

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, I was unavoidably delayed and thus missed rollcall vote No. 189. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea," to pass H.R. 1000, the Pension Security Act of 2003.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAMUEL J. TILDEN DEMOCRATIC CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. In the past half-century, the organization has consistently led its community in discussing, addressing, and resolving important political issues.

Since 1953, when a group of Democrats became fed up with Tammany Hall and turned to the notion of an open political forum for inspiration, Tilden has prided itself on its diverse membership and progressive views. Tilden members represent a cross-section of the constituency, and the diversity of opinion makes the club a driving force and leader of the community. Tilden embraces the philosophical principles of Eleanor Roosevelt and Herbert Lehman and has led the efforts to address and resolve community issues for over five decades. Tilden's contributions to the community include improvements in healthcare, housing, education, social services, senior citizen needs, crime prevention, transportation and landmark designation.

The local reform Democratic club of the 74th Assembly District, the Tilden club is named after Samuel J. Tilden, Governor of New York from 1875–1876. During his ten years as state party chairman from 1865–1875, Mr. Tilden made history by successfully leading the overthrow of the Tammany Hall Boss Tweed. As the Democratic Party's candidate for President of the United States in 1876, he became the first candidate to win the popular vote but lose the Electoral College vote, and the election. Mr. Tilden's legacy of community activism and reform is reflected in the Tilden club.

Tilden serves its community and its members by facilitating open communication between constituents and their representatives in government. Tilden hosts forums where constituents meet and are able to speak with their elected officials and political candidates. As a result, the residents of the district are given an opportunity to directly voice their concerns about their state and government to those who serve it.

In addition to these activities, Tilden spearheads community service projects including annual street fairs, the proceeds of which are donated to community groups, hospitals, hospices, senior support groups, charities and social service organizations. Their annual "Toys for Tots" drive provides needy children with toys throughout New York City. Further, Tilden hosts an annual celebration honoring community and political heroes, recognizing those men and women whose efforts have made a difference in the community. Through all its efforts, Tilden focuses on improving the quality of life in our community, just as Governor Tilden worked to accomplish over a century ago.

The dedication and enthusiasm of the many members and friends of Tilden have made it an extraordinary and invaluable community organization. Over the last 50 years, Tilden has helped shape the development of the community, advocating for and preserving the quality of life for residents and families of the east side of Manhattan.

In recognition of these outstanding contributions, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

## RECOGNIZING JONATHAN H. WEAVER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan H. Weaver, 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 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 2 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 30 merit badges. Additionally, Jonathan has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as troop guide and junior assistant scout master. Jonathan also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the Silent Canoe and the Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jonathan repaired and refurbished the deck and porch of the local women's and children's shelter.

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

## HONORING DR. FRANK PINKARD, JR. AND KATHI MARTIN-PINKARD

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Doctor Frank Pinkard, Jr. and the marvelous First Lady Mrs. Kathi Martin-Pinkard of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church for their lifetime of ministry and community service. They have served as champions of faith and love for their congregation at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, California for 18 years.

Pastor Pinkard began his higher education at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, where he received his B.A. A self-reliant over-achiever, he then completed a three-year seminary program in just two years at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California, earning his Master's of Divinity. He then went on to receive a Doctrine of Divinity from the Urban Black Study Center in Affiliation with the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley. Kathi Martin-Pinkard is also a source of joy and endless compassion. Together they have changed the lives of many people for the better.

Pastor Pinkard has demonstrated leadership skills which have established his reputation in national and international religious circles, as well as the political realm. Among his other roles, Pastor Pinkard has served as President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of the East Bay, President of the Baptist Ministers Union of Oakland and surrounding vicinity, Moderator of the Oakland Council Churches, First Vice President of the United California Baptist State Convention, President of the Board of Directors for the African-American Church Health and Economic Services (ACHES), President of the St. Luke's Society, Moderator of the Mt. Zion District Association, and Executive Secretary of the Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. His service to the community is just as impressive: Administrative Assistant to the late Assemblyman John J. Miller, Commissioner for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency in Alameda, and Member of the Alameda County Grand Jury. Between January 1993 and April 1996, Pastor Pinkard three times received a special invitation to the White House by President William J. Clinton. In 1996, he served as a member of the National Committee of the Re-Election of the President.

