat taxpayers.

That greed has taken the form of unconscionable salaries and benefits, grotesque retirement benefits (even as employee retirees were being deprived of their life savings), cashing out weakening stocks (even as they encouraged employees to invest more in the same depreciating stocks), preposterous insider loans, and other types of executive compensation that financed a lifestyle of multi-million dollar homes and other lavish displays of wealth.

As Arianna Huffington has recently pointed out, we might read the numbers that describe the greed of these corporate criminals, but the numbers are simply beyond comprehension. Ms. Huffington has thoughtfully calculated some comparisons to help us appreciate the extent of the greed.

Take, for example, the practice of corporations making astronomical—and usually unsecured—loans of tens or even hundreds of millions of dollars to their executives: loans there is no realistic expectation they will repay, and loans which certainly are not being offered to other employees of the corporations. I recently introduced legislation, H.R. 5048, prohibiting such loans in excess of \$50,000, a version of which was incorporated into the recently enacted accounting reform legislation thanks to the initiative of Senator CHARLES S. SCHUMER of New York.

We now know that the insider loans extended to John Rigas of Adelphia, Bernie Ebbers of WorldCom, Stephen Hilbert of Consec, Dennis Kozlowski of Tyco and Ken Lay of Enron totaled \$3.9 billion.

As Ms. Huffington calculates, that \$3.9 billion could:

—Fund Habitat for Humanity to build 83,691 homes at a cost of \$46,600 each for America's homeless.

—Send 35,583 poor but deserving students to Harvard Business School.

—Loan United Airlines the \$1.8 billion it says it needs to avoid bankruptcy—twice.

—Buy every WorldCom shareholder a Xerox copier, some aspirin from Rite Aid, a year of long-distance service from Qwest, and a share of Enron stock (suitable for framing).

—Fund the SEC's now, greatly increased, annual budget for five years.

Other efforts to achieve real reform have been less successful than our insider loan restriction. For example, when the House considered pension legislation last spring, Republicans voted to deny Democrats the opportunity to offer any amendments, including one we had unsuccessfully offered in the Committee on Education and the Workforce to assure that executives did not enjoy special treatment in the sale of corporate stock while their employees were locked in through a pension fund completely controlled by executives. Because the Republican cared more about protecting the greed of the executives than about equity for employees, that provision is not in the House pension bill.

According to Fortune magazine, corporate executives made \$66 billion by selling their company stock even while their employees were prohibited from doing so, or continued to buy stock based on the "buy" and "hold" recommendations of those same executives. As a result, employees and investors lost hundreds of billions of dollars. Republicans also defeated our efforts to assure that employees be included on the pension boards that manage their own money, so that this kind of deceit could not reoccur.

What could we do with that \$66 billion, grabbed by greedy executives while their employees and stockholders were left destitute? Here are some examples provided by Ms. Huffington:

—Fund the annual budget of the FBI, corporate crime-fighting included, for 16 years.

—Increase by 74 times the U.S. foreign aid to all of sub-Saharan Africa.

—Cover the entire \$25 billion America has spent fighting the war against terrorism in Afghanistan. And still have enough left over to give every Afghan more than two times their average yearly income.

—Pay the \$1.08 million sales tax on Dennis Kozlowski's artwork and still have \$66 billion left to buy every masterpiece in the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Impressionist collection at its assessed value.

As the executives took their money and ran, investors lost \$427 billion in the market value of WorldCom, Tyco, Qwest, Enron and Global Crossing. With that \$427 billion, you could:

—Fund the United Nations for the next 300 years.

—Pay off Argentina's external debt three times over.

—Give \$356 to every man, woman and child on the planet living in poverty.

—Transplant the lungs of 1.7 million patients—at \$250,000 each—suffering from irreversible emphysema.

—Pay the salaries of every Major League baseball player for the next 237 years.

Now, perhaps these wouldn't be the priorities you'd spend your billions on if you had them, instead of the selfish executives who have devastated the lives of millions of American families. But the scope of the greed highlights the extent of the corruption that has been tolerated by some in the business community, inadequately regulated by those charged with policing corporate behavior, and ignored by Republicans in developing thoroughly inadequate legislative responses to protect the economic security of America's working families, employees and investors.

TRIBUTE TO LISA HERRINGTON,
BRANDY O'BRIAN AND REBECCA
RAPPLEYEA

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute Lisa Herrington, Brandy O'Brian, and Rebecca Rappleyea. All three of these young women were recently honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by Girl Scouts—Green Meadows Council in Urbana, Illinois. These women were honored on May 13, 2002 for earning the highest achievement that a young woman aged 14–17 or in grades 9–12 can earn in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments, each of which helps girls develop skills in the areas of leadership, career exploration, self-discovery, and service.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive this award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches—the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and carry out a Girl Scout Gold Award project that requires a minimum of 50 hours of participation. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl, her troop leader, and an adult Girl Scout volunteer mentor.

Lisa's Gold Award project A Great Summer for Migrant Families was a result of her volunteer work with migrant families during the past five years. Realizing that migrant families in the Rantoul area had many needs, Lisa developed a plan to receive donations from schools and churches in the Rantoul area. Girl Scout Troops were asked to collect supplies for the daughters of migrant workers. All of the collected items were distributed through the Champaign Unit 4 School District Summer School Program. Lisa concluded her project by using her Program Aide skills to plan and carry out activities during the three week summer Girl Scout program for daughters of migrant workers.

Brandy's Gold Award project Let's Get Kickin' incorporated her love of soccer in a way that would benefit youth in the Fisher area. Let's Get Kickin' had two components:

(1) conduct an instructional soccer camp for grade school aged youth, and (2) provide regulation soccer equipment for the players. To achieve her goals, Brandy recruited girls and solicited donations of used soccer equipment. The donated items were made available to all interested youth in the community. Brandy's soccer camp, held April 6, 2002, included drills for improving skills in shooting, dribbling, passing, and teamwork. She discussed the history of soccer, reviewed the fundamentals of the game, and provided lunch for thirty participants.

Rebecca's Gold Award project Ballet for Young Girls was designed to teach young girls in the fundamentals of ballet to instill in them a love of ballet and to provide a venue to demonstrate what they had learned. Working with 12 girls over a three-month period, Rebecca instructed the girls in ballet skills. To make the experience even more meaningful, Rebecca made costumes for the ballerinas. In addition to learning ballet as an art form, the girls developed an appreciation for teamwork. As a result, Rebecca saw the participants gain self-confidence and self-esteem, both valuable qualities upon which to build their lives.

I ask you, my colleagues, to take the time to honor these three young woman and the many young women in your districts that continue to share their skills and caring hearts to our children and our communities through the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FLINT-TOGLIATTI SISTER CITIES
PARTNERSHIP

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Flint, Michigan and Togliatti, Russia as they celebrate 10 years as Sister Cities. A ceremony will be held tomorrow in Flint to commemorate this event.

Sister Cities is a program to encourage persons and groups to engage in citizen diplomacy. President Dwight Eisenhower gave the idea impetus at a "People-to-People" conference in 1956. President Eisenhower's hope was that the personal relationships between individuals would lessen the prospect of future world conflicts. Born out of this idea, Sister Cities International has established municipal associations throughout the world, promoting an environment of cultural, educational, professional and technical exchanges between communities.

Flint is the birthplace of General Motors and Togliatti is the home of the Volzhsky Automobile Plant (VAZ), Russia's largest automotive manufacturer. This mutual interest in the automotive industry was genesis of the Sister City relationship between the two towns. The partnership has been very active since the beginning 10 years ago. The University of Michigan-Flint School of Management and the Togliatti College of Business and Banking exchange faculty and students. The Community Foundation of Flint and the C.S. Mott Foundation were instrumental in helping Togliatti organize the first Russian Community Foundation. The Flint Area Chamber of Commerce

assisted in the development of Togliatti's Chamber of Commerce and the Flint Rotary helped found its counterpart in Togliatti.

Remembering not only the relationships between organizations, Flint and Togliatti will also celebrate the flourishing exchange of their citizens and the friendships that have blossomed as a result of the Sister Cities program. Flint will honor this milestone with events between September 6 and September 10th. Togliatti will commemorate the anniversary with events between September 20 and September 24th.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Flint, Michigan and Togliatti, Russia for embracing the spirit of the Sister Cities program. The affinity that has evolved between these two communities is an example to everyone that people everywhere can live in harmony and realize their aspirations through friendship and goodwill.

RECOGNIZING BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL WOMEN/USA

HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Business and Professional Women/USA for their longtime commitment to equality in the workplace and for their efforts to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women.

Our nation has made considerable achievements in the fight for equality with women-owned businesses accounting for over one-third of all firms in the United States. These women-owned businesses provide employment for one out of every four U.S. workers. However, more needs to be done. There are numerous social, educational, economic and political barriers to achieving real equality and self-sufficiency in many areas of the world and public policy makers must strive to correct these inequities.

