

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