

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Hospice of Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association and join with them and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in recognizing November as National Hospice Month. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Medicare Hospice Benefit, which has enabled more than 4 million patients and families hospice services at little or no cost. This hospice care has allowed patients with terminal condition to die in their homes surrounded by family and friends, while at the same time receiving the necessary medical attention that they need.

Each year, approximately 775,000 terminally ill patients and their families rely on end-of-life care provided by the 3,200 hospice locations in communities throughout the United States. Professional staff and volunteers provide comprehensive care to not only the patients, but also to their families who receive counseling and bereavement care to help them cope with the loss of their loved one. Hospice care recognizes the need of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status to be treated with the utmost care in his or her final days of life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing November as National Hospice Month, in recognition of those who serve in our nation's hospices, whose hard work and selfless attitude care for the older generation of Americans as they reach the end of their lives.

HONORING CHARLES W. BEGG

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to a wonderful member of the Goleta community, Mr. Charles W. Begg, better known as Chuck. On October 26, 2002, Chuck was honored by the Goleta Valley Girls Incorporated. The event was held at the future site of the Girls Inc. new center, which Chuck has been very supportive of.

Born and raised in Goleta, Chuck has been an active member of the community throughout his life. He played on Santa Barbara County's first football team while attending Santa Barbara High School. He was then drafted in 1941 and served in the Army Air Corps. Following his service in the military, Chuck returned to his home on California's central coast and proceeded to pursue a variety of professions, including a stint as a lobster fisherman, a ranch superintendent and an orchid grower.

While professionally he has been a valuable figure in the agricultural community, Chuck has also generously contributed to many local clubs and non-profits. He has supported the Boys Club, the 4-H Club, Girls Inc., the Goleta Amvets, the Scottish Society and the Goleta Cemetery. He is also a familiar face on the planning committees of countless BBQs for schools, churches, and other community organizations.

His sense of humor and generosity are two of the many attributes that make Chuck such a treasure of Santa Barbara County. By supporting the Boys Club and 4-H Club, Chuck has helped to enrich the lives of thousands of children. It is plain to see why Girls Inc. chose to honor this dedicated man.

Chuck Begg truly is a treasure of the Goleta community and I am honored to have the opportunity to pay tribute to him today.

HONORING JOSEPH A. STEGER AS HE ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Steger, a friend and constituent, who will retire as president of the University of Cincinnati next year.

Dr. Steger has been president of U.C. for more than eighteen years, beginning his service on July 6, 1984. He has served longer than any of U.C.'s former presidents except one, and his accomplishments on behalf of the University have been described as nothing short of phenomenal.

His success touched every segment of the University, from academics and research to fundraising. Dr. Steger brought the University into the digital age. Credited with bringing the Internet into the University's academic programs, Dr. Steger created a \$1.5 million fund to help the faculty to adapt the new technology to the school's programs.

Under his direction, the University became a research powerhouse. Research funding quadrupled to more than \$260 million, and the University's important National Science Foundation research ranking rose from 76 to 47. It was Dr. Steger who pioneered the international co-op program because, he said, a world class university should have a global presence. The University signed affiliation agreements with more than fifty universities from China to France, and he introduced requirements for language and cultural studies.

Dr. Steger believed the university should operate more like a private institution, so he worked to increase fundraising from \$15 million annually to \$73 million in the most recent fiscal year. During his tenure, the University's endowment grew from \$150 million to nearly \$1 billion. He initiated major physical changes

to the campus, including new academic and research buildings designed by world renowned architects.

Dr. Steger graduated from Gettysburg College and earned his masters and doctoral degrees from Kansas State University. After working for Prudential Life Insurance, Dr. Steger began his academic career at the State University of New York-Albany, where he was named Outstanding Educator of the State University of New York System. He went on to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, where he served as professor, vice president for administration and budget, and later dean and acting provost. Dr. Steger was director of organizational development and human resources for New York-based Colt Industries Inc. when he was named provost of the University of Cincinnati in 1982.

Joe Steger and his wife, Carol, are a formidable team. We hope they will stay in our area.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati appreciate the remarkable contributions of Dr. Steger. We will miss him as president of the University and we wish him great success in the new challenges to come.

TRIBUTE TO LUKUS CLINTON DUNKIN

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my sincere commendation to Mr. Lukus Clinton Dunkin, a native of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee and a sophomore at the University of North Alabama, for his heroic actions on October 26, 2001 that saved the life of Mr. Robert Justice of Opelika, Alabama. Luke Dunkin would never admit his heroism, but the people of North Alabama and the United States Coast Guard know that he was a hero on that day.

Luke was fishing in a protected harbor on the Tennessee River during rough weather when he heard the cries of a fisherman, Robert Justice, whose boat had capsized across the lake. Braving the 25 miles per hour winds, 55 degree weather, and three to six foot waves, Luke navigated his fishing boat to reach the distressed fisherman in less than 20 minutes. Risking his own life, he fought to pull Mr. Justice into his own boat and managed to get back to "Safety Harbor" where he rendered first aid until the Florence-Lauderdale EMAs arrived and took Mr. Justice to the hospital, where he made a full recovery.

Mr. Speaker, the United States Coast Guard has honored Luke Dunkin for his heroism. He is being awarded a Silver Lifesaving Medal from the Admiral Thomas H. Colins, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. This is the second highest award a civilian can receive for heroic deeds from the Coast Guard, and only 2,080 of these awards have been bestowed upon Americans in history.

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Mr. Speaker, Luke Dunkin deservingly joins a prestigious group of heroes with this award from the Coast Guard. On behalf of the people of North Alabama and the United States House of Representatives, I commend Mr. Dunkin for risking his own life to rescue Robert Justice on October 26, 2001.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP CLAUDE L.
CAMPBELL

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Bishop Claude L. Campbell and his 37th Anniversary at St. Paul's Calvary United Church of God in Union, New Jersey. Since 1965, Bishop Campbell has enhanced not only his church and congregation, but also the community of Union.

Born on October 6, 1931 in Raeford, North Carolina, Bishop Campbell was raised in the Presbyterian Church where he was actively involved in the church choir and developed a love of music and singing. It was at an early age that Bishop Campbell knew that he was destined to a life of service.

Bishop Campbell moved to New Jersey in 1954, where he became involved in congregations in the tri-state area, eventually beginning his pastorship at St. Paul's Calvary United Church of God in October 1965. Under his direction, the church has flourished, and has developed an especially strong tie to the younger members of the congregation.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues here in the House of Representatives join me today as we recognize Bishop Claude L. Campbell and his many years of devoted service to St. Paul's Calvary Church of God.

HONORING CHRISTINE TAYLOR OF
GROVER HILL, OH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions to our Nation by Christine Taylor of Grover Hill, OH. In June of this year, Christine was elected State President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on June 30, 2002.

Born in Eye, Suffolk, England and the oldest of the four children, Christine immigrated with her family to the United States in 1955. She graduated from Oxnard (California) High School in 1964 and became a naturalized citizen the following year.

She married Roger Taylor, a Navy Seabee veteran in the Vietnam War, in August 1966 and they moved to Ohio. Roger and Christine are the proud parents of three children, Kent, Jennifer, and Matt, and the grandparents of Krystal and Dustin Taylor.

Since 1975, Chris has been employed as a legal secretary and office manager for the DeMuth Law Office in Paulding, OH.

In 1974 she joined the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W. as a charter member of the Grover

Hill Auxiliary 2873, under the eligibility of her husband. Serving as the auxiliary's first Treasurer, she progressed through the various chairs to serve as Auxiliary President in 1980–1982. She currently serves as Auxiliary Trustee and program chairman.

Chris's activity on the District level started when she was asked by her friend, Susie Moon, to serve as District Secretary in 1981–1982. Elected as Conductress in 1985, she progressed through the district chairs to serve as District #1 President in 1988–1989, being named as runner-up Outstanding District President for that year.

Commencing in 1987–1988, Chris served as State chairman for number programs, including National Home, Youth Activities and the Voice of Democracy, Community Service, Cancer Aid & Research, Americanism, Buddy Poppy, Safety, Hospital, and Historian, in addition to serving as Assistant Conductress and Chief of Staff.

Elected as Department Guard in 1977, Chris has served as a State officer, culminating in her election and installation as the leader of the Ohio V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary. During her term of office, Chris will lead the 51,600 members of the Ohio delegation under her theme of "Teamwork—The Key to Success."

Mr. Speaker, I salute the dedication, patriotism, and commitment of Christine Taylor and congratulate her on her election as leader of the Ohio V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary.

HONORING THE ENVIRONMENTAL
DEFENSE CENTER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Environmental Defense Center of Santa Barbara, California.

This year, the EDC celebrates its 25th Anniversary. The Central Coast of California and our nation have benefited in countless ways from its leadership. This organization has been a pioneer and champion of environmental and health issues in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties. EDC provides invaluable legal services, advocacy and public education on behalf of a variety of environmental causes.

There are many issues where the EDC's leadership has been indispensable for our community—improving water quality, protecting endangered species, promoting access to public lands. But I would like to highlight one issue in particular—the fight to end new oil drilling off our beautiful coastline. This is an area where the EDC's expertise is unrivaled and where its counsel to me has been incredibly valuable.

As the U.S. Representative for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties—and the newly elected Representative for the new 23rd Congressional district which encompasses the coastal communities in those two counties and Ventura County—I have made the fight to stop new offshore oil drilling a top priority.

We have reached a consensus here on the Central Coast that we do not want any more drilling off our coast. We do not want the 36 leases developed and we do not want the life of the current rigs extended. We understand

all too well the risk to both our environment and our tourist-based economy that more oil development means. And we are all committed to winning this fight against more oil drilling.

EDC's historic leadership in this struggle, in-depth knowledge of the issue, and bright, aggressive attorneys has been an indispensable resource for me as I wage our fight in Washington.

This year we took an historic first step by getting the House of Representatives to vote in favor of stopping new drilling off our coast. I want to thank the EDC for all its help in getting my amendment passed.