I would like to join Business and Professional Women/USA in recognizing National Business Women's Week which runs from October 21 through October 25, 2002. I urge all public and community organizations to join this salute by celebrating the achievements and the contributions that business and professional women have made to our society and daily lives.

H.R. 5005, ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, for the past two days, the House of Representatives has debated legislation establishing a Department of Homeland Security. The need for this important federal department resulted from the cruel and unprovoked surprise attack on America that occurred in the morning hours of September 11, 2001.

Let me begin by saying that I strongly support protecting our borders; I strongly support protecting our citizens in their daily lives; I strongly support the President, in the authority which Congress gave him to battle terrorism at home and abroad to protect the American way of life. However, I cannot support these protections if we weaken individual civil liberties, limit the ability of citizens to know what our government is doing in their name, and gut worker rights to accomplish these objectives.

I was very encouraged by the initial steps taken by the various House Committees as we began crafting the legislation to implement the President's proposal for the new department. Unfortunately, the final product of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security bypassed much of the early outstanding bipartisan work of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the bill considered and passed by the Select Committee that we consider today does not include many sound and sensible provisions passed by the committees with expertise. In addition, the Select Committee added a number of flawed and controversial provisions, which were neither proposed by the President nor considered by the committees of jurisdiction. Creating a brand new cabinet level Department of Homeland Security is something that should require months and months of research, committee work, and understanding to properly ensure initiatives are in place to reduce risk and respond to terrorists' attacks.

These last two days have been very frustrating. Although a bipartisan group has tried to correct many of H.R. 5005's shortcomings, the leadership has decided not to improve this bill. We repeatedly tried to fix this bill so that a nearly unanimous majority could support final passage. Unfortunately, that will not be the case.

Mr. Speaker, there are several troublesome provisions in this bill, H.R. 5005, which raise questions as to its ability to secure the homeland, its ability to keep Congress and the American people adequately apprised of governmental activities, and its ability to protect the rights of the department's new employees.

The House defeated an amendment to protect the civil service rights of the nearly 170,000 federal employees who will move to the new department. H.R. 5005 also failed to protect federal whistle-blowers that might uncover problems or inadequacies in the new department. We also have reduced access to government documents for average Americans by restricting Freedom of Information Act requests, which are critical to our open form of government. We also failed to approve a provision to strike an extension of the airline baggage-screening deadline.

I believe we in Congress must do everything in our power to strengthen our borders and take the necessary steps to ensure that the events of September 11th never occur again. However, the bill before us takes many unnecessary steps in the name of Homeland Security. Unfortunately, for these and other reasons, I cannot support final passage of this legislation.

Our efforts during these last two days were not done in vain. What we were able to do, Mr. Speaker, is highlight many areas of this legislation that must be improved during Conference.

We tried to protect our tradition of open and accountable government. We opposed efforts

to gratuitously protect irresponsible corporations, including those that incorporate offshore to avoid paying their share of the war on terrorism and those who knowingly make faulty products.

We opposed efforts to retain the President's plan to dismantle civil service protections and guaranteeing that the new department will not have the best possible workforce.

We opposed efforts to create a huge, costly, and inefficient 1950s style government bureaucracy that will likely take years before it functions properly.

The attempts to strengthen this legislation were undertaken to make the American people safer and ensure that those Americans who work each day in this new Department have the tools, securities, and worker protections in place, as other federal workers, to battle terrorism and keep the homeland safe.

I am hopeful that when Congress reconvenes in September that the Conference Committee will return to both chambers a Homeland Security bill that is the product of strong bipartisan effort. I believe we can and we must create an effective Department of Homeland Security that simultaneously protects the homeland, protects workers, and protects our basic freedoms and civil liberties.

COMMENDING MICHELLE
CHRISTINE PRESSON

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of Michelle Presson on behalf of the citizens of the 4th District of Virginia. On August 31, 2002, Michelle, who has served as my Senior Advisor and Legislative Director, will leave Capitol Hill for another full time and demanding position, that of a mother to her daughter Abigail.

Over the past ten years, Michelle has proudly and competently served three other Members of this body as Legislative Assistant, Legislative Counsel and Legislative Director. Congressman CHRIS SMITH, Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW and former Congresswoman Tilley Fowler have all had the honor of having Michelle on their respective staffs. Michelle is the type of person and employee that any Member would be honored to have on their team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in saluting Michelle for her distinguished service and commitment to this body and to the people of Virginia's 4th District. Just as we will never forget what she has done here, the numerous constituents she has served well over the last ten years will not forget either. She has enriched the lives of those whom she served. Michelle leaves Capitol Hill with our gratitude for a job well done. I commend her for her dedication to her family and am confident that she will excel in the noble profession of motherhood. Michelle is the very embodiment of the words service and dedication and it is fitting that the House of Representatives honor her this day.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT WADE
BYARS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Robert Wade Byars, a beloved community member.

Robert was born and spent his early childhood in the small town of Byars, Oklahoma, which was founded by his great grandfather. His family moved from Byars to Ardmore, Oklahoma when he was a young teenager in search of business opportunities. In 1941, faced with the tragedy of Pearl Harbor, he selflessly enlisted in the U.S. Army and was shipped out the next day. He was stationed at various locations in the South Pacific, including Guadalcanal and the Philippines. Throughout his service he found himself in the midst of combat and still continued to fight for his county. In addition, he served as a member of a special U.S. Army unit that worked with the Marines. He received several decorations in honor of his service to his country.

After serving four years in the Army, Robert returned to Ardmore in 1945. He married his long-time sweetheart, and they remained married for over 50 years.

In 1948, Robert and his new bride moved from Oklahoma to San Bernardino, California to look after and support his mother-in-law. He was to later serve several years as a Commissioner on the San Bernardino County Commission on Senior Affairs. He also served his San Bernardino community as a part-time Congressional Aide for Congressman George Brown from 1992–96, specializing in senior issues.

Robert passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2002. His family, innumerable friends, and the entire community will miss him greatly.

And so Mr. Speaker, I submit this memorial to be included in the archives of the history of this great nation for individuals like Robert are unique in their generous contributions to this country.

TRIBUTE TO NOYES LABORATORY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to take this time to recognize Noyes Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The building was named in honor of Professor William Albert Noyes, head of the Department of Chemistry from 1907–1926. 2002 marks the Centennial occupancy of Noyes Laboratory as the home of the School of Chemical Sciences, and I am proud to represent what has become a celebrated institution for the University, and for the 15th district of Illinois.

Upon its completion in 1902, it was the largest and best-equipped laboratory in the world. It represented a groundbreaking design that has provided diverse research and teaching environments for hundreds of faculty and

many thousands of students in all areas of chemical sciences. Although predominantly home to the Department of Chemistry, Noyes Laboratory has also housed the Departments of Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering, Bacteriology, and Illinois State Water Survey. Hence Noyes Laboratory became one of America's first and most productive institutes for interdisciplinary research. Ten Nobel Prize winners have worked or studied at Noyes Laboratory. St. Elmo Brady, Ph.D. 1916, was the first African-American Ph.D. chemist in the United States and did his thesis work in Noyes Lab. To follow that, twelve thousand bachelors, masters, and Ph.D. degrees have been earned by students working in this prestigious building.

Among the unprecedented discoveries made in Noyes Lab during the past century are the following: development of NMR spectroscopy as a tool for chemists (Herbert Gutowsky), the elucidation of a theory of electron transfer (Rudy Marcus), the development of Fourier-transform microwave spectrometry (Willis Flygare), the founding of coordination chemistry in the United States (John C. Bailar, Jr.), the field of chemical information (Marion Sparks), and synthesis of chloroquine and related antimaterials (Nelson Leonard, C.C. Price, and H.R. Snyder), key aspects of the development of synthetic rubber (Carl S. Marvel), amino acid threonine (William C. Rose), the chemical synthesis of threonine (Herbert F. Carter), the identification of the active ingredients in marijuana (Roger Adams), seminal studies on air pollution (h. Fraser Johnstone), the synthetic sweetener sodium cyclamate (Ludwig Audrieth and Michael Sveda), lipoic acid (Irwin C. Gunsulas), the aerosol can (G. Frederick Smith), high-intensity X-ray tubes (George L. Clarke), and modern instrumental analytical chemistry (Howard V. Malmstadt).

After World War I, Organic Chemical Manufacturers set up in Noyes Lab and established Eastman Organic Chemicals which led to an important book series: "Organic Synthesis," "Organic Reactions," "Inorganic Synthesis," and "Chemical Reviews."

Research and teaching by those who worked in Noyes Laboratory has contributed in a fundamental way to our understanding of chemistry, chemical engineering, and biochemistry. It is my hope that my colleagues of the United States Congress will join me in honoring Noyes Laboratory of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the contribution of success in research and discovery to our nation for the past century.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LEWIS GOLUB

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished constituent of the 22d District of New York; Mr. Lewis Golub. Mr. Golub's life long contributions to his business, employees, and community are outstanding. As a result of his commitment to those around him, Mr. Golub has established a successful business and accomplished a lifetime of achievements.

