

School, he played basketball while there and was a guard and outside linebacker on the Thunder football team. After graduation, Cpl. James joined Company C of the 6th Engineer Support Battalion to help pay for college. He was studying to be a physical fitness trainer at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. James' unit was fully mobilized on January 14, 2003 and he was deployed to the Persian Gulf in February. According to Gunnery Sergeant James Howard of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Peoria, Evan James achieved his corporal's rank faster than most Marines, and was very professional with leadership abilities beyond his age. Captain John Bruzza called James a model Marine and a good leader who performed well above his pay grade. James' aunt Diane Kornegay said this about her nephew: "They wanted a few good men and in Evan they got the best If you met him you would love him. He was that kind of person and we're just very proud of him for the person he was."

On behalf of the communities in western and central Illinois, I would like to extend my thoughts and prayers to the James family at this difficult time. Corporal Evan James' courage in serving his country will not soon be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER
KENNALEY FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Robert Kennaley, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in such scout activities as the H. Roe Bartle Summer Camp for 7 years, the Philmont High Adventure and the Packard High Adventure. Over the nine years he has been involved in scouting, Christopher has earned 33 merit badges. Additionally, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as three time patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader. Christopher also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the member of the Order of the Arrow, the Parvuli Dei Catholic Religious Award, the Ad Altars Dei Catholic Religious Medal, the Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say Award and the World Conservation Award.

For his eagle scout project, Christopher designed and constructed a fence on the side of a storage shed at St. Therese Catholic Church in Parkville, MO.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Robert Kennaley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

FLOYD SPENCE POST OFFICE
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Congressman Floyd Spence and to commend his extraordinary career as a servant to the nation and to the people of South Carolina. Floyd was a true leader dedicated to preserving the American way of life, and he did so for over forty years in both the South Carolina state delegation and the United States House of Representatives. Serving as the chairman for the House National Security Committee from 1995–1999 and for the Armed Services Committee from 1991–2001, he was an advocate for heightened national security and for increased military funding. He drew his passion for the military from his own personal experiences of serving in the navy reserves for more than forty years. It was no secret that defending the nation was his top political priority. Congressman Spence was also an ardent voice against big government, which kept his platform focused on the needs of his fellow South Carolinians and away from that of sweeping federal legislation.

It is well fitting that the facility of the United States Post Office in Lexington, SC, honors Congressman Spence's memory by bearing his name. He was deeply committed to public service, a leader of our nation, and a passionate supporter of national defense. We all mourned his loss when he passed away and can still feel his absence during this time of national crisis. I am proud to say that his diligent efforts as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee have helped prepare the nation for the present war and we all owe Congressman Spence a debt of gratitude for his work in shaping the military into what it is today. Seldom will you ever find a truer American than Floyd Spence, and I am proud to have served with him in Congress and to call myself a fellow South Carolinian.

TRIBUTE TO DR. AND MRS. FRANK
LIGHT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Dr. and Mrs. Frank Light for their many contributions to health care in my district and around the world.

As a member of Rahway Hospital's Medical/Dental staff since 1973 and long-time trustee of the Rahway Hospital Foundation, Dr. Light is a very active member within his hospital community. Dr. Light is also an active member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists as well as former board member and president of the John E. Rannels County Hospital and the Family and Children's Society, Counseling, Testing and Adoption Center.

In addition to their contributions within the hospital community, Dr. and Mrs. Light have

dedicated their time to helping provide free health care to needy children around the world through Healing the Children Midlantic, Inc. As a member of the International Relations Committee, I am very aware of the need for quality medical care for children around the world, and am extremely appreciative of Dr. Light's efforts over the past twenty-five years as part of a medical team that has traveled to many countries to provide such medical services.

Dr. and Mrs. Light have also provided a home to many children while they undergo medical treatment and surgery in this country. They are able to give love to these children while they are far away from their loved ones as well as support while they undergo medical procedures. Dr. and Mrs. Light have dedicated their lives to bettering the lives of children around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representative join me today as I recognize Dr. and Mrs. Light and their innumerable contributions to the medical community and to the health and future of children around the world. It is selfless acts such as these that set an example for the rest of the world.

NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE AND
RECONCILIATION SUPPORT ACT
OF 2003

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of more than 25,000 of my constituents who are of Irish descent, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1208, which recognizes the importance of funding the peace process in Northern Ireland.

The people of Ireland, the people of Great Britain are long-standing friends and allies of the United States and the American people. In these difficult times, we are deeply grateful for their partnership in the coalition against terror and their invaluable contributions in the war in Iraq.

Our investment in the International Fund for Ireland contributes to strengthening relations and creating thousands of new jobs and businesses for Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. Importantly, more than 80 percent of the Fund's contributions have targeted disadvantaged areas by offering job training programs for unemployed youth and through the economic, social, and physical regeneration of deprived areas.

We should continue to support the Fund's community-building programs promoting greater dialogue and understanding between Catholics and Protestants. We should also help advance the Fund's role in the development of a new generation of leaders in Northern Ireland in order to bring about a more peaceful and prosperous future in the region.

The Good Friday Agreement of 1998, which called for basic human rights and marked the first meaningful step toward reconciliation in Northern Ireland was suspended last year. Elections in May will determine the future prospects of the agreement, which makes this resolution especially relevant and timely.