I send my best wishes to the EDC and all of its staff and supporters and look forward to working together to advance our common goals in Washington and on the Central Coast. Good luck on the next 25 years!

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DR.
DONALD C. HARRISON

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Donald Harrison, a friend and community leader, who will retire as Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Cincinnati (U.C.) Medical Center next year.

Since 1986, Don has been at the helm of the U.C. Medical Center. Don was recruited from Stanford University, where he held a number of positions while working as a researcher and clinician for 23 years. Under Don's 16 years of leadership, the U.C. Medical Center has become a world-class teaching and research institution.

One of the important reasons for Don's success has been his ability to recruit outstanding medical professionals who are among the best and brightest in the world. With his team, he developed a new concept for U.C. and the University Hospital as a health system. This helped position the U.C. Medical Center as a major medical facility in the nation to provide research education and patient care for the next century.

As one of his early accomplishments, Don was key in the 1990s in helping to save University Hospital, which faced a financial crisis and could have cost Cincinnati one of its most important hospitals. At the same time, Don was looking ahead to turn the Medical Center into one of the most prominent research institutions in the world. Don headed up the Reaching for the 21st Century plan which aimed to markedly increase research in heart disease, cancer, neurosciences as well as in perinatal and neonatology. During Don's tenure, research funding increased from \$30 million annually to \$209 million over this past year. The more recent Millennium Plan adds diabetes to its research focus areas. As part of the Millennium Plan, the existing Medical Sciences building will be renovated and expanded and the Genome Research Institute will be established.

During Don's tenure, U.C. Medical Center's programs and experts have become increasingly well known and respected for health sciences, research, education and patient

care. And in addition to offering excellent health care to those in the Cincinnati area, the Medical Center has been shown to have an annual \$3.05 billion economic impact on our area. These successes can be attributed to Don's vision and hard work over the years.

Don also is an entrepreneur and, among his accomplishments, he established BioStart at the Medical Center to give researchers a place to nurture their work to a point where it may become commercially viable. Throughout his career, Don also continued his work as a practicing, world renown cardiologist.

Mr. Speaker, Don has had a profound impact on the lives and economy of Greater Cincinnati, boosting the national reputation of the U.C. Medical Center and improving the health care available to people in the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana tristate region. The medical research conducted at the Medical Center under Don's leadership also has enhanced the health care available to people across our nation and throughout the world. All of us in Southwestern Ohio are grateful to Don for his contributions to our community, and we wish him well as he steps down from his post as Senior Vice President and Provost of the U.C. Medical Center.

TRIBUTE TO LEO GREENBERG

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend, Mr. Leo Greenberg, a long-time resident of Aptos, California who passed away on July 13, 2001. Mr. Greenberg was an active member of the community who sought to make our world better place by tirelessly advocating for democratic principles, human rights, and social justice.

Mr. Greenberg was born 81 years ago in Tulsa, Oklahoma and grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, where his family moved when he was a small child. After graduating from high school, Mr. Greenberg enlisted in the Coast Guard. During World War II, the Coast Guard was militarized under the Department of the Navy, and in the Navy, Mr. Greenberg served admirably for many long years at sea. On his first mission hunting enemy submarines in the North Atlantic, his ship was caught in a "Perfect Storm" and nearly sank. Mr. Greenberg survived that ordeal and was able to participate in five invasions in the European theater, including engagements in Naples, Sicily, the South of France, and D-Day at Normandy where Mr. Greenberg was at the helm of his ship while crossing the Channel on the way to the Normandy invasion.

When Mr. Greenberg returned to the United States after WWII, his commitment to freedom and public service continued. After moving to Santa Cruz County in 1973, Mr. Greenberg and his wife, Bea Greenberg, became active in their community, engaging themselves in civic affairs and local and national politics. They were also devoted supporters and for their local Temple. Mr. Greenberg was especially proud of his role in finding the land where a new Temple now stands. He loved to hear his wife sing in the Choir and loved greeting his friends during services.

Mr. Greenberg also loved politics. He was passionate about social values and civil rights,

and worked in his own community to promote these issues. He participated in the San Jose march on the day of the famous March on Washington in 1963. He believed that a strong government could help people and bring them out of suffering and poverty. Locally, he became a leader Santa Cruz County local politics and was a strong supporter of local elected officials, including Norm Mineta, Leon Panetta, and my father, Fred Farr.

In his later years, Mr. Greenberg lived with the debilitating effects of a brain tumor. For the last five years of his life, he attended classes at the Cabrillo College Stroke Center where he learned to live with his disability and where he could keep up with politics, sports, Israel, and Temple life. About a year ago, I attending a meeting at Leo Greenberg's house where he asked me what I could do to promote stroke centers around our nation. He knew what the stroke center had done for him, and he wanted others who were afflicted with similar disabilities to have the same benefits. As a result of this meeting, the Cabrillo College Stroke center has since been designated a federal demonstration project. Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that stroke centers will spring up across the nation as a lasting memorial to Mr. Greenberg. This would be the ultimate tribute to Leo's humanity and long record of community service.

Leo Greenberg's lifelong dedication to public service and democratic principles should be commended. His efforts improved the quality of life on the Central Coast and his achievements have made lasting impacts on the people with whom he has worked. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Leo Greenberg.

TRIBUTE TO THE IMANI BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST, INC.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of Imani Baptist Church of Christ, Inc. The Imani Baptist Church of Christ has played a strong unifying role in the East Orange community for the past decade, bringing together both church and community.

From its founding on November 22, 1992, in the home of Deacon and Deaconess Browne of Orange, New Jersey, the church and its community have seen amazing growth. By October of 1998, the church had found a permanent home in East Orange, setting down roots and bringing the congregation together.

Under the direction of Reverend Moses A. Knott, Jr. for the first nine years, and under the new direction of Reverend Leonard Smalls, the church congregation has brought together both friends and community to better the surrounding city and community.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives join me today in recognizing the Imani Baptist Church of Christ, Inc. and recognizing their 10th anniversary celebration.

HONORING ANDY GRANATELLI

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to a special citizen of Santa Barbara, Mr. Andy Granatelli. Mr. Granatelli is quite an accomplished man and has contributed so much to the Santa Barbara community. It is only fitting that I have the opportunity to honor him today.

Andy Granatelli has been inducted into 20 Halls of Fame, ranging from the American Academy of Achievement to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame. He's been the winner of two Indy 500 races and the Daytona 500 in 1972 and has appeared in hundreds of television and radio commercials in addition to making appearances on television shows such as Laugh-In and Johnny Carson's Tonight Show. But in addition to all those wonderful accomplishments, Andy Granatelli has been a very dedicated member of the Santa Barbara community, and it is for all his local accomplishments that I truly wish to honor him today.

On November 2, 2002, the United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County honored Mr. Granatelli at their 20th annual kids auction. Andy is on the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and this important organization has greatly benefited from Mr. Granatelli's dedication to our youth. He is also the director of the Unity Shoppe, another important non-profit organization in Santa Barbara.

Founded in 1917, the Unity Shoppe has been called "the mother of all charities". It is the largest direct distributor of food and clothing in Santa Barbara County, and operates as an actual shop, where clients use scrip to purchase items of their choice. The Unity Shoppe does not receive funding other agencies; it instead relies on the generosity of community members like Mr. Granatelli.

In addition to the Boys and Girls Club and the Unity Shoppe, Andy Granatelli is involved with several other community organizations. He is a board member of the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Summit Advisory, the Director of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Council and is a member of the Navy League of the United States. Andy is also a Council Advisory Board Member for the Boy Scouts of America.

It always pleases me to be able to honor active community members such as Andy Granatelli. The generosity and dedication of people like Mr. Granatelli make Santa Barbara County a special and wonderful place to live, and I am truly thankful for his devotion.

DEDICATION OF THE NORTH ALABAMA VETERANS MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of the community of Limestone County in my district on the occasion of the dedication of the North Alabama

Veterans Museum and Archives. Located at the historic depot on Pryor Street in downtown Athens, AL, the very location recalls the image of hundreds of North Alabama natives who departed for war, and fewer who returned, from the depot's landing.

I would like to especially recognize the committed group of volunteers who have worked for more than three years to plan for the museum, raise funds for its construction, and oversee the project to completion. This museum and archives will serve as a resource for the community; teaching our youth about the sacrifices of their forebears and reminding all of us of the great and terrible cost of America's foreign conflicts.

Most of all, the North Alabama Veteran's Museum and Archives will serve as a tribute to the men and women who have served our Nation in times of war. In remembering the selfless dedication and patriotism of our veterans, we honor their heroism and preserve the memories of those who fought and those who perished.

Again, I wish to express my sincere appreciation and support of those who have labored to build this working monument. The people of Limestone County have demonstrated that they have not forgotten our veterans. I know the museum and archives will continue to teach, remind, commemorate and serve the actions of those Americans who fought for our freedom.

U.N. RESOLUTION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert the following articles into the RECORD.

[From the New York Times, Oct. 17, 2002]

U.S. IS PUTTING HEAVY PRESSURE ON FRANCE AND OTHER SKEPTICS FOR A U.N. RESOLUTION
(By Steven R. Weisman)

The Bush administration is mounting a campaign of public pressure and private diplomatic and economic concessions to persuade France and other skeptical members of the United Nations Security Council to go along with a single resolution threatening military force against Iraq.

With rising concern in Washington that time is short for passage of such a resolution—many experts say military action would be easier in the winter—talks on the resolution's wording are accelerating at the United Nations and in meetings and telephone calls in and between capitals. "There's no sense that the French don't want to do this," an administration official said, referring to a tough United Nations resolution on Iraq. "But there is a growing frustration that we don't yet have an agreement."

President Jacques Chirac of France, in another sign of disagreement with the United States, appeared in remarks published today to take issue with President Bush's arguments that Iraq is cultivating links with Al Qaeda and wants, as he said on Monday, to use it as "a forward army."

"As far as I know, no proof has been found, or at least been made official, for a link between Iraq and Al Qaeda," Mr. Chirac said in the interview in the Beirut-based, French-language newspaper *L'Orient-Le Jour*. "Even if certain terrorists could have been able to find refuge in Iraq, we must not mix up the

issues. The first objective of action by the international community is Iraq, and that means disarmament."