Over the past fifty years, Lewis Golub has worked tirelessly to develop and promote

Golub Corporation/Price Chopper Supermarkets, one of the largest and most respected supermarket chains in Upstate New York. Mr. Golub has received the United Way's CEO of the Year Award and the John J. O'Connor Excellence in Leadership Award, as well as the American Marketing Association's Marketer of the Year Award, the New York Capital District Business Review's Executive of the Year Award, and the Capital Region Business Hall of Fame Award. Through the Golub Family's sincere dedication to and pride in the Golub Corporation/Price Chopper Supermarkets, the business remains a stalwart pillar in the community that surrounds it.

Mr. Golub commits himself far beyond the boundaries of his career, Mr. Speaker. His selfless community service embodies the definition of a true American. He currently acts as the Regional Vice Chair of the NYS Business Council, and sits on the Board of Directors of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, the Board of Directors of Empire State College, and the Board of Directors of the Food Marketing Institute, to name a few. In addition, Mr. Golub has received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Center for Disabled People, the Distinguished Citizen Award from the New York Chiefs of Police, the Arthritis Foundation's Accolade for Community Service, and the Community Service Award from the Interfaith Community of Schenectady, New York.

Mr. Lewis Golub's tenacious and giving spirit has emanated throughout his family, business, and community. Furthermore, the level of service Mr. Golub has devoted to those around him truly measures the great extent of his character. Mr. Speaker, please join me as I recognize the significant life accomplishments of Mr. Lewis Golub and wish him success in the future.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF GRANDPARENTS TO OUR
FAMILIES

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the many contributions grandparents make to families in New Mexico and throughout this country. Grandparents are the ties to our heritage, culture and traditions. Grandparents keep the family history alive by sharing stories of how life "used to be" and how so much of life is the same. They can teach values and expectations through their own experiences. Grandparents have seen this nation at peace and war, and witnessed tremendous advances from the industrial age to the space age. They were there during outstanding performances in sports, the arts, and advancements in virtually every endeavor that mankind has pursued.

I can recall vivid memories of time I spent with my grandparents. Like so many grandparents, they were great teachers. Whether it is teaching the secret family recipes or the value of a good, honest days work they share their wisdom with children they love.

National Grandparents Day was first celebrated in 1978, the first Sunday after Labor Day. There will be many celebrations on Sunday, September 8, 2002 as families and

friends gather to show their respect and gratitude to grandparents. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring grandparents in New Mexico and throughout the United States for their contributions to our families and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DAVID
BOLGER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an outstanding leader in our community and northern New Jersey—David Bolger, who celebrated his 70th birthday on August 12, 2002. On July 31, David's many friends in the Ridgewood community held a surprise birthday party for David, honoring him for 70 years of accomplishment and contribution to our community.

I would like not only to congratulate David Bolger on the occasion of his birthday but also to applaud him for his valuable leadership in civic and philanthropic activities.

A resident of Ridgewood since 1966, David is an outstanding example of the type of person who makes Bergen County, our state and our Nation such a wonderful place. He exemplifies the American values that have made our country great. A loyal supporter of many local organizations, he has provided generous donations to Valley Hospital, West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Midland Park Ambulance Corps, and The Woman's Club of Ridgewood. David has also donated his time and expertise to community organizations, serving as a Trustee of the Henry H. Kessler Foundation, a Trustee of the West Side Presbyterian Church, a Trustee Emeritus of the Children's Aid Society of New Jersey, and an Honorary Member of the Midland Park Ambulance Corps. His community spirit is an example for us all.

David's leadership has also been acknowledged outside the Ridgewood community, as he has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International and Honorary Mayor of Fayette, Iowa, as well as Midland Park, New Jersey. Both at home and across the world, David Bolger has looked for ways to "make an impact on people's lives," creating scholarships for needy students, providing medical support for a clinic in the British West Indies, and even donating a school bus to an orphanage in Haiti.

After working his way through college in the Pittsburgh steel mills, David went on to become the founder and president of Bolger & Co., Inc., a company that has been actively involved in real estate ventures for more than 30 years. His corporate accomplishments are impressive: Director of American Progressive Life & Health Insurance Company of New York, Director of Deotexis, Inc., and Chairman and CEO of Farmers & Merchants State Bank Holding Co., Inc. Yet even with all of his other commitments, David still finds time to help those around him and remains committed to a life of philanthropy.

David's concern for his fellow man is extraordinary. It is an honor to recognize David Bolger today for his remarkable leadership and generosity. The Ridgewood community is truly fortunate that he is dedicated to the qualities that have made this nation great. I am fortunate to call David a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to Join me in con-

gratulating David Bolger on his 70th birthday and commending him for his tremendous dedication to helping others.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CONGREGATION TREE OF LIFE

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Congregation Tree of Life, located in the 4th Congressional District of New York.

This synagogue has been a major component of the Jewish community of Valley Stream for half a century. Since first opening its doors in 1952, the congregation has grown both in number and in spirit.

Today, 120 families belong to the synagogue. They gather in large crowds to participate in a variety of weekly, monthly and yearly activities. Although the shul has a high attendance rate for regular Shabbat services, it also hosts monthly Oneg Shabbats and family dinners three times a year. A crowd also gathers Sunday mornings for Minyan, and 8 times a year, the synagogue hosts special speaker breakfasts to discuss matters of interest to the community.

Congregation Tree of Life has different holiday celebrations throughout the year. On Hanukkah, there is a candle-lighting ceremony and festive dinner complete with latkes and jelly doughnuts. A Hanukkah fair is held before the holiday starts so the congregants and other members of the community can shop for the holiday. On Purim, members gather to hear the Megillah reading.

The synagogue is dedicated to continuing education. In the Fall, adult members meet with the Rabbi to discuss different issues and how they relate to Judaism. Twice a year, bus trips are held to visit Jewish sites of interests in different cities. Past visits have included the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC and Philadelphia.

The members are committed to helping others, both in the community and abroad. Besides participating in UJA and Israel Bond appeals during the High Holidays, the synagogue has a committee that visits the sick in local hospitals.

The contribution this synagogue and their members have made to our community is obvious. I congratulate everyone at Congregation Tree of Life on the anniversary of such a wonderful gathering place for our Jewish community.

IN HONOR OF AMBROSIO SOLANO

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of my constituents, Ambrosio Solano, who served bravely and honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Solano was drafted when he was 18 years old and participated in the D-day invasion at Normandy. After suffering shrapnel wounds, Mr. Solano returned to the United States following almost 2 years of dutiful service.

Yet, Mr. Solano never received official recognition of the pain and suffering he gave for

his country. Mr. Solano never received any of the medals owed him by the federal government. Now, 56 years later, on August 28, 2002, Mr. Solano finally received his 14 medals, including two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

I am honored to count Mr. Solano as one of my constituents and I would like to include for the record the following editorial praising Mr. Solano. It appeared in the Denver Post on August 30, 2002.

"We're gratified that Ambrosio Solano finally received the 14 medals he earned fighting for his country during World War II—although we're dismayed that the Army veteran of the Normandy invasion had to wait 56 years for recognition.

Even his family knew little about Solano's combat experiences because he seldom talked about the war with his wife or children. After keeping his own counsel for nearly half a century, Solano began to open up to his son, former U.S. Attorney Henry Solano, as they motored cross country from Boston to Denver in 1994.

Solano, 76, is a native of Chapel, N.M., who grew up in New Mexico and Colorado. He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and went ashore at Normandy on June 6, 1944, among the first waves of invading American troops who spearheaded the liberation of Europe.

Initially, Solano served in the 29th Infantry Division but later became a paratrooper and transferred to the 101st Airborne Division.

He recounted the horrors of the amphibious invasion on the Normandy beaches, recalling the clank of the landing craft's ramp as it dropped and going forward into German gunfire that awaited the invading troops. He remembered standing waist-deep in water and seeing the bodies of slain American soldiers floating by.

After he joined the paratroops, Solano jumped into the battle for St. Lo, where he suffered shrapnel wounds. Later, as American troops swept into the Rhineland, Solano was wounded in the leg.

Among Solano's belated decorations, in addition to two Purple Hearts, are the Bronze Star for combat service, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, European-African Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry badge and World War II Honorable Service button. Solano was discharged from the Army in 1946 and returned to Colorado, where he worked for Ideal Cement Co. for 36 years. Because the war kept him from going to college, Solano, who's been married 52 years, was determined that his four children would do so. Son Henry is a lawyer and another son, Ambrose, is a doctor.

About three years ago, Solano wrote to the government, hoping to finally get his medals, but to no avail. Then Representative DIANA DEGETTE, D-Denver, stepped in and made it happen.

