

have done for over one hundred years, provide all ages with a fun and educational experience, and create memories that connect each new generation of fair-goers.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, on the significant occasion of the Society's 106th Annual Cuyahoga County Fair. The County Fair has provided millions of citizens the opportunity to explore the County's agricultural existence in an educational, creative and inviting manner. This annual event has been a culturally significant aspect of our entire community, and a wonderful event for citizens of all ages.

U.S. SHOULD REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL BY REDUCING OIL DEMAND

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11 highlight the danger in continuing to ignore our oil dependence on other countries, especially our dependence on Middle East oil. More than 51 percent of the oil we use is imported. Our Nation is in a very vulnerable position, at the mercy of unstable regimes in the Middle East and other volatile regions. Our dependence on oil has many negative ramifications including the threatening of our environment and our economy.

Our oil dependency places a heavy burden on our environment. It contributes significantly to making the United States the world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide, responsible for one-fourth of the world's total global warming pollution. Our high demand for oil also pressures us to drill in our remaining unspoiled wilderness such as Utah's Redrock canyon county and the Arctic Wildlife Refuge. Our land, water, wildlife and the livelihood of coastal communities are also threatened by oil spills, an inevitable consequence of oil transportation.

Our oil dependency is also very costly to our economy. The United States spent \$106 billion on imported crude oil and petroleum products in 2000. That is equivalent to almost one third of the total U.S. trade deficit. Over the past 30 years, Americans have transferred \$1.16 trillion of their wealth to oil-producing countries.

As we develop our energy policy, we must ensure that it is one that can both reduce oil use and its burden on our environment and economy. Shifting the drilling for oil from one country to another will not resolve our oil crisis. We need to reduce our oil dependence by utilizing innovative technologies that focus on reducing oil use such as gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles which get double the mileage of today's cars. We must also encourage smart growth in our cities instead of suburban sprawl so that communities are more liveable with less driving.

The only effective way to reduce dependence on foreign oil, and at the same time protect our environment, is to reduce our oil demand. If we lower our oil consumption, more of America's wealth will stay in this country.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. NICHOLAS CROATIAN BYZANTINE CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor, recognition and celebration of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of St. Nicholas Croatian Byzantine Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Nicholas Church has been a significant spiritual, cultural and historical anchor for Croatian immigrants for one hundred years. In 1902, fifty families, who had recently immigrated to Cleveland from Croatia founded St. Nicholas Church. Father Mile Golubic arrived in the United States to celebrate first Divine Liturgy in an old building converted to accommodate liturgical services in spring of 1902. Parishioners, though very poor financially, were wealthy in spirit, hope and determination. Parishioners and church leaders kept St. Nicholas Church alive through their generous donations and volunteerism.

In 1913, after years of challenges and difficulties for the fledgling church, members collected enough money to purchase a church building on the corner of East 36th Street and St. Clair—where St. Nicholas Church remains to this day.

St. Nicholas Church has endured many changes over the past hundred years. The membership has increased considerably, and the church itself has been rebuilt and restored. Yet from its simplest beginnings as a group of Croatian immigrants—connected by faith, family, a past in Croatia and a future in America. The dreams, hopes, vision, and generous hearts that defined the founding members of St. Nicholas Church in the early days, carried the Church through a century, and remains the same today.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and celebration of St. Nicholas Croatian Byzantine Catholic Church, on the momentous and happy occasion of their 100th Anniversary. May St. Nicholas Church, and its leaders and parishioners, continue their dedication to the enhancement of the spiritual, historical and cultural life of Croatian Americans, which continues to enhance our entire community.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHELPS DODGE IN GREEN VALLEY, ARIZONA

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise today to congratulate the employees and management of Phelps Dodge Sierrita in Green Valley, Arizona. They are one of the eight mining operations to recently receive the prestigious annual "Sentinels of Safety" award in recognition of their outstanding safety records during 2001. Begun in 1925 by then-Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, this award is highly sought after and is the oldest established award for occupational safety. I commend Phelps Dodge Sierrita for their efforts to work safely each and every day.

It is an award that is not easily won. Mining operations that receive the award achieve the highest number of employee work-hours without an injury that resulted in lost time from work. What this translates to is that a company must compile at least 30,000 employee work-hours during the year without a lost-time injury or fatality. Phelps Dodge Sierrita recorded a staggering 453,936 consecutive employee hours well beyond the minimum required to receive the award. They are a stellar example to us all.

IN HONOR OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor and recognition of the tenth anniversary of the Ukraine Parliament's brave and historic Proclamation of Independence.

The Ukraine Parliament embraced democracy, and declared independence under the visionary leadership of Leonid Kravchuk, on August 24, 1991—after years of Soviet rule. The Proclamation of Independence was followed by a nationwide referendum in which over 90% of Ukraine's 53 million people voted in favor of independence and elected Kravchuk the first President of the Independent Ukraine. This courageous step ended centuries of foreign rule and allowed Ukraine to make tremendous strides towards freedom and democratic rule.

On this special day I recall the words of Ivan Plyushch, the Parliamentary chief as he proudly proclaimed at the 1991, inaugural ceremony, "A European State has appeared on the map, and its name is Ukraine!!" The bold actions of these patriotic leaders set a country that had known so much terror on a course of freedom, liberty and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, on this day of celebration, I also rise to honor the men and women who fought hard and suffered dearly in their country's struggle to break the bonds of oppression, and who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country's independence. It is due to their grandparents and parents dedication and bravery that the children of Ukraine breathe the air of freedom. I ask my colleagues to join me in honor and recognition of this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO CAMPBELL'S FLOWERS AND GREENHOUSES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a family company that has become a hallmark of civic virtue and quality through many years of service to their community. Campbell's Flowers and Greenhouses has been an integral part of community life in Pueblo, Colorado, for nearly a century and it is with pleasure I honor them today.

German immigrant Gerhard Fleischer founded Campbell's Flowers in the early 1900s