Last month, Mr. Bush won praise, especially among war opponents in Europe, for promising to go to the United Nations for approval before taking military action against Saddam Hussein's government in Baghdad.

But after intense discussions and a certain impatience in Washington, now France, Russia and China—which have vetoes on the Security Council—remain opposed to giving the administration an automatic option to use force if Iraq fails to comply with new weapons inspections.

France wants the United States to go to a second stage and get later authorization for using force if Mr. Hussein rebuffs the United Nations inspectors.

France, which has a history of going its own way in NATO and maintains strong links to the Arab world, has emerged as a bigger stumbling block than Russia or China, which do not consider themselves American allies, administration officials said.

American officials express confidence that if they can persuade Mr. Chirac to go along with a single United Nations resolution, Moscow and Beijing will follow suit by either agreeing to it or not vetoing it.

At least so far, officials say, France is resisting an administration proposal to have the resolution threaten unspecified "consequences," rather than a more explicit reference to force, if the inspection process collapses.

Diplomats familiar with the negotiations said the Bush Administration could interpret the word "consequences" as tantamount to pre-approval for military action. At the same time, they said Washington was offering private assurances that the United States would not ignore the Security Council.

"This could end up with something that is not a one-stage or a two-stage process," said a diplomat familiar with the talks. "The word is that it will be one-and-a-half stages."

"The French really do want to be with us," a senior State Department official said. "The French are worried that if the first resolution authorizes all necessary means to enforce inspections, we might go to war without checking with them. What they want is to keep the Security Council in the picture. We believe that can be done in the context of one resolution. That's our goal."

In a sense, the negotiations at the United Nations are running along the same lines as Mr. Bush's talks with Congress over the last month.

The administration won support of skeptical lawmakers in part because of personal assurances from Mr. Bush that Congress would be consulted in the event of a war. Similarly, the United States is making promises of consultation with United Nations allies if a conflict occurs.

In the background are firm and even threatening words from Mr. Bush, who declared today that the United Nations must "face up" to the danger from the Hussein government. "Those who choose to live in denial may eventually be forced to live in fear," he said at a ceremony at which he signed the resolution passed by Congress last week authorizing the use of force against Baghdad. A White House official said he was not referring to any particular nation.

Mr. Chirac, who was in Alexandria, Egypt, today for the beginning of a Middle East trip, reiterated his support for a two-stage resolution process. He said the Security Council should authorize force only as a last resort if the Iraqis were not acting in good faith.

A separate drama is playing itself out behind the scenes, some administration officials said. That is the role of Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, who is the administration's main advocate of diplomacy as a means to address Iraq, rather than simply threats of force.

Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld are said to be most skeptical that diplomacy can work. Their fear, according to officials, is that Mr. Hussein can drag out the diplomatic and inspection process.

Mr. Rumsfeld and Mr. Cheney are also the ones demanding a single resolution at the United Nations that explicitly threatens force if the inspection route fails, officials said.

They are also said to want a swift timetable for inspections and additional measures, like armed escorts for inspectors and removing Iraqi scientists and their families from the country for interviews.

Diplomats in and out of the government say France wants to see the United Nations play a continuing role so that the French can remain part of the process.

"The French want to look like they constrained or shaped what the United States ends up doing," said Dennis Ross, the former Middle East negotiator in the Clinton and first Bush administrations. "They want to be relevant and to make sure that the Security Council remains relevant. But they don't want to be left out if the United States goes to war."

Many experts say France's potential economic interests in a future Iraq are a factor in its wanting eventually to be on the side of Washington if Mr. Hussein is overthrown. Russia also has strong oil interests in Iraq.

"Obviously French oil companies would want to be major players in Iraqi oil fields and in the export and refining of Iraqi oil in a post-Saddam Iraq," said Paul Sullivan, a professor of economics at the National Defense University in Washington. "The French signed oil deals in Iraq, but these deals cannot be implemented until after the sanctions against Iraq are taken off."

The Bush administration has gone out of its way to assure Moscow that in the event of a "regime change" in Baghdad, Russian interests will be looked after.

Recently Secretary Powell told the U.S.-Russia Business Council that the United States fully understood Russia's desire to play a role in Iraq's oil industry. "We are taking fully into account the interest of the nations in the region and the economic impact such a transition might have on them," he said.

[From the New York Times, Oct. 17, 2002]

IRAQ STATES ITS CASE

(By Mohammed Aldouri)

Mohammed Aldouri is the Iraqi ambassador to the United Nations.

After so many years of fear from war, the threat of war and suffering, the people of Iraq and their government in Baghdad are eager for peace. We have no intention of attacking anyone, now or in the future, with weapons of any kind. If we are attacked, we will surely defend ourselves with all means possible. But bear in mind that we have no nuclear or biological or chemical weapons, and we have no intention of acquiring them.

We are not asking the people of the United States or of any member state of the United Nations to trust in our word, but to send the weapons inspectors to our country to look wherever they wish unconditionally. This means unconditional access anywhere, including presidential sites in accordance with

a 1998 signed agreement between Iraq and the United Nations—an agreement that ensures respect for Iraq's sovereignty and allows for transparency in the work of the inspectors. We could never make this claim with such openness if we did not ourselves know there is nothing to be found. Still, we continue to read statements by officials of the United States and the United Kingdom that it is not enough that Hans Blix, head of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, and his team of inspectors have unconditional access. They say this is because the Iraqi government may be hiding weapons that will not be found, or is moving weapons from place to place, or is developing new weapons in roving vans or in underground locations.

The United Nations officials with whom our government has worked on these matters know that these concerns have no foundation. In December 1998, when the United Nations weapons inspection team left Iraq on the orders of Richard Butler, the chief United Nations arms inspector at the time, it had exhausted all possibilities after seven years of repeatedly examine all possible sites; only small discrepancies existed.

It is now widely conceded that Iraq possesses no nuclear weapons and that we could not develop them without building facilities that could be spotted by satellite. Since 1999, we have allowed the International Atomic Energy Agency to visit Iraq. If it wishes, it can inspect any building anywhere. The agency's inspectors will find nothing untoward.

Scott Ritter, who led many United Nations inspections, has said that he questions whether Iraq possesses biological weapons. Mr. Ritter also has been on CNN in recent months explaining that his inspection team destroyed plants that could produce chemical weapons. If these plants were reconstructed, Mr. Blix and his team would quickly find them out. Building such weapons costs billions of dollars and requires enormous facilities and huge power sources. The idea that such projects could be moved around in trucks or stashed away in presidential palaces stretches the bounds of imagination.

It is my belief that the American people are not aware of this history because, in my opinion of my government, no American political figure has been seriously interested in discussing these matters with our government. The United Nations was created in 1945 to provide a forum for nations in conflict to come together to work out their disagreements. It was designed expressly for the purpose of making the use of force an absolute last resort.

For more than 11 years, the people of Iraq suffered under United Nations economic sanctions, which have been kept in place largely by American influence. According to statistics compiled by the Iraq Ministry of Health, these sanctions have caused the death of more than 1.7 million of our citizens. The embargo has been so severe that we have been prevented from importing chemicals needed for our sewage, water and sanitation facilities.

At the same time, the last three American presidents have stated that these sanctions could not be lifted as long as our president, Saddam Hussein, remains the nation's leader.

Iraq is not a threat to its neighbors. It certainly is not a threat to the United States or any of its interests in the Middle East. Once the United Nations inspection team comes back into my country and gets up to speed, I am confident that it will certify that Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction—be they chemical, biological or nuclear. Such certification we hope, will remove the shadow of

war and help restore peace between our nations.

IN HONOR OF MARILYN BRIGGS
UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the lifelong achievements of Marilyn Briggs, who is retiring after 33 years of dedicated service to school children and their nutritional development. Marilyn Briggs, R.D., M.S., S.F.N.S., is the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, Director of the Nutrition Services Division, for the California Department of Education. She is responsible for child nutrition, commodity food distribution and nutrition education programs statewide, where over four million meals are served daily to California's children. In her thirty-three years of work in diverse food and nutrition programs, over twenty of which have been directly involved with child nutrition and nutrition education, Marilyn has effected numerous changes that have advanced good nutrition for children, adults and families not only in California, but also across the nation. As a result of her commitment, leadership, and hard work, she leaves a legacy upon her retirement of many nutrition and nutrition education programs that will continue to be utilized by Child Nutrition Programs in California and other states.

Marilyn's accomplishments are too many to list, however the following are some of the most noteworthy:

She created the concept of the nationally acclaimed 5 A Day program as part of the development of the California Daily Food Guide. This well-known program, aimed at improving the nation's health through increased fruit and vegetable consumption, has received over \$1 billion in contributions from the food industry and public and private organizations, and is now used in markets and schools across the country.

She coordinated the Shaping Healthy Choices Initiative including the establishment of statewide SHAPE (Shaping Health As Partners in Education) model programs, which serve as catalysts to improve the quality of comprehensive nutrition programs in California.

She initiated and developed national standards for the Healthy School Meals Initiative, which are now part of the Coordinated Review Effort audit for every National School Lunch Program in the United States.

She reviewed and rewrote the 5-a-Day Adventures CD-Rom for elementary school students, which is now used in over 2 million classrooms.

She developed the conceptual model for the Team Nutrition Schools network based on California's SHAPE program, and mapped out the plan for all materials to be used in the program.

Along with two other Nutrition Education and Training staff, she developed the comprehensive school health initiative, "Healthy Kids, Healthy California", which is now used by the Center for Disease Control as the model program to be implemented nationwide.

She coordinated the development, field-testing, evaluation, and publication of a state nutrition education curriculum series, "Choose Well, Be Well", for students, preschool age through grade twelve.

She coordinated Nutrition, Education and Training Section Publications such as The California Daily Food Guide, Better Breakfast Better Learning, Eat Well Learn Well, and Strategies for Success.

She has provided expert testimony and analysis to both State and Federal Legislators, and answered inquiries from Congress regarding USDA Nutrition Programs.