Mr. Speaker, our shared goal with Ireland is for all Catholic and Protestant families to live

in peace, free from discrimination, terrorism, and intolerance. That is why I strongly support fully funding the International Fund for Ireland and encourage my colleagues to vote for this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, between March 11, 2003 and March 31, 2003, I was intermittently absent for several rollcall votes having undergone corrective back surgery.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall Vote No., Description, Vote

- 50, Observer status for Taiwan—"yea."
- 51, 60th Anniversary—Rescue of Bulgarian Jews—"yea."
- 52, Armey Room—"yea."
- 53, Approving the Journal—"yea."
- 54, Bicentennial Admission of Ohio into the Union—"yea."
- 55, Need for improved fire safety in nonresidential buildings—"yea."
- 56, Hospital Mortgage Insurance Act of 2003—"yea."
- 57, Automatic Defibrillation in Adam's Memory Act—"yea."
- 58, Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act—"yea."
- 59, Organ Donation Improvement Act—"yea."
- 60, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act—"yea."
- 61, On Ordering the Previous Question (H.R. 5)—"yea."
- 62, On Agreeing to the Resolution on H.R. 5—(Rule)—"yea."
- 63, On motion to Recommit—"no."
- 64, On Passage of H.R. 5 (HEALTH Act)—"yea."
- 65, Condemning the punishment of execution by stoning—"yea."
- 66, Nicaragua Property Dispute Settlement Act—"yea."
- 67, Addressing human rights abuses in North Korea—"yea."
- 68, Mortgage Servicing Clarification Act—"yea."
- 69, Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California—"yea."
- 70, Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer—"yea."
- 71, Sherman Amendment to H.R. 975—"no."
- 72, Nadler Amendment to H.R. 975—"no."
- 73, Motion to Recommit H.R. 975—"no."
- 74, On Passage of H.R. 975, the Bankruptcy Act—"yea."
- 75, Approving the Journal—"yea."
- 76, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act—"yea."
- 77, Ruling in *Newdow v. United States Congress*—"yea."
- 78, Hill Amendment to H. Con. Res. 95—"no."
- 79, Toomey Amendment to H. Con. Res. 95—"no."
- 80, Cummings Amendment to H. Con. Res. 95—"no."
- 81, Spratt Amendment to H. Con. Res. 95—"No."
- 84, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area—"yea."
- 85, Upper Mississippi River Basin—"yea."
- 86, On ordering previous question (H.R. 1104)—"yea."

- 87, Feeney Amendment—"yea."
- 88, Smith Amendment—"yea."
- 89, On passage of HR 1104—Child Abduction Prevention Act—"yea."
- 90, Recognizing need for fasting and prayer—"yea."
- 91, U.S. Armed Forces as POWs in Iraq—"yea."
- 92, Injuries resulting from smallpox vaccine—"yea."
- 93, Honoring Fayetteville, NC for the Festival of Flight—"yea."
- 94, Amend the Small Business Act—"yea."

RECOGNIZING PHILLIP SHINN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Phillip George Shinn, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Phillip has been very active with his troop, participating in such scout activities as the H. Roe Bartle Summer Camp for three years, and the Brownsea Junior leadership training in July of 2003. Over the seven years he has been involved in scouting, Phillip has earned 37 merit badges. Additionally, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as two-time patrol leader, den chief, scribe, instructor, and librarian. Phillip also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Member of the Order of the Arrow, The Light of Christ Award, the Parvuli Dei Catholic religious award, the Ad Altare Dei Catholic religious medal, and the Deutsch (a German interpreter).

For his Eagle Scout project, Phillip constructed and installed 30 road signs at Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Phillip George Shinn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING GENCO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION'S FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL TEXAS

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, in April 1953, a half century ago, the GENCO Federal Credit Union was created by a group of employees of the General Tire and Rubber Company plant in Waco, Texas to meet the financial needs of their fellow employees.

A credit union is "Democracy in Action"; a not-for-profit financial cooperative organized by people who share a common bond. All the members pool their assets to provide funds for loans to those in need within the membership.

The members own the credit union, electing directors from among the membership. Credit Unions are regulated either by Federal or State law, depending upon the source from which the group receives its charter. The principal function of credit unions is to encourage savings and thrift and provide consumers credit at favorable interest rates. GENCO FCU is federally chartered and regulated by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

In 1985, General Tire and Rubber Company's Waco plant shut down. But GENCO has continued to thrive and prosper. The board enlarged the credit union's field of membership to include employees of Musician's Association Local No. 306, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Waco Post No. 2148, AmVets Post No. 35, American Income Life Insurance Company, Mercury Tool, Hornet Manufacturing, Walker's Paint & Repair and Lockridge Priest.

In 1992, GENCO opened yet another chapter of its life when it purchased Lufkin Regional Federal Credit Union. Operating under a community charter, the organization is now able to serve anyone who lives or works in McLennan County in Central Texas or Angelina County in East Texas.

For five decades, the theme of loyalty has run consistently throughout GENCO's work, along with adherence to the principles of encouraging savings and thrift and providing working men and women credit at favorable interest rates. That fifty years of service and commitment to its community make the celebration of GENCO Federal Credit Union's 50th anniversary all the more special.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring and celebrating GENCO Federal Credit Union's 50 years of service to the people of Central Texas.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL INVESTMENT ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Representative JERRY KLECZKA (who represents Milwaukee, WI and serves with me on the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee) and I share a strong concern about the growth of so-called "boutique" or "specialty" hospitals. These entities are springing up across the country, including across California and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They are licensed under state law as hospitals, but instead of providing the wide array of services that traditional hospitals provide, they focus on a particular procedure or medical specialty. The medical specialties that are being chosen aren't the vital day-to-day hospital services on which communities depend like emergency rooms and burn units. Instead, they are the highly profitable segments of care—cardiac care and orthopedic surgery being two of the most common types of specialty hospitals.

Today, we are reintroducing a bill we first authored in the 107th Congress, the Hospital Investment Act. This bill addresses our concern that these specialty hospitals are skirting the spirit of the physician self referral laws, often called the Stark laws. Those laws allow physicians to invest in "whole hospitals" because the services provided in such a facility