Reverend Pinkard is first and foremost a Pastor. For thirteen years he was Pastor of the Faith United Presbyterian Church of Oakland, where he oversaw the construction of a new worship facility. He then went on to become the Association Executive of the Presbytery of San Francisco. On Tuesday, April 9, 1985, he was called by the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church to become their Pastor, succeeding his late Pastor and Organizer, Dr. J.L. Richard. For the past eighteen years Pastor Pinkard and First Lady Kathi Martin-

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Pinkard have provided devout and dedicated leadership to the Evergreen family. He has also been blessed to direct and oversee the construction of Evergreen's new worship facility, which was dedicated during a month-long celebration in July 2000. Presently, they are overseeing construction of Evergreen's Children's Center, which will include a "Maya Angelou Reading Room."

Finally as we honor Reverend Doctor and First Lady Pinkard today, I want to thank them on behalf of the entire 9th Congressional District for being great religious and community leaders. Reverend Pinkard and Mrs. Kathi Martin-Pinkard have shared their wisdom and provided me tremendous support. Most of all, I thank them for their friendship and for their prayers.

I take great pride in joining their friends, colleagues, and members of the congregation to salute the extraordinary Pastor Frank Pinkard, Jr. and the magnificent First Lady Kathi Martin-Pinkard.

RECOGNIZING ERIC DANIEL  
LORENZ FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Daniel Lorenz, 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 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 6 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 28 merit badges. Additionally, Eric has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as junior leader, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and junior assistant scoutmaster. Eric also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the Bright Eyed Buffalo and the Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Eric cleaned up and maintained a playground, including the installation of a mulched area, at First Step Preschool of the Hodge Presbyterian Church.

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

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JERRY  
EDWARD MOE

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and sincerity that I wish to congratulate Pastor Jerry Edward Moe as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination in ministry. His parishioners at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Merrillville, Indiana will honor him on Sunday, May 18, 2003.

Pastor Moe was born on July 16, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois, to Walter and Edna Moe. He was educated in the Chicago public schools and graduated from Taft High School in 1945. Pastor Moe received his call to ministry during his teenage years and after high school went on to attend Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. After graduating with a bachelor of arts, he attended Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Pastor Moe graduated from the seminary on May 17, 1953 and was ordained the same day at Central Lutheran Church located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As an ordained minister, Pastor Moe's first call was to the Air Force Chaplaincy. He attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and was assigned to Patrick Air Force Base in Florida until 1955.

After completing his duty with the Air Force, Pastor Moe served as interim pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. In 1956, Pastor Moe moved to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he studied post-graduate theology at the University of Edinburgh.

Upon his return to the United States, Pastor Moe accepted a call to the Valdres Lutheran Parish in Wisconsin and served there from July 1957 to January 1960. From 1960 to 1963, Pastor Moe continued his service to God as the director of the Lutheran Center at Hothorpe Hall in Theddingworth, England.

Returning to the United States in 1963, Pastor Moe accepted the challenge of leading Christ Lutheran Church, a new mission church in Las Vegas, Nevada. During his tenure with Christ Lutheran, Pastor Moe was able to see the congregation grow. When Pastor Moe left this place of worship after seven years of service, the congregation consisted of more than 700 members.

Pastor Moe left Las Vegas to come back to his home state of Illinois where he served as pastor at Faith Lutheran Church for 22 years until his retirement in 1993. Since his official retirement, Pastor Moe has continued his call to worship at a variety of establishments in the state of Indiana. He served as Chaplain at St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend, as interim pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Kokomo, and at St. John Lutheran Church in Marion. Today, Pastor Moe serves as the interim pastor at Prince of Peace Church in Merrillville.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Pastor Jerry Moe as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination in ministry. Throughout Pastor Moe's career in ministry he has touched the lives of many throughout the community. His unselfish and lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

RECOGNIZING PHILLIP STEWART  
ELLIOTT FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Phillip Stewart Elliott, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by tak-

ing an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Phillip has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the five years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 27 merit badges. Additionally, Phillip has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as Quartermaster and Junior Assistant Scout Master. Phillip also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Spotted War Shirt and the Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Phillip repaired and refurbished picnic tables for Trenton Park System, in Trenton, Missouri, which included making some tables handicapped accessible.

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

CONGRATULATIONS MONSIGNOR  
WILLIAM LINDER

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I recognize the awarding of an honorary Doctorate degree to Monsignor William L. Linder by John Carroll University. Msgr. William Linder had the vision thirty-five years ago to give new life and hope to people who lived in Newark, New Jersey, then one of America's lowest income communities, with the establishment of New Community Corporation. Indeed, the city had experienced urban riots and destruction related to the awakening of modern civil rights in America.