She has served as a consultant to the USDA in developing regulations for implementation of the National School Lunch Act, such as the highly complex issue of competitive food sales.

Throughout her career, Marilyn Briggs has participated in numerous nutrition and nutrition education professional organizations and councils, where she donates extraordinary amounts of volunteer time and expertise to further child and other nutrition programs. Most recently she has completed a one year term as President of the National Society for Nutrition Education, where she had previously held other Board positions, led their strategic planning process, and founded and chaired the Division of Specialists in Nutrition Education for Children. She has also been President of the National Association of State NET (Nutrition Education and Training) Program Coordinators, where she led a Nutrition Education and Training strategic planning process which resulted in the publication by USDA in 1994 of "Promoting Healthy Eating Habits for Our Children: The Strategic Plan for Nutrition Education" that is still used today as the framework for the national NET Program. As President of the California Nutrition Council, she coordinated a multi-disciplinary process to make policy recommendations in the areas of Food Safety and Quality, Food Security and Delivery, Food Supply and Agriculture, Nutrition Education and Marketing, Nutrition and Health, and Nutrition Research and Professional Development. The Council then used these policy recommendations to establish a statewide food, nutrition, and health policy that prioritized and addressed the nutrition needs of California, to be introduced as legislation during the 1996-1997 California legislative session. Marilyn has clearly been a leader in promoting lifelong nutrition and health for children and their families.

Marilyn has also served on several Boards and Committees, including the Research and Education Advisory Board to the National Food Service Management Institute, the Nutrition Section of the American Public Health Association, the Legislative Committee of the California Dietetic Association, the School Nutrition Practice Group of the American Dietetic Association, the 5 A Day Steering Committee, and the Credentialing and Certification Council, Foundation Board, and Youth Advisory Committee of the American School Food Service Association. She has chaired the American School Food Service Association Nutrition Committee, the American Dietetic Association Public Relations Committee and Education Section of the School Nutrition Practice Group, and the California School Food Service Association Education and Training Committee, Nutrition Standards Committee, and Youth Advisory Councils. She has acted as the California

Department of Education liaison to the California School Food Service Association for more than ten years. In addition, Marilyn has authored and acted as an expert reviewer for numerous nutrition publications, and presented keynote speeches on nutrition related topics across the country.

In recognition of her exceptional contributions in the field of child nutrition, Marilyn Briggs has received several awards. They include the "Friends of Agriculture" outstanding public service award by the California Farm Bureau and the California Agriculture in the Classroom Program, the California Department of Education Unit Award, a graduate student fellowship from the University of California at Berkeley, and the "Moscone Commitment to Nutrition and Nutrition Education Award", which has been given to her twice by the California School Food Service Association.

In addition to working as the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, Marilyn has held several positions within the Nutrition Services Division of the California Department of Education since 1981. They include Nutrition Education and Training Specialist, Child Nutrition Consultant, Administrator of Nutrition Education and Training, and Assistant Nutrition Services Division Director. She has also worked in a temporary Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment as a Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator of Food and Consumer Service, United States Department of Agriculture, in Washington, D.C. during 1994 and 1995. In each of these positions, Marilyn has not only demonstrated her passion for child nutrition and nutrition education, but she has worked tirelessly to lead collaborative efforts to develop nutrition programs and curriculum and ensure their implementation.

Marilyn was born Marilyn Mae Briggs on June 6, 1946 in Washington, D.C. to Eleanor Reese Briggs and George McSpadden Briggs, Jr. She attended Bethesda Elementary School in Bethesda, Maryland, where she earned straight A's all seven years, and excelled in music and performing in school plays. She graduated from Leland Junior High School in Bethesda, Maryland, and Acalanes High School in Lafayette, California, where she continued to excel in academics, music, and drama. In 1968, she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dietetics and Nutrition from the University of California at Berkeley, where her father was the Chair of the Nutritional Sciences Department. She completed her Dietetic Internship at the United States Public Health Service Hospital in Staten Island, New York, and became a Registered Dietitian in 1969. After working a few years, Marilyn earned her Master of Science Degree in Nutritional Sciences, again from the University of California at Berkeley, and she became Credentialed as a School Foodservice and Nutrition Specialist (S.F.N.S.) through the American School Food Service Association in 2000. Marilyn has three children, Nancy, Catherine, and Robert, two grand daughters, Emma and Samantha, and two sisters, Nancy Louise Briggs and Catherine Briggs Hanafi, in addition to her mother, Eleanor, and her father, the late George Briggs.

Marilyn Briggs's career has been one of continually giving above and beyond what has been required of her. As Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, Director of the Nutrition Services Division, for the California

Department of Education, she has been responsible for the administration of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, Food Distribution Program, Special Milk Program, and State Meal Mandate in California. While managing these programs with perfection, Marilyn has continually sought development and implementation of new concepts and programs to advance good nutrition and nutrition education in California and beyond. Many of her dreams and ideas have become national models and standards, yet Marilyn seeks no personal credit. She is humble in her success, a strong but gentle leader, and highly respected by everyone with whom she has ever worked. She accomplishes what she sets out to do, finds ways around roadblocks, and is a master of communication, with the ability to bring consensus among dissenting groups when necessary to focus on the common goal of good nutrition. The vision of the Nutrition Services Division, "Working with our partners, we will lead the nation in providing exemplary nutrition programs and services," has definitely been achieved under Marilyn's direction. She is truly a great friend and advocate to all who value nutrition and nutrition education.

SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today, I take the opportunity to let my colleagues know that October was National Spina Bifida Awareness Month. I think we should all pause for a moment and pay tribute to the more than 70,000 Americans—and their family members—who are currently affected by Spina Bifida. After all, Spina Bifida is the nation's most common, permanently disabling birth defect. The Spina Bifida Association of America (SBAA), an organization that has helped people with Spina Bifida and their families for nearly 30 years, works every day—not just in the month of October—to prevent and reduce suffering from this devastating birth defect.

The SBAA was founded in 1973 to address the needs of the individuals and families affected by Spina Bifida, and is currently the only national organization solely dedicated to advocating on behalf of the Spina Bifida community. As part of its service through 60 chapters in more than 100 communities across the country, the SBAA puts expecting parents in touch with families who have a child with Spina Bifida. These families answer questions and concerns and help guide expectant mothers and fathers. The SBAA then works to provide lifelong support and assistance for affected children and their families.

Together, the SBAA and the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region, which is based in Flemington, New Jersey, work tirelessly to help families meet the challenges and enjoy the rewards of raising their child. I would like to acknowledge and thank SBAA and the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region for all that they have done for the families affected by this birth defect, especially those living in my district. Their work is truly a labor of love.

For those colleagues who don't know, Spina Bifida is a neural tube defect that occurs when the central nervous system does not properly close during the early stages of pregnancy. Spina Bifida affects more than 4,000 pregnancies each year, with more than half ending tragically in abortion. Many times, unborn children with Spina Bifida are killed by abortion because of a false belief that nothing can be done to help victims of this disease. The truth is that today, approximately 90 percent of all new born babies diagnosed with this birth defect live into adulthood, approximately 80 percent have normal IQs, and approximately 75 percent participate in sports and other recreational activities.

With proper medical care, people who suffer from Spina Bifida can lead full and productive lives. However, they must learn how to move around using braces, crutches or wheelchairs, and how to function independently. They also must be careful to avoid a host of secondary health problems ranging from depression and learning disabilities to skin problems and latex allergies.

During this month of October, the SBAA and its chapters make a special push to increase public awareness about Spina Bifida and teach prospective parents about prevention through proper nutrition and pre-natal care. Simply by taking a daily dose of the B vitamin folic acid (which is found in most multivitamins), women of child-bearing age have the power to reduced the incidence of Spina Bifida by up to 75 percent. That such a simply change in habit can have such a profound effect should leave no question as to the importance of awareness and the impact of prevention.

While consumption of folic acid helps with prevention, we must do more to ensure a high quality of life for people already living with Spina Bifida so more families choose the blessing and joy of having a child. The challenges of raising a child with Spina Bifida are significant, but the challenges can be overcome. Fortunately, Spina Bifida is no longer the death sentence it once was, and now most people born with Spina Bifida will likely have a normal or near-normal life expectancy. The challenge now is to ensure that these individuals have the highest quality of life possible.

I call upon my House colleagues to provide \$3 million in much-needed funding to establish a National Spina Bifida Program at the National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure that those individuals living with Spina Bifida can live active, productive, and meaningful lives. In addition, I urge the House to take up the recently passed Senate version of the "Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2002," (S. 2980), which takes many critical steps that will work to prevent Spina Bifida and to improve the quality of life for individuals and families affected by this terrible birth defect. I am hopeful that we will act shortly to pass the measure so it can be sent to the President for his signature.

I again wish to thank the SBAA and its chapters for all of their hard work to prevent and reduce suffering from this birth defect, and for their commitment to improve the lives of those 70,000 individuals living with Spina Bifida throughout our nation. Much more work still needs to be done, and I am confident this fine organization and its chapters will lead the

effort for decades to come. I wish the Spina Bifida Association of America and the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region the best of luck in their endeavors and urge all of my colleagues and all Americans to support their important efforts.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER J.
D'AMELIO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christopher J. D'Amelio, Boat-swain's Mate First Class, United States Coast Guard, a longtime resident of Aptos, California. Petty Officer D'Amelio has been selected to receive the 2002 Gold Medal from the Association for Rescue at Sea for his integral role in a rescue that occurred near Peacock Spit at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Petty Officer D'Amelio deserves recognition for his heroic actions on September 2, 2001. His excellent performance as Surfman aboard Coast Guard Motor Life Boat 47248 was directly responsible for the saving of three lives. Petty Officer D'Amelio expertly maneuvered the MLB through plunging breakers 18 feet high to reach a capsized fishing boat. He calmly squared the bow into the oncoming surf and skillfully backed the MLB to the four individuals clinging to the overturned vessel. With the assistance of a rescue swimmer, Petty Officer D'Amelio successfully retrieved all four survivors and then escaped to calmer water where he and his crew could more accurately evaluate their condition. Upon discovering that one individual required immediate medical attention, Petty Officer D'Amelio quickly coordinated and directed the transfer of the individual to a waiting Coast Guard helicopter. Petty Officer D'Amelio's superb Surfman skills, his leadership, and his poise under great pressure prevented an already disastrous situation from becoming even worse.