You may not know Ambrosio Solano personally, but the mere fact that you are free to read these words means you owe him thanks for fighting to preserve your freedoms by helping defeat Nazi tyranny.

We can never adequately repay Solano and his comrades, but the medals he finally received are his country's way of thanking them,

however belatedly, for their noble service and sacrifices.”

TRIBUTE TO NORMA LEE CLISE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Norma Lee Clise of Hampshire County, West Virginia for her decades of service to her community. It is an honor to announce Norma Lee Clise as the 2002 “Knight of Olde Hampshire.”

Retired from the Central Telephone Company, Norma Lee Clise is a charter member of the Hampshire County “Jaycee-ettes” and active with the Shawnee Girl Scout Council. For 43 years, Norma Lee has served the American Legion Auxiliary Hampshire Unit 91 in Romney, West Virginia. Named Hampshire County Volunteer of the Year in 2001, Norma Lee is a recipient of the Ruby Ward National Public Relations Trophy and was also named “Distinguished West Virginian” in 1970. Always active in local issues and affairs, Norma Lee served for 25 years on the Hampshire County Executive Committee, acting as co-chairman, secretary-treasurer, and Delegate to the State Convention.

In honor of Norma Lee Clise and her long-standing commitment to public service, I ask my friends in Hampshire County and my colleagues here to join me in recognizing Norma Lee Clise.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHASE CANDY COMPANY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of the Chase Candy Company, whose tradition and taste in the production of candy has been enjoyed for over a century.

The Chase Candy Company has been making candy since 1876. Dr. George Washington Chase, who at the time was looking for additional sources of income, created the Missouri-based company. Originally the Chase Company sold fruit and produce, but after listening to the advice of his son, Dr. George Chase soon transformed the business into a candy company. The Chase Candy Company was family owned until 1944 when the Chicago-based investment firm F.S. Yantis bought the company for \$1 million. After the acquisition, the production of Chase Candy moved to Chicago, but in 1961 moved back to the Missouri River Town, St. Joseph, where it remains today.

The Chase Candy Company’s most popular product, the Cherry Mash candy bar, entered stores in 1918. This famous treat is America’s third oldest candy bar and the best selling cherry candy bar. Cherry Mash and other wonderful Chase products may be found in grocery stores, convenience stores, and mass merchandise outlets mainly in the Midwest, as

well as online. I proudly display and offer Cherry Mash to visitors in my Washington office and wanted to extend my most sincere thanks to the St. Joseph, Missouri-based candy company for their gracious support.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Missouri’s own Chase Candy Company, and its 20 full-time employees for the years of dedicated service and production of some of the world’s best tasting confections.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TELESCOPE CASUAL FURNITURE, INC.

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a historic institution in the 22d District of New York. Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. creates “telescoping” furniture that has been used by the United States military and by families throughout the world since 1903.

Owned and managed by the third and fourth generations of the Vanderminde Family, this furniture manufacturing company began as the Telescope Cot Bed Co. Known for its product line of cots and campstools featuring “telescoping” legs, the United States government awarded Telescope a medal of distinguished service for its military products used during both World Wars and the Korean conflict.

After moving to Granville, New York, in 1921 from Telescope, Pennsylvania, the company expanded its product line to beach, folding, and public seating chairs. It even created a Hollywood hit, the Director Chair, in 1953. The Illinois Institute of Technology has since named the chair number 46 in its “100 best designed items of modern times.”

Manufacturing not only for the U.S. military, Telescope has also been the favorite of First Families. President John F. Kennedy was often photographed in his Telescope Bentwood Slat Rocker and several first ladies have incorporated Telescope furniture in their home redecorating.

Mr. Speaker, Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. proudly operates and serves in the community of Granville, New York. The company employs more than 250 skilled crafters in its one million square-foot plant. Telescope is proud to live and work in the Granville area and is dedicated to continue contributing to the growth and prosperity of the town and county.

Mr. Speaker, as a proud resident of the 22d Congressional district of New York, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. for a century of dedication to the town of Granville, the State of New York, and the great nation in which we live.

TRIBUTE TO RYALS FARLESS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ryals Farless for his quick response

and valor in saving the life of Greg Scott on July 19, 2002. Ryals is the son of Joe and Billie Farless of Princeton, Kentucky.

Ryals was on duty as a lifeguard at the City-County Park in Princeton, Kentucky when Greg Scott, also of Princeton, experienced a possible seizure and sank to the bottom of the pool. Ryals quickly responded by entering the water and brought Greg to the surface. Without his intervention and quick thinking, Greg Scott would not be with us today.

Ryals is currently a Freshman at the University of Kentucky, having graduated from Caldwell County High School in May. He is pursuing a career in dentistry. While in high school, Ryals was a member of the soccer team, the National Honor Society and the Commonwealth Honors Academy. For the past several years, Ryals has been involved with the Caldwell County Relay for Life. Ryals is also an active member of Southside Baptist Church and participates in mission trips and youth programs.

Mr. Speaker, Ryals embodies the spirit, commitment and sacrifice that we all should strive for in our daily lives. I am proud to represent him in my District. I extend my thanks to him for his efforts, and I am proud to bring his accomplishments to the attention of this House.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP SAMUEL AND MRS. LEE ELLA SMITH

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay well-deserved tribute to Bishop Samuel and Mrs. Lee Ella Smith of Memphis, Tennessee for the example they continue to set as honorable citizens of the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee and as devoted servants to God and their fellow man.

As a bishop with the prolific, Memphis-based denomination, the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Bishop Smith has rendered extensive efforts to strengthen and expand the work of this five million member denomination. His history of stewardship and sacrifice dates back to his youth and his service to the denomination’s founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. From then until now, Bishop Smith has been exemplary in leadership, integrity, and undying loyalty to God. He presently serves as Administrative Assistant to Jurisdictional Bishop, Dr. Jerry L. Maynard of Tennessee, and has worked untiringly with the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, G.E. Patterson. Bishop Samuel Smith also serves as the pastor of one of Memphis’ flagship and entrenched congregations, Southside Church of God in Christ. His influence as a pastor and spiritual leader has been a shining light which has illuminated the way for many young ministers who have furthered their service in gospel ministry.

Humble in spirit and rich in faith, Mother Lee Smith has stood with her husband as a noble example of virtue. She is also one firmly committed to the principles of Christian faith with a record of service dating back to her teenage years. Her work with the Church of God in Christ encompasses her commitment in the field of education. Equipped with vast experiences in ministry and earned degrees in religious studies, Mrs. Smith served as Dean of

C.H. Mason Bible College in addition to her other countless capacities within the church—locally, regionally, and nationally. She presently serves as the leader of one of COGIC's Department of Women in the State of Tennessee.

Today, I am happy to salute Bishop and Mrs. Smith as they celebrate 50 years of marriage, Bishop Smith's 75th birthday, Mrs. Smith's 70th birthday, and over 40 years of pastoral ministry.

For their devotion to God and one another, and for the high marks they continue to attain, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives would join with me in honoring Bishop and Mrs. Samuel Smith of Memphis, Tennessee.

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR MERCURIO

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, the destruction wrought by the large fires in Colorado and Arizona make this an appropriate occasion to honor all those who seek to prevent and mitigate the awful destructive power of fire.

Let me take a moment to commend one individual, Arthur Mercurio, for his lifelong service to the cause of fire prevention. He recently received the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Fire Prevention Award for his efforts. As a member of of Collingswood (NJ) Volunteer Fire Company #1 for 52 years, he has been an advocate for fire prevention and safety. As President of the company for 12 years, Mr. Mercurio was instrumental in developing a program to get smoke detectors to elderly and other high-risk citizens.

Mr. Mercurio's lifelong dedication and leadership in the volunteer fire service should serve as a model and inspiration for firefighters everywhere and has strengthened my own commitment and enthusiasm for public service.

A TRIBUTE TO HILDA DUFAUX

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues in Congress the news that Mrs. Hilda Willenburg DuFaux will celebrate her 90th birthday next week on September 9, 2002.

Mrs. DuFaux, a resident of Missouri's First Congressional District, was born in the year 1912. In 1936 Hilda married Charles Willenburg. They were blessed with three daughters, Karen, Kathy and Jeanette. She raised her daughters on her own after her husband passed away in 1954. In 1967 Hilda married Vince DuFaux and was devoted to him until he passed away in 1970. Today she is blessed with 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Hilda has lived in the city of Overland, Missouri for the past 64 years. Since moving to Overland, she has faithfully worshipped God at Presentation Catholic Church. Mrs. DuFaux

lives an active life and has a great many hobbies and interests including gardening, playing cards and going to garage sales. She enjoys babysitting her young great-grandson and is truly a cherished and loving member of her family and a treasured member of our community.