A Roman Catholic priest for nearly forty years, Msgr. Linder has spent his ministry in Newark, New Jersey, still one of the poorest cities in the country. For 28 years, he has been the pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, a somewhat unique congregation comprised of people from thirty different national backgrounds. A Doctor of Sociology, Msgr. Linder is an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. He has received dozens of national and community awards honoring his pathbreaking work to build a new city out of the old.

When rioting in 1967 devastated much of Newark's Central Ward, Msgr. Linder founded New Community. Working with a coalition of local residents and others, Msgr. Linder grew New Community into a development encompassing fourteen city blocks in the heart of the Central Ward. New Community is a thriving venture of people in safe, attractive, affordable housing with an intricate network of employment, day care, education, training, health care, credit unions, banking and human services focused on economic development which benefits its people. New Community employs 2,300 people in sixteen separately funded efforts. Its capital assets now exceed over \$375 million.

New Community offers people from childhood through old age myriad opportunities for

success and positive quality of life experiences. Thousands of people have benefited from New Community's operations, in addition to the hundreds who participate daily in its success. It is a true example of a community at work as they thrive, live and grow and build America's story. At the same time as it transforms the lives of Newark's Central Ward residents, so too has it transformed the ward itself into an attractive and vital urban neighborhood. New Community is the driving force behind new investment in long-term housing, day care and economic stability in Newark's central neighborhood.

With a mission to "empower low-income individuals to determine their own destiny" New Community will continue to live the adage "of, by, and for the people" well into future decades. Msgr. William Linder's selfless gift is imprinted on all aspects of New Community, as his quiet strength lovingly guides it forward, block by block and life by life. His contributions as shepherd and engineer embody the living Gospel. Congratulations to Msgr. William Linder on this special recognition from John Carroll University. His legacy is one of extraordinary achievement that serves as a model of human and community development at home and abroad.

RECOGNIZING SETH COX FOR  
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Seth Cox, 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 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of eagle scout.

Seth has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the five years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 30 merit badges. Additionally, Seth has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Scribe, Chaplain, Troop Guide, and Junior Assistant Scout Master. Seth also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the little paper image and the runner in the tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Seth built and installed playground equipment at the First Christian Church.

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

HONORING MR. FRANK LOTTS

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Lotts. Mr. Lotts is a

native Virginian who has served his nation through superior service in the military and the federal government for the past 35 years.

Born in Staunton, Virginia, Mr. Lotts completed his education at several Virginia state universities and joined the United States Army in 1967 where he served until 1970. During this time he attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox and served as a Platoon Leader and Troop Commander in the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry, 2nd Infantry Division.

After leaving the Army, Frank Lotts began an internship with the Defense Logistics Agency. His training began as an inventory manager with the Directorate of Supply Operations at the Defense Supply Center Richmond.

Due to his exemplary work, Mr. Lotts was assigned to the task force for the implementation of the Standard Automated Material Management System. In January, 1973, he accepted a position at the DLA headquarters within the Directorate of Supply Operations.

In 1974, Mr. Lotts returned to the Defense Supply Center Richmond as a member of the Operations Research Group. Three years later, he served as a Senior Program Manager and went on to serve as Chief, Requirements Branch and Chief, Logistics Division at the Directorate of Supply Operations. As a result of his tremendous work ethic, Mr. Lotts continued his ascent at DSCR by becoming Director of Plans and Policies and, in 1990, the Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer.

In 2000, he assumed his current position as Deputy Director of Logistics Management at the DLA Headquarters. He is responsible for providing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and other federal agencies with a variety of logistics, acquisition and technical services in times of peace and war. This mission is performed by approximately 23,000 civilian and military personnel and it is through Mr. Lotts's hard work and management that it is accomplished efficiently.

Due to his service at DLA, Mr. Lotts is a Senior Executive Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and has been honored with several awards, including the 2002 and 1999 Presidential Rank Award, the 1998 Defense Civilian Distinguished Service Award and the 1993 DLA Exceptional Civilian Service Award.