Since joining the United States Coast Guard in 1995, Petty Officer D'Amelio has consistently demonstrated the three core values—Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty—that have contributed to this service's distinguished heritage. In recognition of his repeated displays of leadership, bravery, and outstanding achievement Petty Officer D'Amelio has twice received the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation with the Operational Distinguishing Device, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with the Operational Distinguishing Device, and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device. In addition Petty Officer D'Amelio was named the Enlisted Person of the Year for the Thirteenth Coast Guard District in 2001.

While maintaining his professional excellence, Petty Officer D'Amelio has also maintained the role of devoted husband and father. He and his wife, Courtney, have two children: Taylor Brooke D'Amelio and Matthew John D'Amelio. In all spheres of his life, Petty Officer D'Amelio's extraordinary efforts and superb accomplishments merit respect and appreciation. I offer him congratulations for his years of dedicated service in the United States Coast Guard, and it is my great honor to represent such a courageous constituent.

CITIZEN INPUT

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, throughout the 6 years I have represented them in Congress, the people of Colorado have shared with me their thoughtful insights, beliefs, and dreams for a better state and country in a variety of ways. In writing, by telephone, by e-mail and through personal visits, I have enjoyed the input of tens of thousands of Coloradans.

These efforts have been indispensable in my efforts to accurately and completely represent my state in the Congress, and I am grateful to every citizen who has ever taken the time to contribute their best judgment toward resolving the important issues of the day. Thanks to them, I have learned much about often complex issues, about the country and about Colorado.

Through these letters, e-mails, and telephone calls my constituents have expressed the values of hard-working families. Consistently, the themes of less government intervention, more personal freedom, and opportunity for prosperity have been the most vivid expressed by those who have contacted me. It is clear that Coloradans are a self-reliant and outspoken people for whom faith, integrity and an honest day's wage form the foundation of a thriving community.

In particular, I am grateful for the personal artifacts included with so many letters. Items such as pictures, pins, and books truly exhibit the character of the individuals I am elected to serve. These are among the things that have made the greatest impression on me while serving in Congress.

In addition, I am thankful for all the people who have ever attended my weekly breakfast town meetings in Larimer County, CO. Each Monday morning they share their hopes and expectations with me, on legislation and politics. I have found the attendees to be dynamic and sincere. They come from around Colorado, and quite often, other states. They are never timid about stating their opinions, which have been a valuable resource for me. In fact, my work at the nation's capital always reflects the ideas and comments expressed during these meetings.

Surely, among the most significant duties of a U.S. Representative is aiding individuals in fighting the red tape of insensitive government agencies. During my time in Congress, I have had the privilege to help thousands of people who came to me for help. Some common examples include cases of ensuring veterans receive benefits promised in exchange for their years of dedicated service, assisting Social Security recipients in getting monthly checks, helping entrepreneurs fight the Internal Revenue Service, assisting farmers in getting drought relief, and helping immigrants become legal U.S. citizens.

Regardless of the issues confronting the Congress, fighting for Coloradans is the most gratifying work. I am thankful for the people of Colorado who contacted me for help. Serving in this great Congress to represent the values of Colorado has truly been an honor. Those Coloradans who volunteer their opinions have contributed to a solid record for which I am most proud. My voice has been theirs as I

have endeavored to be nothing more than a reflection of my constituency. I will forever remain in their debt. They are the best of America.

TRIBUTE TO KRISTA ANDERSON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a member of my Medford, OR, district staff. During her time with us, Krista Anderson has tirelessly served the people of the Second District of Oregon, and will soon be on her way back to Western Oregon University to finish her degree. Her cheerful demeanor and strong work ethic will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, Krista has volunteered countless hours this summer assisting my district staff. Whenever something needed to be done, Krista readily stepped in and offered to help. From simple tasks like answering phones to helping with complex preparations for the visits of President George W. Bush and former Speaker Newt Gingrich to Medford, Krista proved herself to be an extremely reliable and efficient worker. My staff came to rely on her heavily, and she never let them down. I'm sure this strong work ethic will serve her well in any path she chooses to pursue.

Krista is the daughter of John and Renee Anderson of Medford. She graduated from South Medford High School in 2000 with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. While at South Medford, she proved to be not only a top-notch student, but excelled in extracurricular activities, as well. She was a member of the International Thespian Society and helped with the production of eleven plays, earning honors as best technician.

From Medford, Krista moved to Monmouth, OR, to attend Western Oregon University, where she has continued to stand out in her college years. She is a member of the Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi and is currently working toward a degree in Public Policy Administration with a minor in Speech Communication, maintaining a 3.94 grade point average. This is quite a feat given that she also devotes her time to Concert Choir, College Republicans, Campus Crusade for Christ, and a cultural group called Conversation Links.

Mr. Speaker, Krista has proven herself to be a kind, upstanding, hard-working individual, both personally and professionally. Mr. Medford office was very fortunate to have such a dedicated intern during an especially busy summer. I know that Krista will only continue to excel, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING ROSEMARY DUNCAN

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Rosemary Duncan on her outstanding leadership and dedication to helping our military personal at the Samuel S. Stratton

VA Medical Center in Albany, New York. Ms. Duncan received her degree as a Nurse Practitioner, from Albany Medical College/Russell Sage College in 1973 and has been a Registered Nurse since 1960. Although a Nurse Practitioner, her activities within the Hospital have extended far beyond the realm of patient care.

Always considering patient care to be very important, Ms. Duncan has permeated many different facets of the Stratton VA Medical Center. By taking on positions in the Public Relations department and becoming the Enrollment Director between 1998–2000, she has aided the Stratton VA Medical Center in many different manners in order to improve patient care. Ms. Duncan has also held many other prestigious positions; she has worked in Internal Medicine and was also the Associate Chief of General Internal Medicine. In addition, she has worked in the Emergency Room at both the Stratton VA Medical Center and at St. Peter's Hospital.

Rosemary Duncan has received many major awards. Most recently, she received the Homeless Veterans Stand Down Appreciation Award of 2002. Some of her past awards include, the National DAV Award in 1999 and the New York State American Legion Award in 1997. With her strong dedication to Veterans affairs and her caring nature, Rosemary has volunteered to be a board member for the Military Heritage Institute as well as Vet Care in 1996. She also participated in the Freihofers Run for Women in 1994.

Instilled with a strong sense of compassion, Rosemary Duncan has dedicated her life to the well-being of veterans. She serves her country in an admirable capacity through her selfless acts. She is a friend of all people who are in need of care and is an important asset to the Stratton VA Medical Center.

TRIBUTE TO EMMITT SMITH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent and the new National Football League's All-Time leading rusher, Emmitt Smith.

On Sunday, October 27, 2002, Emmitt Smith took a handoff and crashed through the line for an 11-yard gain, giving him 16,728 career rushing yards, breaking the 15-year mark set by the former Chicago Bears great, Walter Payton, and establishing him as the most complete running back in NFL history.

At Escambia High School, Emmitt Smith posted some of the state's highest career rushing and scoring titles with 8,804 yards, 106 touchdowns and two state titles. As a senior, Emmitt Smith was an All-American running back and prep Player of the Year by Parade magazine and USA Today. He was also selected as the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign's prep football players representative at the White House.

Being one of the nation's top high school recruits, Emmitt Smith decided to stay at home in the Sunshine State and attend the University of Florida. In his seventh game as a Gator, he passed the 1,000-yard mark faster than any other runner in college football his-

tory and led the Southeastern Conference in rushing as a freshman with 1,341 yards.

Following his college career, Emmitt was the 17th pick by the Dallas Cowboys in the 1990 NFL draft. Considered too small and too slow by critics, he made an impression few other players can equal. Throughout his 12-year career, he has established himself as one of the games all-time greats. He has won three Super Bowl titles, four NFL rushing titles and a league and Super Bowl Most Valuable Player award.

This same man who is impossible to tackle on the football field has trounced his biggest adversaries not in the football stadiums across the country, but on the streets and neighborhoods of our communities. Emmitt Smith is active in the communities of Northwest Florida, dedicating his time to aiding youth and children. He hosts the annual Feed the Children food drive and is a national spokesman for the "Take a Player to School Program" and is one of the many supporters of Big Brother/Big Sisters and Boys Club of Pensacola.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Emmitt Smith, number 22, on his great achievement and offer my sincere thanks for his example to the communities of Northwest Florida.

TRIBUTE TO NEWARK EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES, INC.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand today to recognize the 25th anniversary of Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. Founded in 1977 by a group of concerned Newark citizens, the organization sought to help residents who had suffered job loss and displacement after the civil uprisings of the 1960's. Opening its doors in 1979 as the "Emergency Service Network", the organization has grown immensely in both breadth and depth.

Since its beginnings, the Newark Emergency Service for Families, Inc. has gone from seeing 1,257 Newarkers annually in 1984, to over 50,000 Essex County citizens annually. Programs now not only include basic emergency services but also long-term programs designed to promote stabilization and self-sufficiency.

The Newark Emergency Service for Families, Inc. has become a vital organization not only in Newark, but also in the Essex County community as a whole. The organization, started by citizens themselves, has reached out to help neighbors in need, thus enriching the lives of many and strengthening our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues here in the House of Representatives join with me today in recognizing the vital contributions of the Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. on their anniversary of 25 years of service to the Newark community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACKIE ELAINE MEADOWS WALLACE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I take this opportunity to recognize Jackie Wallace for her many years of service in Colorado. Jackie, a resident of Mancos, Colorado, is an outstanding example of the hard work and dedication that citizens throughout rural America devote to their communities. It is with great pride that I pay tribute to her today before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Jackie grew up around the agricultural and ranching communities of Colorado where she learned firsthand of the joys and hardships that come with life on the range. Born to Jack and Lucille Meadows on a snowy night in 1932, Jackie was raised on a ranch in McElmo Canyon. The fourth daughter of five, she attended the local Battlerock School until the girls moved to Cortez where they could attend high school.