I salute Mrs. Hilda DuFaux as she achieves this special milestone. She has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to life. She is a remarkable woman whose strength, determination and spirit serve to inspire others.

SECOND OPINION COVERAGE ACT

HON. SUSAN DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Second Opinion Coverage Act of 2002—legislation that will ensure the accessibility and coverage of medical second opinions.

The Supreme Court's ruling this past June rekindled the debate surrounding managed care coverage. Patient protections and the need for a Patients' Bill of Rights again became topics of everyday conversation. Yet, Congress still has much work to do on crafting a strong Patients' Bill of Rights that can address patient needs.

In my opinion, the first step to enacting any sort of comprehensive health care reform is to provide patients with access to appropriate medical information. This is why I am introducing the Second Opinion Coverage Act.

As a member of the California State Assembly, I heard from a number of patients who saw a gap in their existing health care coverage. They wanted a clear process for medical second opinions. In particular, patients with challenging health conditions encountered difficulty obtaining a second opinion through their health plans. These patients faced complex procedures and wanted to be sure they were well educated about their treatment opinions.

Anyone who has ever experienced the prospect of surgery knows the value of receiving a second opinion. The peace of mind provided by a second professional's opinion, in addition to the value of new information received, is immeasurable. Indeed, second opinions can result in better patient care because of the increased dialogue about treatment options, and can also benefit health plans by potentially reducing the number of invasive procedures.

After meeting with patients, physicians and health groups, I authored a law in California that guarantees coverage of second opinions. If patients meet any one of five qualifying conditions, they are entitled to a timely second opinion by a "qualified health care professional," within 72 hours in cases of serious or imminent health threat. When another expert is not available within the provider group or network, the organization will pay for an appropriately qualified doctor outside of the plan. Patients are responsible for the costs of applicable co-payments.

While I can describe the benefits of this measure, I believe that individual experiences best demonstrate the value of enacting second opinion legislation. John Torres, one of my constituents, shared with me his family's

experience with medical second opinions. In 2000, a surgical procedure was recommended for Mr. Torres's young son, Nicholas. A consultation from another physician confirmed that a less-invasive procedure would effectively treat Nicholas's condition. The second opinion provided the Torres family with crucial information that helped them make the right decision for Nicholas. I am happy to say that Nicholas responded well to the treatment and is now an active seven-year old.

The law in California provides a good first step by offering a straightforward process for addressing second opinion requests for many in my state. Unfortunately, this legislation does not cover 4.3 million Californians enrolled in self-insured, federally regulated health plans. Nationwide, this translates into 56 million persons without guaranteed access to second opinions. All patients should have access to a full discussion and disclosure of their medical options.

I urge you, Mr. Speaker, and all of my colleagues to pass this critical legislation quickly into law.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5120, FY03 TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATION

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, under the Treasury-Postal Appropriations Act of 1998, Congress approved funding for "a national media campaign to reduce and prevent drug use among young Americans."

Following this directive, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) launched the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. We are all familiar with this laudable program, and the powerful messages anti-drug messages it delivers across the airwaves to youth and parents across the country.

The Government Reform Committee has been conducting vigorous oversight on the Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign since its inception; carefully following implementation of the campaign to ensure the billions of taxpayer dollars invested are spent judiciously, efficiently, and legally.

However, from the very beginning of the Media Campaign, allegations of fraud have surrounded the multi-million dollar contract with the media firm Ogilvy & Mather.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) reported to the Committee incidents of false billing practices, sloppy contract management and lax oversight. The charges were so serious, the GAO referred its findings regarding improper billing practices to the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

What is so incredible is, despite significant allegations and evidence of mismanagement, misconduct and outright fraud, the ONDCP and the Department of the Navy, chose to continue to hire Ogilvy & Mather as the campaign's media contractor. This is in light of the fact that the GAO, for close to two years, had been documenting the incidents of suspect charges, falsified time sheets, and disallowed costs.

In February of this year, Ogilvy & Mather North America agreed to pay the government

to settle claims under the False Claims Act and other administrative claims that the firm overcharged the government \$1.8 million.

Moreover, the company is reportedly under criminal investigation by the Department of Justice! Yet, notwithstanding this company's disgraceful track record, just a few weeks ago, the Navy once again entered into a lucrative contract with Ogilvy & Mather, to continue providing services in support of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign.

By the time this new contract expires in July of 2003, this firm could potentially receive more than \$770 million dollars of taxpayer dollars. Given the massive funds already dedicated to a highly suspect company, I consider it an affront to the U.S. taxpayer we continue throwing good money after bad. This matter is rapidly turning into the Enron of the War on Drugs.

Here we have a firm with a documented track record of fraud and mismanagement, and how does the government respond? By rewarding it with yet more taxpayer dollars. Not only is this an insult to the taxpayer, think of the message we are sending to the youth of America—the very same youth, I might add, that we are trying to keep off drugs—"Cheat once, ok. Cheat twice, fine. Cheat three times; we'll keep on giving you another chance, and rewarding you in the bargain." Is this the kind of message you are comfortable sending to American school children? Character and integrity counts across the board, not just in selective circumstances.

Let me be perfectly clear I am a supporter of an effective public media campaign to help fight drug use across this nation. This campaign is an important part of the war against mind altering drugs, delivering a powerful message to youth and families across the nation about the dangers of illicit drugs.

My amendment will not end the Media Campaign. I in no way seek to prevent the anti-drug message from being delivered loud and clear.

In an era of moral relativity, we should be sending a clear message to the kids we are trying to keep off drugs: character and integrity counts across the board, not just in selective circumstances.

I ask all Members to join me in passage of my amendment. No more excuses. We must do all we can to salvage a workable program, and spend public money responsibly. Should we find another approach to reach this goal, the Chairman has my commitment to work with him and refine the language appropriately as we move through the conference process, and I thank Chairman ISTOOK and Ranking Member HOYER for working with me to ensure this issue is addressed appropriately.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH F.
WARNER

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Joseph F. Warner for his many years of service to the Illinois communities of Bloomington and Normal along with the County of McLean in Illinois. Mr. Warner was an outstanding leader in the civic, po-

litical, and charitable activities of these communities. Tragically, Mr. Warner lost his life on the morning of July 21 in an airplane crash. His strong leadership and enthusiasm for working to improve the quality of life in these Central Illinois communities will be very deeply missed.

A strong advocate for the welfare and good health of senior citizens, Mr. Warner was the president and chief executive officer of Heritage Enterprises in Bloomington—a major senior service company with high quality senior residential facilities throughout the State of Illinois. Further evidence of his interest in health care—a field he served for 32 years—was Mr. Warner's work as past president, vice president and director of the Illinois Health Care Association; as a member of the Governor's task forces on long-term care insurance and long-term care reimbursement; as a trustee of the Mennonite School of Nursing and as the past McLean County chairman of the American Heart Association.

Another key aspect of Mr. Warner's leadership was his interest in the providing of educational opportunities for young people—as demonstrated by his work as the fund-raising chairman for the innovative Challenger Learning Center for Science and Math; his service on Illinois State University's Board of Director's legislative committee; his presidency of the Redbird Education and Scholarship Fund at Illinois State University and his membership on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Wesleyan University Association.

Mr. Warner's wide-ranging interest in charitable and community service work was perhaps a natural extension of his strong spiritual beliefs which led to his directorship of the United Campus Christian Foundation and his leadership role as the ruling elder of the First United Presbyterian Church.

As an exemplary citizen and veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Warner believed in playing a very active role in the political process. His role included both work at the grassroots level as a Republican Precinct Committeeman with leadership service as the Chairman of the McLean County Republican Party.

Mr. Speaker, despite the tragic circumstances, I am proud to offer to you the fellow Members of the House of Representatives the extraordinary life of Mr. Joseph Warner as the ultimate example to us all of American citizenship and service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB CARLINO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a master craftsman and brave veteran who bravely fought for our country during World War II. Bob Carlino, of Pueblo, Colorado has repaired thousands of shoes for Coloradans since he became an apprentice shoe repairman at age fourteen. He continues to repair shoes today with his wife, Mary, at their shop in Pueblo. Bob has provided his services to Pueblo for over 60 years, including serving his country, and I am proud to tell of his accomplishments before this body of Congress today.