As he retires from this service to the United States, I am grateful for all Frank Lotts has accomplished during his tenure with the government, and I know he has had a strong impact on several projects throughout the Defense Logistics Agency. His service will be missed. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

HONORING THE DEDICATED LIFE  
AND WORK OF MR. ART KELLAR

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Art Kellar, an outstanding citizen of Fairfax, Virginia, who, for over half a century, has served his community and country.

Art and his wife Betty made the initial gift to establish the Inova Kellar Center in 1992. The Kellars personally understood the need for a mental health care facility for children and

adolescents—and their families—suffering from substance abuse and mental health problems, so they decided to do something about the lack of such a facility in our area by starting the Inova Kellar Center. The Center reaches out to children and families suffering from the effects of mental health and substance abuse problems. The Center offers programs ranging from in-home services for families with at-risk adolescents to a fully certified, accredited therapeutic day school providing comprehensive treatment to its pupils. Children and adolescents from Northern Virginia, DC, and suburban Maryland currently come to the Inova Kellar Center for treatment. A not-for-profit outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment center, the Inova Kellar Center has filled what was a gaping void in our community since its founding over a decade ago.

Mr. Kellar's contributions to the community, however, began long before 1992. He served our country in the Second World War in Italy, moving to Fairfax upon his return from service. He has long been an innovator and creator—a quick glance at his biography reveals the word "founder" perhaps more often than any other word! He founded OK Broadcasting in 1955 with George Olsen and sold it in 1978. He also founded EZ Communications in Fairfax in 1967 with WEZR-FM, which then expanded to Charlotte, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Miami, and St. Louis. At the same time he acquired 9 stations in other cities, finally selling the flagship station in 1996 at a sizable profit for his many investors.

A generous philanthropist, Mr. Kellar has used his high earnings to make the community a better place, giving kindly to the aforementioned Inova Kellar Center and George Mason University. Here is a man who donates his resources to bettering two crucial pillars of society: Health and Education. And he understands that the way to make a difference in the world is to start in your local community. Mr. Kellar loves golf and the Redskins—it seems to follow naturally that he loves and works to improve northern Virginia. Literally thousands of workers owe their careers to Mr. Kellar. Northern Virginia joins these people in their debt of gratitude to Art Kellar, and extends him heartfelt thanks for his continuing role in bettering the lives of children, adolescents, and families. Mr. Chairman, the life and service of this Virginian serve as a shining example to all who wish to improve health and education through civic and philanthropic involvement.

HONORING MR. DWIGHT  
THOMPSON

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bonsall, CA, community leader Dwight Thompson who passed away on May 13 at the age of 57 after a battle with cancer. He will be missed.

Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Give to every citizen, personally, a part in the administration of the public affairs."

Dwight, however, wasn't one to wait for someone to give him a role in public affairs. In

the arena of public service and civic involvement he had a virtue that is, unfortunately, too rare: initiative.

A teacher who retired early and moved to Bonsall 14 years ago, Dwight served on the Bonsall School Board from 1990 to 2002. He also took on active roles with the Fallbrook Healthcare District Board and the Bonsall Chamber of Commerce.

Last September Dwight organized a picnic in honor of local firefighters, rescue workers, and law enforcement personnel which I attended. This event was one of the many ways that Dwight would say thank you to his neighbors and strengthen community pride in Bonsall.

My fondest memories of Dwight were observing his enthusiasm and optimistic approach to challenges. When we agreed on a community need, no one worked harder than Dwight to do what was needed. On the occasions when we disagreed, he always took a constructive approach to find common ground and, above all, the best solution for the community.

Dwight Thompson is survived by his wife Beverly, four children, and four grandchildren. My prayers are with them.

Dwight Thompson's legacy in Bonsall and the lives he touched with his generosity, public service, and care for others lives on in the community he helped build and the hearts of those who knew him. A model citizen and loyal friend, Dwight used his freedom as an American to participate in the administration of public affairs simply because he had a gift to share and a genuine concern for others.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DAVE KULCHIN

### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor Dave Kulchin completing his term as the president of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club on June 30, 2003. Dave is a dedicated community leader who has contributed enormously and made a tremendous difference to the Rotary Club and the citizens of Carlsbad.

Under Dave's leadership, the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club accomplished many achievements. They sponsored a Rotary Youth Leadership Awareness Conference RYLA, for high school students to reinforce ethical values and to train students in the Principles of Leadership. The Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club provided and delivered food, clothing, blankets, and other items to the homeless at the La Posada Homeless Shelter in Carlsbad. Also, Dave led the Oktoberfest fundraiser which raised over \$12,000 for both the Carlsbad Women's Resource Center and the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club.