On Christmas Day 1951, Jackie married Dwight Wallace. When Dwight was drafted to serve two years in the Army, Jackie and Dwight's mother Mary ran the family ranch themselves, with the generous help of Doreen and Jimmy Fitzgerald. But Jackie hasn't restricted herself to just the ranch. As a charter member of the Southwestern Cowbelles, Jackie co-chaired their napkin committee, sold the most brand-quilt tickets, and even presided as their president from 1964 to 1965. For all her efforts with the organization, the Southwestern Cowbelles recently honored Jackie with an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the dedication of Jackie Wallace. Jackie is an outstanding example of rural American values and it is my honor to extend to her my congratulations before this body of Congress and our Nation. Keep up the good work, Jackie!

OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS BEING ARRESTED IN PUNJAB

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, in Punjab, there are elections coming up for the SGPC, the organization that is in charge of all the Gurdwaras, or Sikh temples, in India. According to the Times of India, members of the Shiromani Akali Dal, which used to run the state government until it lost the state elections to the Congress Party earlier this year, are being arrested in connection with these elections. Many members of the party are going into hiding.

The Akali government under the leadership of Parkash Badal was the most corrupt government in Punjab's history. They came up with a new term for bribery. They called it "fee for service." You didn't get the service unless you paid the fee. And they did nothing to get Sikh political prisoners released or to bring police officers who committed murder and other

atrocities against the Sikhs to justice. I was proud to be one of the 42 Members of this House from both parties who signed a letter earlier this year asking President Bush to work for the release of these political prisoners.

We all support the prosecution of corrupt and brutal officials who were responsible for crimes against the people. However, those who committed these crimes should be brought to justice for these crimes. They and their followers should not be arrested merely for belonging to the Akali party.

A democracy does not arrest people for their political affiliations. A democracy does not hold political prisoners. Yet these things are happening today in India, which says that it is the "world's largest democracy." A report from the Movement Against State Repression showed that India admitted to holding 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners. Some have been there since 1984. Tens of thousands of other minorities are also being held, according to Amnesty International.

More than 250,000 Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian government. It has also killed over 80,000 Kashmiri Muslims, over 200,000 Christians in Nagaland, and tens of thousands of other minorities as well. Priests have been killed, nuns have been raped, churches have been burned, prayer halls and schools have been attacked by members of the RSS, the pro-Fascist parent organization of the ruling BJP. Indian soldiers were caught red-handed trying to set fire to some Sikh homes and a Gurdwara in a village in Kashmir. The government has been implicated in the mass murders of Muslims in Gujarat this spring and in the March 2000 massacre of 35 Sikhs in Chithisinghpora. It is clear that the true face of India is not democratic at all, but it is a Hindu theocratic tyranny.

The political arrest of members of the opposition party underline the fact that India is not democratic. Therefore, it is not worthy of U.S. support. We should stop our aid to India and our trade with that corrupt, theocratic state. We should make a public declaration of support for self-determination for Punjab, Khalistan, for predominantly Christian Nagaland, for Kashmir, and for all the peoples and nations seeking their freedom from India. This is the best way to bring real freedom, peace, stability, and security to everyone in that troubled region.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to place the Times of India article into the RECORD at this time.

[The Times of India, Nov. 12, 2002]

BEARDS WERE TIED UP, BLUE DISCARDED
(By Ks Dhaliwal)

JALANDHAR/BEAS/RAYYA.—Gurcharan Singh Channi heard the knock on the door at 2.30 am of November 7. He guessed right. It was the early morning swoop. He slipped out of the back door. From then on till Monday he remained underground, travelling to Nadda Sahib, boldly giving interviews to various TV channels, moving on to Chandigarh, Ludhiana. Only on Monday he reached Harminder Sahib along with thousands of others who were on the run after the Punjab Police went into an overdrive to arrest SAD (Badal) leaders in view of the SGPC elections. Channi is the general secretary, Jalandhar urban unit, SAD (Badal). Many more like Channi reached Harminder Sahib on Monday in disguise. They hoodwinked the nakas en-route by rolling up their flowing beards, switching over from the traditional Akali blue turban to maroon, coffee colour and sky blue.

They even got past nakas adopting urban styles. Instead of the kurta pajama, they switched to trousers, shirts and neckties.

Hundreds of them were taken out of buses. At Nadkodar Chowk on Monday all bearded men were barred from boarding buses. Sucha Singh Langah tied up his beard to get into the Golden Temple. Sarwan Singh Phillaaur, who was under house arrest, also managed to give police the slip.

Venturing out from Jalandhar many followed circuitous routes through link roads. One popular route used to reach Amritsar was from Jalandhar to Tanda, Hargobindpur Sahib, Mehta Chowk, Mattewal, Majitha bypass and then the Golden Temple. It took double the time as they traversed twice the distance.

Some went from Jalandhar to Kapurthala, Goindwal Sahib, Tarn Taran, Amritsar. Armarjit Singh took his wife and sister-in-law along posing as the nakes that the latter was sick and was being taken to the hospital.

Resham Singh Thiara, who contested the last assembly elections from Nawanshahr on an Akali Dal ticket, posed as a businessman from Delhi.

Buses entering Punjab on Monday were halted at over 40 nakas on way to Jalandhar. "It was only by evening that the nakas appeared to relent as news spread and probably the signal was beeped to relax the check after the government probably realised that it was having a damaging effect on the psyche of the people," said Thiara.

SAD members shout anti-government slogans at the Golden Temple Complex, on Monday.

TRIBUTE TO FIRE CHIEF GUY WILLIS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Chief Guy Willis of the Ocean City-Wright Fire Department. For 55 years, Chief Willis has dedicated his services to our Armed Forces and Okaloosa County, Florida.

Guy J. Willis, Jr., was born in Mt. Ephriam, New Jersey on March 12, 1934, he was the son of Gary J. Willis, Sr. and Anna C. Willis. He spent his early years at "fish town," the oldest section of Northeast Philadelphia.

In 1952, at the age of 17, he entered the United States Air Force receiving his basic training at Samson AFB, New York. After basic training, Chief Willis continued to serve in the Air Force in the fire service industry and retired in 1984 having served honorably for 32 years with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Chief Willis joined the Ocean City-Wright Fire Control District as a Fire Safety Officer and later was promoted to the Fire Chief position. He has been employed with the department for the past 18 years.

Chief Willis is married to the former Miss Kimi Kato of Nagoya, Japan. He has been married for 46 years and has two sons, Colonel Guy J. Willis III, and Lt. Colonel Steven W. Willis, both of who are Air Force Academy graduates. In addition to his sons, Chief Willis has one brother, Ronald B. Willis, Chief Mas-

ter Sergeant, USAF, retired, and one daughter-in-law, Judith R. Willis, Lt. Colonel, USAF, retired.

Between the five Willis family members, they have served a total of 125 years of continuous Air Force service to our country.

Chief Willis and his wife, Kimi, claim Florida as their home of record and the Ft. Walton Beach area as their permanent home of residence, as they have resided here longer than any place else since birth.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to recognize this special person for the example he has set in his community. I offer my sincere thanks for all that he has done for Northwest Florida and this great nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DANNY GALLOWAY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Danny Galloway of Grand Junction, Colorado. The Grand Junction Lions Club recently awarded Danny with the prestigious Home Town Hero award for his years of service to the Grand Junction Special Olympics. As he receives this recognition, I would like to pay tribute to the irreplaceable contributions he has made to the community of Grand Junction.

For the past two decades, Danny has dedicated his time and energy as a Special Olympics coach, organizer and teacher of children with severe disabilities. Danny works closely with School District 51 through a program called "Top Guns," an organization made up of Special Education graduates. Danny also works with a program called "Under Eight Can't Wait," which sponsors involvement for children still too young to participate in the Special Olympics. Through these programs, Danny encourages participation and organizes volunteers necessary to make the Special Olympics a success.

During the 20 years that Danny has worked with the organization, he has played an integral role in helping to increase Special Olympics participation. Through Danny's leadership, School District 51 has expanded its Special Olympics program from only 11 participants at its inception to nearly 200 today. The Grand Junction Special Olympics offers 25 different sports for kids with a variety of physical and mental disabilities. The program provides disabled children with the opportunity necessary to become physically fit, confident and productive members of society.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize Danny Galloway of Grand Junction, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. Mr. Galloway has committed his time and energy toward improving the lives of a countless number of disabled children. His selfless dedication to helping those in need has served as inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding American.

CONGRATULATING SAMUEL NELSON GREENWOOD ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY HALL OF FAME

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Samuel Nelson Greenwood upon his induction into to the Villanova University Hall of Fame. He was a premier college athlete who achieved a great deal during his athletic career.

Mr. Greenwood is a 1963 graduate of Somerville High School in Somerville, Massachusetts. He ranked second in his class for scholastics. In addition to his academic accomplishments, Mr. Greenwood was an accomplished baseball player. In fact, the Boston Red Sox drafted Mr. Greenwood after graduation, but he chose, instead, to accept a full four-year scholarship to Villanova University.

Mr. Greenwood played baseball for three years at Villanova University, playing primarily in center field. During his senior year, Mr. Greenwood was the captain of the university's baseball team. In 1967, he graduated from Villanova with a degree in Education.

Mr. Greenwood's baseball career continued when he was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds to play first base and center field. He was a member of the Reds for three years.

It is unusual for someone to get accepted into the Villanova University Hall of Fame the first time they are nominated. Mr. Greenwood will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on November 1, 2002, the first year that his candidacy was considered.

I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Greenwood.

TRIBUTE TO MONTE VISTA
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to pay tribute to the first National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado. The Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, established in the San Luis Valley, is an example of how much Coloradans value their lands and wildlife. As the refuge celebrates its golden anniversary, it is my honor to pay tribute to it before this body of Congress and this nation.