Bob, age 81, grew up on Pueblo's Goat Hill and learned the craft of shoe repair from his uncle at E. Pfost's Shoe Repair shop, where he received fifteen cents a week which he used for a Saturday movie. Bob joined the military after World War II began and became a member of the 224th Quartermaster Company where his work helped to contribute to the repairing hundreds of thousands of soldier's boots. During the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, Bob's unit dropped their shoe repair equipment and picked up their rifles to fight and defeat the Germans. In the aftermath of the war, the 224th Quartermaster Company disbanded and Bob returned to Pueblo in early 1946 to reopen his shoe business. Bob was a devoted father and husband. He was an example for his community, ethically, morally, and honorably.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Bob Carlino and his contributions to the community of Pueblo and this nation. I would like to thank him for his years of hard work and dedication to his nation. His efforts deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. Thank you Bob and I look forward to your continued service in your community.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL 4-H CLUBS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor the Centennial Anniversary of one of the premier youth organizations of the world, the National 4-H Clubs. One of the foremost youth organizations in Colorado, as well as the rest of the nation, 4-H is the youth education branch of the Cooperative Extension Service, a program of the United States Department of Agriculture. Since its founding in 1902, the National 4-H Clubs have been at the forefront of the effort to both educate and develop our nation's youth. Over the past century, the 4-H program has evolved from its predominately agricultural roots to offer a variety of educational programs for young people in both rural as well as urban areas. As it celebrates 100 years, this remarkable organization continues to enable young people to learn new life-skills, build self-confidence, and set and achieve goals, while at the same time having fun and meeting new people. In Colorado, I've witnessed numerous examples of how 4-H clubs have encouraged and inspired young people with programs ranging from environmental preservation to career exploration and preparation. The 4-H's, which stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, comprise the centerpiece of the 4-H motto, "To make the best better," toward which each young person recites: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world." I congratulate the 4-H Clubs of Colorado, and commend the National 4-H organization on its first 100 years dedicated to developing our nation's leaders of tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO PMI GROUP, INC.

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the new world headquarters for PMI Group, Inc. in Walnut Creek, California. Employees began moving in on August 19, 2002 while construction workers were putting the finishing touches on their new state-of-the-art energy efficient building. PMI Plaza includes the new seven-story, 195,000 square foot building, a five-story parking garage, a large outdoor lunchtime dining area, and 15,000 square feet of retail space. This Plaza, located across the street from the Pleasant Hill BART station and near the intersection of highway 680 and Treat Boulevard, is part of Contra Costa County's Redevelopment agency's plan for creating more transit oriented development. The Agency's plan calls for the construction of new businesses and housing, including new affordable housing units, in-filled around BART stations, which is key to reducing sprawl and air pollution. PMI Plaza exemplifies this smart growth plan and should be a model for growth around the country. I am thrilled to welcome them to our East Bay community.

TO HONOR LAURO AND MARGARITA GARCIA, RECIPIENTS OF THE 12TH ANNUAL PROFILES OF SUCCESS HISPANIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize two outstanding citizens who have been honored for their leadership qualities and service to their community. On September 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Lauro and Margarita Garcia were honored by their peers at the annual Profiles of Success Hispanic Leadership Awards presentation in Phoenix, Arizona. This event, coordinated by Valle del Sol, a local non-profit community based organization, kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month in Arizona and is now in its thirteenth year of honoring worthy individuals.

Lauro and Margarita met during his service in the U.S. Air Force, after which they moved to Phoenix where Lauro began his studies at Arizona State Teachers College. They moved to Guadalupe in 1960 and began organizing the community by teaching Catholic catechism classes in their home. What started as three students quickly grew to 165 every Saturday.

In December 1964, they founded the Guadalupe Organization, which became the voice of its citizens in the absence of an elected town government. The following year, a small building was purchased and an office was opened to assist residents by distributing food, establishing a postal sub-station and registering voters. This office would become the first Office of Economic Opportunity in the state of Arizona to help establish Guadalupe's first credit union.

In 1963, citizens of Guadalupe were granted the first-ever voting precinct within the town's

boundaries, by Maricopa County, after extensive lobbying by the Guadalupe Organization. In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz recognized Lauro for his dedication in improving Guadalupe.

Margarita organized a dental clinic for citizens in the mid-70s by seeking the help of volunteer dentists to provide care. She continues her community service with the local parish and most recently served on the Guadalupe Town Council.

The couple also participated, along with the Guadalupe Organization, in one of the first lawsuits over the issue of bilingual education by challenging the Tempe Elementary School District in 1978 for discriminatory practices against Guadalupe's Yaqui and Mexican students.

As a result of this litigation, the district was forced to adopt measures to rectify existing language deficiencies of non-English speaking students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing these outstanding citizens for their fine work and dedication. They have provided their community with vision, sacrificed to help the poor and under-represented, protected their culture and enriched the lives of Guadalupe's children.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE DIVELBISS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my respect and utmost appreciation for a woman of remarkable caliber. Maggie Divelbiss's hard work and integrity have immeasurably contributed to one of Colorado's most beautiful displays of art, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center in Pueblo. Maggie's diligence in her community is an inspiration to us all. Maggie is a remarkable woman, and her outstanding work earned her the 2002 YWCA Anna Taussig Tribute to Women Award. It is my pleasure to highlight her accomplishments and successes throughout her life.

Maggie currently serves as the Executive Director of the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, and was actively involved in the creation of the Center from its inception. Throughout her tenure as Executive Director, she has made it her personal mission to represent all aspects of the diverse community of Pueblo and its various cultures, as is demonstrated in the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center.

Outside of her profession, Maggie is a dedicated community advocate. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities and is a member of the Western Alliance of Arts Administrators, The Western States Arts Federation, The Rocky Mountain Arts Consortium, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Moreover, Maggie served a six-year term as a councilwoman on the Colorado Council on the Arts.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear why Maggie Divelbiss was chosen as a recipient for the 2002 YWCA Anna Taussig Tribute to Women Award. I thank her for her extraordinary contributions to revive the spirit of art in us all.

Her passion for art has been clearly expressed and recognized and I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

DAVID SKAGGS AND THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY AND CITIZENSHIP

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate your former colleague and my predecessor, former Congressman David Skaggs, on his appointment as executive director of the Center for Democracy and Citizenship.

Throughout his career David has been a dedicated public servant. He has represented Coloradans on both the state and federal level. During his twelve years serving Colorado here in the House of Representatives he did extensive work on public lands and environmental issues, advocated the rights of non-profit organizations, and supported basic research and higher education. He worked to promote bipartisan civility, and played a key role in helping to start an annual Bipartisan Retreat. Throughout his tenure on Capitol Hill, David was an effective and devoted representative of the people of Colorado.

David's post-congressional career is just as exemplary. Now, along with serving as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Colorado and being of Counsel to a Washington based law firm, he is the executive director for the Center for Democracy and Citizenship.

The Center's focus is to find ways to make the institutions of America's democracy work better. One project started by the Center is the Young Voter Initiative. The goal of the project is to encourage voting by some 30 million young people who are ambivalent about political participation. The Center meet with six groups of young adults ages 18-21 and asked what would be the most effective way to reach young voters. From the group's ideas the Center developed a "A Candidate's Tool Kit for Reaching Young Americans" as a practical guide of actions candidate's can take to promote the involvement of young people. The hope is that, as a result of this project, the Center can improve America's democracy by increasing the involvement of the citizenry.

David has repeatedly proven himself to be completely dedicated to the service of our nation and the improvement of our democracy. The Center for Democracy and citizenship is fortunate to have the leadership of such an inspiring individual, as noted in the following editorial from the Boulder Daily Camera:

[From the Daily Camera, Aug. 1, 2002]

VOTE? WHO, ME?

80% OF YOUNG PEOPLE WON'T, UNLESS TREND CHANGES

Former U.S. Rep. David Skaggs shouldn't have to spend part of his time looking for ways to persuade reluctant young people that voting makes a difference. He's doing the job because the rest of us haven't.

This would be a different country if young people heard a stronger message from parents, schools and communities about participation in democratic life; if older adults were a little less inclined to declare that voting doesn't matter or that elected officials

are crooks; and, yes, if politicians themselves could restrain some of their impulses to demean not only their opponents but government itself.

But it wouldn't be the United States, where cynicism about public life was a part of the environment in which today's young people grew up. Partly for that reason, voter turnout among young Americans is low—and getting lower. Fewer than one in three Americans under 25 voted in the last two presidential elections. If past trends hold, fewer than one in five will vote in this midterm election.

The past two years have created an opportunity for change. If any event could send the message that "your vote counts," it was the 2000 presidential election, in which the candidates were separated by so few votes that a handful of people might have tipped the balance, kept the election out of the courts and literally changed the course of history. And after Sept. 11, who can say with a straight face that "government doesn't make a difference in my life"?

Young Americans may find in those events a new incentive to vote—but that's a hope, not a guarantee. There's still a lack of communication to overcome. Young people often report that they don't vote because candidates don't speak directly to them; candidates often don't seek out young voters because they don't vote.

No one initiative or individual can break this cycle, but David Skaggs is doing his part. A Democrat who represented the 2d Congressional District for 12 years in the House of Representatives, Skaggs now serves as executive director of a Washington-based outfit called the Center for Democracy and Citizenship. One of its projects is designed to help political candidates reach out to young voters.

The center has made available to thousands of political candidates across the country a "tool kit" of background information and common-sense guidance on reaching young voters. Candidates who study the material will find that it punctures a few stereotypes about young people. They're often disengaged from politics but aren't cynical as a group about the world around them; they're evenly divided in their political preferences and not wedded to any one party.