In addition to his accomplishments as a Rotarian, Dave Kulchin also volunteers his time to serve on the Executive Board of the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club, was past chairman of the Hospice of North County, served on the Executive Board of Scripps Hospital, was past president and founder of the North County Personnel Association and serves as an elected official on the Leucadia County Water District Board.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Dave Kulchin for all the dedication and contributions he has made to the Rotary Club and the citizens of Carlsbad.

#### CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN PRELACY OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF AMERICA

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America on the occasion of celebrating 30 years of dedication and service to the needs of the Armenian Church and Community. The 30th Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Social Hall in Fresno, California on Saturday, May 17th.

In 1973, the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America (WPAACA) was established. The purpose of the Prelacy is to preserve the traditions and the cultural values of the Armenian Church and provide spiritual, religious, and cultural services to the Armenian Community. WPAACA is a non-profit organization that depends upon the benevolent donations of philanthropists in the community. Their field of services extends throughout California, and provides support and spiritual assistance to Armenian communities in other regions of the Western United States such as Utah, Oregon, Colorado, and Nevada as well.

The Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Churches is under the jurisdiction of the Catholicosate of the Holy See of the Great House of Cilicia. The Catholicosate was established during the 11th century in Cilicia and later relocated in the coastal city of Antelias, Lebanon. This occurred after the Armenian Genocide and the persecutions of the Armenians from their homeland in Armenia and Cilicia.

Functioning under the guidance of the Western Prelacy, there are eight churches and over a dozen schools. The oldest of the churches is the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Fresno, California. It was founded in 1900 as the first Armenian Apostolic Church in the Western United States. The Armenian community is actively involved in the religious, educational, and spiritual activities of the Prelacy, churches, and schools of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America on the occasion of their 30th year anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Prelacy many years of continued success.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO TAIWAN

### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Republic of China as it prepares to celebrate President Chen Shui-bian's third anniversary in office. President Chen

should be commended for his leadership in guiding Taiwan through many challenges and maintaining prosperity and democracy for its 23 million people on the island.

Despite economic downturns in many parts of the world, Taiwan has maintained a healthy, albeit slow, growth. Taiwan's substantive relations with nearly all the free countries have been steadily improving, especially with Taiwan's recent accession to the World Trade Organization. However, much more needs to be done to expand Taiwan's international presence.

For years, I have been sympathetic to Taiwan's goals of obtaining a greater international presence. With the recent outbreak of SARS, I feel even stronger that Taiwan needs to be included in any and all international medical cooperation and collaboration. With the spread of SARS, the importance of public health information disclosure is paramount. As Secretary of State Colin Powell recently said, "infectious disease knows no borders and requires an effective and coordinated response at local, national and international levels." Time has come for Taiwan to be included in all World Health Organization activities. For a start, I believe the United States should strongly support Taiwan's efforts to obtain observer status at The World Health Assembly this May.

Moreover, I believe we should support Taiwan's bid to be a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in view of the fact there are 270 direct flights a week between the United States and Taiwan. There is no doubt in my mind that we should give Taiwan all the support, including Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations.

On the eve of President Chen Shui-bian's third anniversary in office, I join my colleagues in wishing President Chen all the best.

#### THE CONTINUING PLIGHT OF ROMA IN GREECE

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the European Roma Rights Center, ERRC, and Greek Helsinki Monitor, GHM, have just published a report on the human rights situation of Roma in Greece. "Cleaning Operations: Excluding Roma in Greece" documents the plight of the inhabitants of the Romani settlement of Aspropyrgos, outside Athens, and details the problems of Roma across the country. Illustrated with stark scenes of bulldozed homes and marginalized and neglected Romani communities, a picture disturbing in more ways than one has been painted.

In particular, the report supports the accusation that the Government of Greece has used preparations for the 2004 Olympics as justification for the campaign to uproot Roma. Ironically, Greece currently holds the presidency of the European Union.

The Helsinki Commission, which I cochair, held hearings in 1998, 2000, and in 2002 focused on the human rights problems faced by Roma with the intent of raising the awareness of these problems amongst the governments of the OSCE participating States. The plight of the Roma has also been addressed in specific

hearings or briefings covering Greece, Russia, Serbia, Kosovo, and Romania, as well as the OSCE process.