Established in June 1952, the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge created a safe haven for waterfowl and migratory birds to coexist alongside nearby agricultural communities. The snowy and cattle egrets, American bitterns, white-faced ibis, and black crowned night herons have all found a home in the refuge. Its habitat along the Spring Creek currently boasts some of their largest Colorado nesting populations. The refuge's wetlands witnessed the re-introduction of Canada geese into the San Luis Valley and helped the Aleutian Canada goose recover from its endangered species status.

As an important habitat for so many species, the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge

lives up to its designation as a land of many uses. Besides alleviating the wildlife impact on local agriculture, the refuge boasts the longest running duck nesting density study in North America, as well as important education and observation facilities. The refuge provides a place to hunt and fish, and holds an annual fishing event for children, as well as a crane festival each April.

To celebrate its 50 years, the refuge marked the anniversary year by opening three new viewing pullouts along Colorado Highway 15. When completed, the pullouts will include information kiosks, viewing scopes, and interpretive signs. It has taken 15 years of staff and local support to obtain the funds for the improvements with 20% of the \$190,000 raised locally. Such success is a testament to the local leadership, so it is fitting that former refuge manager, Charles "Pete" Bryant was also recognized as a conservation pioneer and for his immeasurable service to the refuge. Mr. Speaker it is my privilege to rise today to honor the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. It stands as a model of 50 years of cooperation between the public's many interests, integrating the refuge seamlessly into the agricultural community around it. The refuge and its partners have shown great dedication to conserving wildlife habitat and I am honored to extend this recognition to them for all they have accomplished.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. GUY STEVER TO THE UNITED STATES SCIENCE COMMUNITY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special constituent, a man who was one of the central figures in the twentieth century science community, Dr. Guy Stever. Dr. Stever has recently authored his memoirs titled, "In War and Peace: My Life in Science and Technology." In this thoughtful and well-written work, Dr. Stever retells his extraordinary life as one of the key figures in many of America's scientific developments in the past century.

As a past president of Carnegie Mellon University, former Chief Scientist of the United States Air Force, Director of the National Science Foundation, professor at MIT for 20 years, member of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering, and as Presidential Science Advisor for both Presidents Nixon and Ford, Guy Stever has spent his entire life committed to excellence in the science community and to service of his country.

He was a key figure in developing America's guided missile program after World War II, and also worked intimately on our country's anti-ballistic missile defense program during the Cold War. He was instrumental to the creation of NASA, and to the founding of Carnegie Mellon University. He also chaired the oversight committee that redesigned NASA's space shuttle boosters after the Challenger disaster.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Stever's memoirs tell the story of a man who was critical to the United States emergence as a leader in the science

and technological advancements of the last century. I think it is only appropriate that the 107th Congress honor and thank him for his outstanding contributions to the world of science and to our nation. May we only hope that our nation is blessed with more outstanding Americans like Dr. Stever to lead our country into the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO TRACY SPINUZZI

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Tracy Spinuzzi of Pueblo, Colorado for her outstanding service as a health educator at Centennial High School. Tracy has recently been named Colorado's Outstanding Health Educator of the Year and, as she receives this recognition I would like to pay tribute to her career and the irreplaceable contributions she has made toward educating Colorado's future generation.

Tracy began her career teaching physical education, which she did for almost nine years before realizing that her true passion was in health education. Over the years, Tracy was naturally drawn to many health related issues including nutrition, exercise, communication and healthy habits. By employing her interest in health related subjects and utilizing her expertise as a teacher, Tracy is providing her students with the lessons necessary to become happy and healthy adults.

Perhaps one of Tracy's greatest talents as an educator is her ability to relate and communicate with her students on a daily basis. Although she has been teaching health education for nearly nine years now, she still arrives to school each morning with the same interest and enthusiasm for her subject that has become her hallmark. The passion and energy that Tracy brings to her lectures each day helps to captivate her students' attention and teach them to think critically about the decisions they must confront on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great distinction that I recognize Tracy Spinuzzi of Pueblo, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. For nearly 20 years, Tracy has dedicated her time and energy in the service of education. She has provided her students with the information necessary to make healthy and well informed decisions throughout their lives. I commend Tracy for her efforts and wish her luck in all of her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE ALICE A.
LYTLE

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Judge Alice A. Lytle, one of Sacramento's most capable jurists and dedicated public servants. After 20 remarkable years on the bench, Judge Lytle will be retiring from the Sacramento County Superior Court at the end of the year. As her friends and family gather to celebrate Judge Lytle's illustrious career, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding judicial officer.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in physiology from Hunter College in New York City, Judge Lytle headed out west to attend Hasting College of Law. Judge Lytle was successively secretary and president of the Black Law Students Association, member of the Student Faculty Curriculum Committee and the Student Faculty Academic Standards Committee. Throughout law school Judge Lytle was also employed as a law clerk for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and various attorneys in private practice.

Soon after completing law school, Judge Lytle became an instructor of Criminal Law at New College of Law in San Francisco. At the same time, she also served as a Rural Housing Specialist with the National Housing and Economic Development Law Project. Eventually, Judge Lytle would make her way to Sacramento where she would serve as the Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary in the office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

As a result of her strong civil rights background, Judge Lytle was appointed by Governor Brown to head the Division of Fair Employment Practices with the Department of Industrial Relations.

In this capacity, Judge Lytle managed a staff of approximately 200 workers in 10 offices within the state. She would ultimately be appointed as the Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency, a Cabinet-level agency in the State of California that exercises general management, coordinative and liaison responsibility over 13 departments and program entities.

In 1983, Judge Lytle was appointed to the Sacramento Municipal Court, sitting in trial court hearing misdemeanor trials, felony preliminary hearings and civil court as well as jury trials. From June 1988 to September 1989, Judge Lytle served as presiding Judge of the Municipal Court. Judge Lytle also served as the Master Calendar judge for unlawful detainer matters.

Currently serving on special assignment as a Superior Court judge to the Juvenile Division of the Superior Court, she is the Lead Judicial Officer for juvenile dependency cases. Judge Lytle has remained especially giving with her time and energy through financial contributions and services to programs that benefit youth and the underprivileged. Judge Lytle received funding from the Wellness Foundation to create a mentor program for delinquents called the SacraMentor Program. Judge Lytle also established the Healthy Teen Mothers program and served as a mentor for pregnant teens while working with the Birthing Project.

Mr. Speaker, as Judge Lytle's friends and family gather to celebrate her great career, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable citizens. Her successes are considerable, and it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to pay tribute to her contributions to the city of Sacramento. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Judge Lytle continued success in all her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE 38TH DISTRICT'S BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud that two schools in California's 38th District recently were honored as Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education for the 2001–2002 school year. Elementary and secondary schools compete for this honor in alternate years. Last year I was proud to recognize the two elementary schools in my district chosen for this honor. This year, I am pleased to announce that St. Matthias High School of Downey and St. Joseph High School of Lake-wood have received this prestigious award.

According to Education Secretary Rod Paige, Blue Ribbon Schools share several characteristics, including a clear vision and shared sense of mission, a challenging, up-to-date curriculum, policies and practices to ensure a safe campus conducive to learning, evidence of family involvement, and a commitment to help all students achieve high standards. Moreover, by their very nature, these two schools stress the importance of moral character and community service to their students.

These two schools are examples of what is right in education. They show the remarkable successes that happen when teachers, parents and students are committed to a superior standard of education. I congratulate the faculty, teachers, parents and students of St. Matthias and St. Joseph on this remarkable achievement, and wish them well in their continued pursuit of educational excellence.

TRIBUTE TO CHINA ROEBER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to pay tribute to an outstanding Colorado restaurateur who has been serving South Fork, Colorado for 25 years. China Roeber, owner of La Casita restaurant, is an example of the entrepreneurial spirit that keeps our country strong. It is for her dedication and service to the South Fork community that I stand to pay tribute to China Roeber before this body of Congress and this nation.

For more than 25 years, China has owned and operated La Casita, with many of those years spent in Creede before the restaurant moved to its present location in South Fork. Because she suffers from Lupus, China can no longer keep La Casita open everyday. Rather, she opens it for the summer and spends her winters with her husband, Mac, in their Creede home.

Since the beginning, China's La Casita restaurant has drawn returning customers from throughout the state and region as people pass through during the summer season. Her exclusive use of corn tortillas, along with her commitment to serving authentic Mexican food, has made her establishment a great

choice for dining. The jobs China provides to local Coloradans in the summer are also an important addition to the local economy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to honor this outstanding citizen before this body of Congress and this nation. China Roeber has shown great dedication to the communities and people she serves, and I am glad to extend to her my gratitude for all of her service.

HONORING RICHARD E. SCOTT

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard E. Scott for his dedication to providing health care to citizens of Central Texas.

On October 31, 2002, Richard retired as President and CEO of Hillcrest Health System after forty years of service. Richard has served Hillcrest in a number of ways during his career, beginning in 1962 as a Registration Clerk and Cashier, and working his way up to President in 1992. At each stage in his career, Richard worked tirelessly to diversify and update the services of Hillcrest. Under his leadership, Hillcrest has invested in needed medical technologies such as MRI and CT services and has expanded important hospice, community clinic and social programs.

Richard has found special meaning in his calling as a healthcare professional and has been active in his commitment to local health care. His dedication has led him to leadership positions in important medical associations such as the American Cancer Society Advisory Board, the Arthritis Foundation Advisory Committee, the board of FirstCare HMO and the Waco Family Practice Foundation.

Richard's lifelong enthusiasm for providing quality healthcare is matched only by his devotion to his community. He is a real friend to all who meet him and is known for his integrity, fairness and honesty. In addition to serving as president of the Dr. Pepper Museum and Education Foundation, chairman of the board of the Waco Business League and Member of the board of directors of the Waco Chamber of Commerce, Richard is a Deacon of First Baptist Waco and was Deacon Chairman at Highland Baptist Church. He is a member of several groups active in community involvement, such as the Rotary Club of Waco, the United Way of McLennan County, Waco ISD Partnership in Education, Waco Conference of Christians and Jews and the Waco Big 12 Steering Committee.