There's no need to dwell on details intended for candidates rather than the general public. It's worth noting, though, that many of the suggestions for reaching young people would be sound advice for reaching any group of voters. Meet them on their own turf. Make it easy for them to find information. Do not adopt a "youth agenda," because young people care about the same issues their elders do. Do not, under any circumstances, pretend to be one of them; they'll spot a phony in a minute. Show the connection between their concerns and the election results.

TRIBUTE TO DR. AND MRS. HENRY ANDERSEN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. and Mrs. Henry "Hank" Andersen of Lamar, CO who have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Hank and Marjorie Anderson grew up in the small town of Cozad, Nebraska. They were high

school sweethearts who married on July 31, 1942. For their lifetime commitment to each other and their strong example to their family and community, Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress commends Hank and Marjorie and wishes them many more wonderful years together.

After graduating from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, with a major in speech, Miss Marjorie Evelyn Ford married Naval Ensign Henry Stanley Andersen. In 1942, the couple moved to New York City, where Hank, a Naval officer who loved to fly, was stationed as a pilot. There, their small family grew to include a daughter, Sue Ford Andersen. After Hank's tour of duty ended in 1945, the Andersen's moved back to Nebraska. In 1947, they welcomed the birth of their second child, Stanley Ford.

After graduating from the University of Nebraska Dental School in 1949, Hank moved his family to Lamar, Colorado. There, he opened a successful dental practice, which he maintained for almost 35 years.

As their children grew, Hank and Marjorie became very involved in the life of their community. Marjorie joined two women's service organizations, Sorosis and P.E.O., while Hank became an active member of the Southeastern Colorado Dental Association. Both Hank and Marjorie have been active members of Lamar's First Presbyterian Church.

Family has always been very important to Hank and Marjorie. Throughout their married life, the Andersen's made numerous trips back to Cozad, Nebraska to visit their parents, Ralph and Pearl Ford (Pa Ralph and Sweetiepie to their grandchildren) and Henry and Ella Andersen, (affectionately referred to as Pa Henry and Squeezetight). Even after their parents passed away, the Andersen's continued to make the trip to visit their aunt and uncle, Floyd and Kate Mundell.

Hank and Marjorie take great pride in their children, and were very excited when Sue married James Ocken in 1966 and when they became the grandparents of Cassandra "Cassie" Ocken and Staci Ocken Helseth. They have also greatly enjoyed their great-grandchildren, Chase Henry Helseth and Courtney Laura Helseth. The Andersen's are always prepared to show off their most recent family photos.

Always avid sports fans, Hank and Marjorie held season tickets to the Air Force Academy football games during the 1950s, and never missed an opportunity to attend Lamar High School football and basketball games. The Andersen's have also continually encouraged the young people of their community, faithfully attending the school events of neighborhood children, long after their son and daughter left home.

After Dr. Andersen retired in 1983, the couple enjoyed traveling to Kennebunkport, Maine, the home of their favorite president, George Bush, and to the countryside of Wisconsin to see the fall colors.

After 60 years of marriage, Hank and Marjorie Andersen are still a beautiful picture of what it means to be in love. Everyone who knows them can see how much they enjoy being in each other's company. They take care of one another, laugh together and set a meaningful example of commitment in marriage.

Citizens of Colorado, Hank and Marjorie are a truly remarkable couple. I am proud of their

momentous accomplishment, and I ask the House of Representatives to join me in extending our warmest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Andersen.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS B. AHART, PHILIPSBURG, N.J., ON COMPLETION OF HIS TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS OF AMERICA

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a fellow New Jersey resident and truly outstanding citizen, Thomas B. Ahart of Philipsburg, who is completing his highly successful term as President of the nation's largest insurance association—the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA)—later this month in New Orleans. Tom is president of Ahart, Frinzi & Smith, a Philipsburg, N.J.-based independent insurance agency.

Tom's career as an independent insurance agent has been marked with outstanding contribution and relentless dedication to his clients, community, IIABA, the Independent Insurance Agents of New Jersey (IIANJ), and his independent agent colleagues across the country.

He began his volunteer service with IIANJ where he served as president and chairman of the board. He also represented New Jersey as its representative to IIABA's National Board of State Directors. He was chairman of IIABA's Education Committee for four years before being elected to the Association's executive leadership panel.

Outside IIABA, Tom has served as a member of the board of the New Jersey Joint Underwriting Authority and was president of the Eastern Agents Association. He has served as an advisor to the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters and the Insurance Institute of America, and was just appointed to their board.

Tom was honored with several state and local awards. They include the 1982 New Jersey Young Agent of the Year, the 1986 and 1987 New Jersey Executive Committee Chairman of the Year Awards, the 1993 New Jersey Insurance Person of the Year Award, and the 1994 IIA of Hunterdon/Warren County Agent of the Year Award.

Tom also has distinguished himself as an active and concerned member of his community. He was elected to serve on his local school board, served as a trustee at his church, and as a little league coach for 25 years, and he's coached boy's wrestling, boy's baseball, girl's basketball and girl's softball.

I laud Tom for his tireless leadership of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America and the many accomplishments benefiting all independent insurance agents and brokers realized during his tenure as President. I know that even though Tom will step aside as IIABA leader soon, he will remain involved with the Association because he is a concerned leader and wants to continue helping his colleagues build for a strong and secure future. Congratulations on a job well done, Tom!

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CASPER

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to David Casper, whose induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame was announced on February 2, his 50th birthday. Over his eleven years in the National Football League, Casper distinguished himself as one of the premier football players in history. Eighteen years after his retirement, his accomplishments and hard work will be recognized and commemorated upon receipt of this honor on August 3.

David John Casper was born in Bemidji, Minnesota, on February 2, 1952, to Dorothy and Edward Casper. His football career began during high school, where he led the Chilton Tigers to consecutive undefeated seasons in his junior and senior years.

In 1970, Notre Dame University immediately recognized David's ability and recruited him onto their football team as an incoming freshman. He quickly became Notre Dame's stand-out football star. In 1973, the All-American tight end led the Fighting Irish to an 11-0 season and a National Championship victory over Alabama's Crimson Tide. A leader on the field and in the classroom, David finished his senior year as team captain and a cum laude graduate.

In 1974, David debuted in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders. Over the next two years, he worked his way up to a spot in the starting lineup where he quickly established himself as one of the league's dominant tight ends, making 53 catches for 691 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Over the next seven seasons, David played for the Oakland Raiders, the Houston Oilers and the Minnesota Vikings. He returned to the Raiders, then relocated to Los Angeles, to retire from his football career in 1984.

After eleven seasons and the "Holy Roller" play against San Diego and the "Ghost to the Post" play beating the Baltimore Colts in a double overtime playoff game, David compiled 378 receptions for 5,216 yards and 52 touchdowns. He was essential to the Raiders' victory over the Vikings in Super Bowl XI. He was named All-Pro and All-AFC four consecutive seasons. He played in the Pro Bowl five consecutive years, was named a member of John Madden's 1970s team of the decade, and was recognized on the Silver Anniversary team as the best tight end in 25 years.

David's accomplishments are not limited solely to football. He has received numerous awards for his work as a financial planner, consultant and salesman.

David gained fame in the football world, but he has used his fame to better his community and the lives of the people in it. He founded the Dave Casper Celebrity Golf Tournament to support the Ronald McDonald House and greatly supports other charities that benefit children.

David's determination to succeed in all he has done has made him a true legend. He is probably most proud of his wonderful family—his wife Susan and children Keleigh, Carrie and Andy—but the world will forever remember the Hall of Fame football star who went down in the record books and in the memories of generations of football fans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAN GRIFFIN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to stand before you today and honor Dan Griffin for his contributions towards the betterment of his community. Dan was honored by the Grand Junction Lions Club, as the "Lion of the Year." He is deserving of this prestigious honor, and it is a privilege to applaud him for all his hard work and dedication.

Dan completed his undergraduate education at Stanford and went on to become a law student at the University of Colorado. He joined the U.S. Air Force, but was forced to retire due to a knee injury. Dan returned to Grand Junction and was employed by the firm of Younge, Hockensmith & Robb. He later became President of the Mesa City Bar Association, and served on the Board of Governor's of the Colorado Bar Association.

During the Lions Club ceremony, family spoke of Dan as a ". . . genuine, superb, wonderful individual." Dan received this award because he demonstrates unwavering support and dedication to the organization and the community. Dan's wisdom in law helped him serve area citizens, and address concerns people had about wills, trusts, and estates. Truly, Dan's expertise is cherished and appreciated by all whom he encounters.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man of great character and conduct. It is a pleasure to honor him before this body of Congress and this nation. Thank you Dan for every contribution you have selflessly made to our community and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

FOOD SAFETY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, food safety is serious business, and American consumers pay a high price for wholesome, pure food. The expense soars when the system fails, especially if failure results in illness, or worse, someone's death. Everyone pays mightily to maintain America's standing as the world's safest place to eat.