Members of the Commission have also sent several letters to Greek leaders in recent years addressing longstanding human rights concerns in the Hellenic Republic, including those affecting the Romani community. These expressions of concern have specifically addressed forced evacuations of Roma from numerous villages, the abusive application of the use of national identity cards issued to Roma, the inability of Roma children to have access to schools on a nondiscriminatory basis and other matters of blatant racial discrimination.

This newly released report on Roma clearly indicates that the Greek Government has failed to properly address many of these ongoing concerns. At a June 2002 Commission hearing on Greece, in fact, I raised the specter of an intensified campaign targeting Roma to obtain land for use as venues for the 2004 Olympics. This campaign is well documented in this report.

Notwithstanding the assertions of Greek officials at the Commission hearing that "everything is done (concerning the relocation) in consultation with, and with the consent of, the Roma involved," numerous non-governmental organizations have raised such issues with Athens. Greek human rights activists have stepped forward.

As an original signatory to the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, Greece has accepted numerous commitments pertaining to the treatment of Roma and joined in condemning discrimination against Roma, a provision found in the 1999 Istanbul OSCE Summit Document. Regrettably, the Greek Government has failed to fulfill these commitments, as documented in the new ERRC/GHM report on Roma in Greece.

The ERRC and GHM conducted intensive field missions that revealed several patterns of human rights abuse against Roma in Greece: cruel and inhuman or degrading treatment of Roma in housing; police violence against Roma; exclusion of Roma from the educational system; and, barriers to access to health care and other social support services for Roma.

Based on the facts in this report and the discussions I have had over the years in my leadership capacity with the Helsinki Commission, I urge the Government of Greece to take corrective measures, without delay, along the lines recommended by the ERRC and the GHM:

1. Facilitate access to Greek citizenship for those Roma residing in Greece who are stateless and provide the necessary legal documents, such as identity cards, to all Roma.
2. Use all appropriate means to guarantee protection against forced evictions outside the rule of law and without due process.
3. Bring to justice public officials and private individuals responsible for forced evictions of Roma in breach of Greek law.
4. Carry out thorough and timely investigations into all alleged instances of police abuse.
5. Undertake effective measures to ensure that local authorities register all persons factually residing in a given municipality, without regard to ethnicity.
6. Ensure that Romani schoolchildren have equal access to education in a desegregated school environment.
7. Without delay, adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, as called for in the 1999 OSCE Istanbul Summit Document.

8. Conduct public information campaigns on human rights and remedies available to victims of human rights abuse, and distribute in both the Greek and Romani languages.

9. Conduct comprehensive human rights and anti-racism training for national and local administrators, members of the police force, and the judiciary.

10. At the highest levels, speak out against racial discrimination against Roma and others, and make clear that racism will not be tolerated.

The Helsinki Commission will continue to monitor the situation of Roma in the Hellenic Republic with the aim of encouraging the Government of Greece to implement commitments it has agreed to within the framework of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The Commission will also work to ensure that the plight of Roma in Greece is raised at the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting to be held this Fall in Warsaw.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHAD  
MOORING AND DOUG JONES

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise before you today to honor Doug Jones and Chad Mooring, two brave paramedics from Pueblo, Colorado. Their lives and service are supreme examples of dedication to, and self-sacrifice for, their fellow citizens. It gives me great pleasure to recognize them before this Congress and this nation.

Chad has served the people of Pueblo as a firefighter and paramedic for many years. His life of service is all the more remarkable because he suffers from kidney failure and must undergo frequent dialysis. Were it not for the compassion and bravery of his friend Doug, who plans to donate one of his kidneys to Chad, Colorado might very well lose a firefighter and friend. Instead, seeing his friend in need, Doug offered to undergo surgery in order to help a fellow hero. Men like Chad and Doug inspire us all to face hardship with dignity and strength.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize the uncommon heroism and sacrifice of these two men. They exemplify friendship, commitment and selflessness. They have shown steadfast loyalty and dedication to each other and to their community. Undoubtedly, the many people who have benefited from their public service realized this fact long ago. This nation is a better place because of men like Doug Jones and Chad Mooring, and I am proud they are Coloradans and proud to represent them in this Congress.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY COMBEST

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I join with my House colleagues of the past and present and especially those with whom I have served on the House Agriculture Committee, to extend

my best wishes to LARRY COMBEST as he embarks on a new direction in life after serving the people of Texas' 19th District with distinction and honor for 18 years.