Because of his efforts in healthcare and in his community, Richard has been recognized with numerous honors including the United Way Volunteer of the Year Award, the American Red Cross CEO of the Year Award, the Trinity University Healthcare Alumni Association Leonard A. Duce Award, Honorary Patron Chairman of the Cattle Baron's Ball, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas Community Builder Award and the Public Relations Society of America Silver Bridge Award.

Outside of his career, Mr. Scott enjoys spending time with his wife Carol, their two children and seven grandchildren.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and accomplishments of Richard

E. Scott. The people of my District are better off today because of his commitment to health care and community service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO: LATINO
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to an outstanding Colorado organization. The Latino Chamber of Commerce, based in Pueblo, Colorado, is an example of the leadership and entrepreneurial spirit that are vital to our country. As the chamber celebrates its 23rd anniversary, it is my honor to pay tribute to this organization of community leaders before this body of Congress and this nation.

The Latino Chamber of Commerce was established in Pueblo in 1979 to organize the Hispanic professional community and give it a clear, unified voice. Many prominent Latino leaders supported the chamber as it grew, doing all they could to promote the organization and its goals. As the chamber steadily grew in size and reputation, it began to function on its own. By the early 1990's, it hired assistants to help manage the increasing administrative load, and soon added a director and support staff. Then, in 1995, the chamber moved into its own building at 215 South Victorian Street, rightfully taking a place in the Historic Union District of Pueblo.

The Latino Chamber can point to many accomplishments in its 23 years. Over 800 individuals, businesses, and corporations are presently members of the Latino Chamber. At the recent United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's conference, Pueblo's Latino Chamber was acknowledged with the Hispanic Chamber of the Year Award for being the best in the region. The award recognized the many contributions the chamber has made to the community, as well as the challenges it has overcome. With such an outstanding organization, it is no wonder several of its members walked away from the conference with individual regional awards and are now under consideration for national recognition. The owner of Cortez Construction, Carla Barela, earned the Hispanic Businesswoman of the Year Award; Patrick Avalos received the Government Hispanic Business Advocate of the Year Award for his work on the Pueblo City Council; and Priscilla Lucero took home the Corporate Hispanic Business Advocate of the Year Award for her leadership at Wells Fargo. Leaders like these make the Latino Chamber stand out in the Pueblo community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to honor the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo before this body of Congress and this nation. The chamber has shown great dedication to the community it serves. I am honored to extend my sincere gratitude to the chamber and its members for all they have accomplished, and I wish them all the best.

TRIBUTE TO J.D. BRAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize J.D. Bray of Santa Rosa County. Mayor Bray served the town of Jay for forty-four years as Mayor holding the second longest reign in the state of Florida.

Mayor Bray was born Christmas day in 1919 and has been a lifelong resident of Jay. Mayor Bray volunteered for the U.S. Army in 1939 and served 18 months in Europe. He risked his life for our country when he crossed the half intact Remigan Bridge, while being shelled, in the "Battle of the Bulge".

After being discharged from the service in 1946, Mayor Bray worked for Escambia River Electric Cooperative until going into business for himself in 1954. He owned and operated the Bray Service Station until he sold the business in 1962.

He then worked for the Jay Natural Gas System during construction of the system and the conversion of consumer's appliances. Mayor Bray managed the parts department of Burns Tractor Company in 1963 and worked there until he accepted a job with the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners in 1968. Mayor Bray was elected to the Town Council of the town of Jay in 1954 and was elected its mayor in 1956.

As mayor, Bray was instrumental in getting natural gas for the town, a sewer system, a second water well, a well-equipped voluntary fire department, Bray-Hendricks Park (named in his honor), which provides recreational facilities for all ages, and a new town hall. He worked to obtain facilities and transportation for over sixty years.

I would also like to recognize Mayor Bray's family, who has had a helping hand in his success. Mayor Bray is married to the former Theda Rae Warrick and they have three children: Debbie Weil, Cheryl Bray, and Stewart Bray.

Mr. Bray has been a part and is currently active in many organizations: Jay Volunteer Fire Department, Quarterback Club, Redrock Lodge number 96, Scottish Rite, Hadji Shrine Temple and Mustang Unit, Veterans of Foreign Wars and member and past commander of American Legion Post number 121.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to recognize this special person for the example he has set in his community. I offer my sincere thanks for all that he has done for Northwest Florida.

MURDER OF 5 DALITS SHOWS
THERE IS NO FREEDOM IN INDIA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, much has happened while we were in recess. In Dulena, India, five Dalits, the dark-skinned "Untouchables," the lowest caste in India's repressive caste system, were murdered because of a rumor that they had killed a cow. Cows are revered in Hinduism.

According to the Washington Post, family members stated that at least one of the Dalits was murdered by the police because the Dalits refused to pay them a bribe. The remainder were killed by upper-caste Hindus after the police planted a rumor that the Dalits had killed a cow.

To make this case even more offensive, charges have been filed against the five Dalit victims, but no charges have been filed against the police who were involved in these murders. In Hindu-dominated India, apparently the life of a cow is worth more than those of five humans. What kind of country protects cows but engages in the massive killing of minorities?

Dalits are converting in large numbers in order to escape from this oppression, prompting the BJP to pass laws in the states it controls banning anyone from converting to any religion other than Hindu.

Unfortunately, this is part of a long pattern of Indian tyranny against the Dalits. Tens of thousands of Dalits have been killed by the Indian government. In an incident several years ago, a Dalit constable went into a Hindu temple on a rainy day and he was stoned to death. A little Dalit girl was blinded by her teacher when she drank water from the community pitcher. And Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, and other minorities have suffered from similar persecution. As you know, over 250,000 Sikhs have been murdered since 1984, over 80,000 Kashmiri Muslims have been killed since 1988, and over 200,000 Christians have been killed in Nagaland, in addition to tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Manipuris, Tamils, and others.

Mr. Speaker, this is not the conduct of a democratic state. If America wants to live by its principles and help spread democracy, it must take action against this kind of repression. India has already been declared a country that violates religious freedom, which seems to be confirmed by these latest incidents. It is time to impose the sanctions that this status brings. We should also cut off our aid and trade with India until human rights are respected and declare our support for self-determination for all the peoples of South, because self-determination is the very essence of democracy. These measures will help bring real freedom, peace, prosperity, and stability to all the peoples and nations of the subcontinent.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to place the Council of Khalista's press release on the killing of these five Dalits into the RECORD at this time.

[Council of Khalistan, Press Release, Oct. 29, 2002]

5 DALITS MURDERED ON RUMOR OF COW
KILLING

FUNDAMENTALIST HINDU FASCIST POLICE KILL ONE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT GET A BRIBE, THEN INCITE VILLAGERS TO MURDER OTHER FOUR—LIFE OF A COW WORTH MORE THAN 5 HUMAN LIVES IN HINDU THEOCRACY

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 29, 2002—Five Dalits, the dark-skinned "Untouchables," were murdered in Dulena, India, about an hour outside Delhi, on a rumor that they had killed a cow. According to a report in the Washington Post, family members stated that one of the Dalits was murdered by the police because the group refused to pay a bribe, then the upper-caste police planted the rumor that the Dalits had killed a cow to get the upper-caste village residents to kill the other four. Cows are revered in Hinduism. No charges have been filed against

the killers, but charges have been filed against the five Dalits.

Dalits, also called "Untouchables," are the lowest castes in the Hindu social structure. Tens of thousands of Dalits have been murdered by the Indian government. Several years ago, a Dalit constable entered a Hindu temple on a rainy day and was stoned to death by upper-caste Brahmins. A few years ago, a five-year-old Dalit girl was hit by her teacher and blinded for drinking water from the community water pitcher.

"This act of Indian tyranny shows that in India, the life of a cow is worth more than the lives of five humans," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. The Council of Khalistan, the government pro tempore of Khalistan, leads the peaceful, democratic, nonviolent movement to liberate Khalistan from Indian occupation and tyranny. "This shows that India is not a democracy but a Hindu theocracy in which the lives of lower castes are worthless," he said. "Are these the acts of a democratic country or a fundamentalist Hindu police state?" he asked. "The Sikh Nation sympathizes with the Dalits," he said. "Dalits and other minorities must resist India's racist tyranny."

Dalits have not been the only ones oppressed. All minorities have suffered under the boot of Indian repression. The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984. Over 80,000 Kashmiri Muslims have been killed since 1988. More than 200,000 Christians have been killed since 1947, along with tens of thousands of Dalits, Tamils, Assamese, Bodos, Manipuris, and other minorities. In February 42 Members of Congress wrote to President Bush to get 52,268 Sikh political prisoners released from Indian prisons. Since Christmas 1998, Christians have felt the brunt of the attacks. Priests have been murdered, nuns have been raped, churches have been burned, Christian schools and prayer halls have been destroyed, and no one has been punished for these acts. Militant Hindu fundamentalists allied with the RSS, the pro-Fascist parent organization of the ruling BJP, burned missionary Graham Staines and his two young sons to death. Recently, fundamentalist Hindu fascists murdered about 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat with the connivance of the police.

"This pattern of oppression and tyranny helps to explain the existence of 17 freedom movements within India's artificial borders," Dr. Aulakh said. "We support the aspi-

rations of the Dalits and all the minorities of South Asia. We must end India's tyranny and brutal violations of Sikh human rights and those of other minorities," he said. "The time has come to launch a Shantmai Morcha to liberate Khalistan from Indian occupation," said Dr. Aulakh.

"Sikhs are a separate nation and ruled Punjab until 1849. No Sikh representative has signed the Indian constitution," Dr. Aulakh said. Sikhism is a sovereign, independent, monotheistic, divinely revealed religion that believes in the equality of the whole human race, including gender equality. Sikhs pray every day for the well being of the whole world. "The people of South Asia must have self-determination now," Dr. Aulakh said. "India is on the verge of disintegration," he said. "The Kashmir issue has been internationalized. America is now involved in South Asia. Self-determination in Kashmir is the only solution," he said. "In a democracy you cannot rule the people against their wishes. Khalistan will be free by 2008."