Just behind taxes and government regulation, food-safety precautions account for the biggest fixed cost of commercial food production. All of these costs pass through to consumers at the grocer's check stand. The higher prices also rob farmers and ranchers of hard-earned income, but food safety remains their chief objective, too.

No one profits from bad food, except for lawyers. In fact, Colorado's economy depends on safe agriculture products, and confident, healthy consumers. That's why we invest billions toward achieving both.

The issue of improved food safety has once again found itself on the political front burner following the recent discovery of a contaminated batch of hamburger that slipped through the ConAgra Beef plant in Greeley. The incident caused the illness of at least 30 people.

The culprit in this case is E.coli 0157:H7. It can be lethal, though it wasn't this time. The bacterium is found in the intestines of most animals, including humans.

Cow feces probably came in contact with "trim" meat. These cuts were likely run through a grinder, shipped to a processor, blended with product from other slaughterhouses, sold at grocery stores, and prepared on a few dozen household countertops. Perfect nutrients and lots of surface area make ground beef an optimal growing medium for E.coli.

Hundreds of other pathogens could have initiated this latest round of debate. The Centers for Disease Control has identified more than 250 different food borne diseases that have caused an estimated 76 million illnesses in the United States resulting in 5,000 deaths and 325,000 hospitalizations. In virtually any other country the risk is worse, however poorly documented.

Impurities are inherent with all food consumption, especially perishable ones like meat, fish and poultry. A food-science expert at Colorado State University told me hamburger recalls average one per week across the country this time of year when the environmental conditions are most favorable to E.coli. This escapes the press for some reason.

Routinely, recalls are initiated immediately after a pathogen is confirmed, allowing producers to capture and gain control of the recalled product before it reaches consumers. ConAgra's recall was anything but typical. It came too late because federal inspectors waited nearly two weeks to alert the company that E.coli had been detected.

Once notified, ConAgra promptly voluntarily recalled all the contaminated beef, but the delay had already added millions to the company's cost of doing so, and sickened many. After admitting its delay was a mistake, the federal government then recommended to ConAgra an additional recall of millions of pounds of meat it had not tested at all.

The government's passive-aggressive behavior has aggravated consumers, along with beef producers who are now unsure about the U.S. Department of Agriculture's intentions, the status of recall protocols, and the future of red-meat production.

These ambiguities are far from trivial. The regulatory authority of the USDA is considerable. Running afoul of the massive bureaucracy exposes a meat packer to criminal prosecution, product seizure, retention, detention, and perhaps most effective of all, publicity.

Far more harsh and unforgiving than the toughest government sanction, the marketplace brutally punishes any business that puts contaminated product before a consumer. That's as it should be, and it works.

It was the market, for example, that handed a virtual corporate death sentence in 1997 to Nebraska-based Hudson Foods. Contamination prompted the company to issue the nation's largest recall of ground beef—25 million pounds. A few months later, the company was closed.

In our earnest quest to make food safer, there are a few things to keep in mind.

First, U.S. beef was, is, and will always be safe to eat. The quality gets better every day. Colorado ranchers lead the nation in the science of livestock production providing quality products that satisfy the high expectations of domestic and foreign consumers.

Second, producers rely on the USDA as much as consumers do. It's an important agency, and we all want to see it succeed. Anyone who cares about food safety should be prepared to help make USDA inspections a higher federal budget priority. The same goes for state inspectors.

The agency should be driven by sound science, not politics. Its Food Safety Inspection Service should be given the resources and precise guidelines to upgrade its testing so inspectors can more quickly pinpoint the sources of pathogens and react with consistency. They need more money for training, too.

Third, the industry should initiate implementation of pathogen-killing procedures.

Several well-researched measures are proven effective such as live-cattle management at feedlots, washing carcasses with steam or acidic sodium chlorite, and irradiation. America's top agriculture colleges, including CSU, have studied this to death. If the industry won't lead on this, government should.

Fourth, consumers are ultimately responsible for food safety. No amount of regulation and inspection will help anyone who ignores packaging dates, improperly handles meat, eats it raw, or worse, feeds undercooked product to their kids.

Fifth, there is no such thing as a "zero risk" standard for any perishable food.

This is an impossible goal, a hoax perpetrated by four principle groups of people—those who work for the government, plaintiffs' lawyers, developers who want to buy their neighbors' ranches and vegetarians offended by others who enjoy a good steak. There will never be a regulatory body large enough to inspect every cut of beef, stalk every distributor or police every kitchen.

Finally, if God didn't intend for us to eat animals, He wouldn't have made them out of meat. He also made us smart enough to figure out how to eat them both cheaply and safely.

CONGRATULATING

GLAXOSMITHKLINE FOR ITS EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. FATTAH. I rise today to mark an historic milestone on the road to the elimination of a devastating disease of the developing world, lymphatic filariasis.

The global eradication of a disease has been accomplished only once in history, with the elimination of naturally occurring smallpox.

Public health officials are eager to replicate that success. Yet despite the huge advances in our understanding of diseases and their mechanisms, international experts believe that there are still very few major diseases that can be deemed eradicable by existing technology. The World Health Organization (WHO) is currently targeting seven diseases or disorders for elimination or eradication. They are: Guinea worm (dracunculiasis), polio, leprosy, neonatal tetanus, Chagas disease, iodine deficiency disorders, and lymphatic filariasis. Today, I rise to focus on the parasitic disease lymphatic filariasis, or LF.

LF is an ancient scourge that has disabled and disfigured people for thousands of years. Transmitted by mosquitoes, LF is caused by thread-like worms that infect the human lymphatic system, leading to permanent damage to the lymphatic and renal systems. LF gives rise to a condition known as elephantiasis which leads to the development of grotesque, chronic swelling of the legs, genitals and breasts, leading to lifelong social and physical disabilities. LF is mostly found in the tropical developing world, where it further exacerbates poverty by physically incapacitating people during what should be the most productive years of their lives. Lost productivity caused by the disease costs billions of dollars across the world each year. LF also puts a tremendous strain on healthcare systems in the developing world. In addition to its economic impact, LF inflicts heavy psycho-social consequences on the individuals who are affected. LF affects around 120 million people, with more than one billion people at risk of infection.

In 1998, the WHO and the pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) announced a worldwide collaboration to fight LF. This partnership has now become a global alliance of 35 private and public institutions along with the Ministries of Health in LF endemic countries, all committed to eliminating lymphatic filariasis.

GlaxoSmithKline has its US headquarters in my district in Philadelphia, and over 6,000 Pennsylvanians work for GSK in the search for cures and treatments to disease. GSK makes an anti-parasitic drug called albendazole that is useful in the fight against LF. GSK has committed to donating as many tablets as needed to eliminate lymphatic filariasis. The World Health Organization estimates that GSK will donate up to six billion doses of albendazole before the program is complete, making the GSK albendazole donation program the largest pharmaceutical donation in history.

Today, I am proud to announce that GlaxoSmithKline has produced the one hundred-millionth donated tablet of albendazole for the Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination Pro-

gram. This is a milestone achievement in a long road, and I commend GlaxoSmithKline for its commitment to world health. Whether it's in improving access to needed health services, providing affordable vaccines and HIV treatments, or dedicating resources to worthy projects in Pennsylvania, GlaxoSmithKline has shown time and time again its dedication to improving lives locally and globally. I commend GlaxoSmithKline for its success to date in the Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination Program, and I wish GSK, the World Health Organization and the rest of their partners every success in the completion of their task.

RECOGNIZING MR. T.J. TAYLOR
FOR HIS SERVICE TO BRADFORD

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Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. T.J. Taylor, whose long record of public service has earned him the title of "Tennessee's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year."

T.J. Taylor has worked with the Bradford Special School District for half a century. He has driven a school bus for the district for 50 years and has served as maintenance supervisor for the past 25 years. His work and presence have helped him gain the love and respect of his co-workers as well as the school district's students, who know him as "Mr. T.J."

Honesty, dedication, the ability to work with others, and being on the job daily are all attributes Mr. T.J. has said are important for a worker of any age but especially for an older worker. His success on the job has proven over the years that he possesses these qualities and knows how best to use them to benefit the people around him. School officials say his dedication and skill have saved the small school district thousands of dollars every year.

At 71 years old, Mr. T.J. says he has no plans to retire anytime soon but will continue to work as long as his health will allow him. It is that distinguished service that has earned him this title of "Tennessee's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year," which he calls his proudest moment.

Mr. Speaker, as we seek to recognize those leaders who make our communities better places to live, I point to the distinguished service of Mr. T.J. Taylor. I ask that you and our colleagues applaud him for his strong, long-time commitment and congratulate him on being named "Tennessee's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year."