Over the course of our 12½ years together on the House Agriculture Committee, I enjoyed the relationship we were able to build and the spirit with which we pursued the best policy for rural America and for America's farmers and ranchers.

There can be no doubt that LARRY has been a strong voice in Congress and a consistent advocate for our nation's agriculture community. I congratulate my friend LARRY on all of his accomplishments here in Congress and I know that all his friends and House colleagues will sorely miss him.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY LUKENBILL

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service and personal commitment of Nancy Lukenbill to the Monterey County government of the State of California. She joined the Monterey County workforce on October 6, 1969 as staff clerk in the Office of the Monterey County Clerk where she began a career of service that lasted 34 years. She has provided the County with dedicated and reliable work, characteristics in line with the quality of her person. Her poise and helpfulness moved her quickly up the ranks and she became the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County in January of 1976, a position she has held until her recent retirement.

Nancy's attention to detail and extraordinary intelligence make her a treasure trove of Monterey County stories over the last 34 years. She starred in my County Supervisor TV commercial, displaying her on-camera hair-dos that attest to her stylish and tremendous personality. Her office was a place of comfort for Supervisors and county employees, and never letting her personal politics intrude, Nancy's discretion around politicians made her stand out as the resource for impartial information. She was the pulse, the heartbeat of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors because supervisors would come and go, including yours truly, but for 27 years, Nancy was the rock. She was the go-to person if you needed something done. Everybody knows she makes the County function, and the County has been fortunate to have her for so long.

Instrumental in bringing the 21st Century and the Internet to the Board's office, Nancy constantly appealed to her wholehearted conviction that local citizens have the untouchable right to access the business of their County electeds. However, with all of the technological advancement, she never lost touch with the County scribe's necessary skills from when she first signed up for the job. She always took shorthand notes of County meetings despite the presence of videotapes and tape-recorders. This makes her one for the ages.

The County has enjoyed her loyalty and her impeccable work for almost 34 years, and she will be sorely missed. On behalf of this House, I want to commend Nancy Lukenbill on her commitment to the people of Monterey County

and her commitment to public's right to access their government. Monterey County is a far better government because of her service. I join all the Supervisors she served under in wishing her husband Larry, her son Lance and her grandchildren a great new life together and thanking her for making the job of Clerk of the Board an exemplary one.

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL LARSON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct honor to stand before this Congress today and honor an individual who knows the meaning of sacrifice, duty, and honor. In 1942 Russell Larson was a 17-year-old high school junior with a lot to look forward to. He was a young man who loved his country, a country that had recently been forced into World War II. Motivated by his deep sense of patriotism, Russell quit school, joined the Navy, and spent the next six years in service to his nation.

When Russell came home from the war, he married his beloved Marie and eventually settled down as a splicer for the phone company, a job he held for 31 years. Today Russell and Marie are the proud parents of two children and three grandchildren. They live in Grand Junction, Colorado, where they are retired and enjoy bowling, traveling, and staying fit. Despite all of their blessings, there is one thing that has eluded Russell—the diploma he sacrificed in the service of his country.

Russell gave up the chance to graduate from high school 50 years ago when he entered our armed forces—or so he thought. This week, at the age of 77, Russell Larson will march in ceremonies at Fruita Monument High School to receive his high school diploma. Thanks to a law recently passed by the state of Colorado, Russell and his fellow veterans who left high school early in the service of their nation can now receive their high school diploma.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Russell Larson and commend him for his service to his country. He and the other heroes of "the greatest generation" defeated totalitarianism and fascism, ensuring the freedom of all Americans. Russell left the simple pleasures of being a high school student for the serious work of defending this great nation. It gives me great pleasure to honor Russell and offer my congratulations on his graduation. We will always be grateful for his service.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION'S TRIENNIAL REVIEW

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the telecommunications sector of the economy has taken a real battering. Market caps are a fraction of what they were 2 or 3 years ago. Companies such as Lucent continue to lay off employees and cut back operations. Even the

large telephone companies have taken significant hits in the market and laid off thousands.

The Federal Communications Commission had an opportunity to give these companies a boost. In its Triennial Review decision, it could have eliminated some regulations that have stifled investment and created uncertainty.

Unfortunately they did not, and to make matters worse, here we are 3 months later and we still have not seen the FCC's final order. The telecom sector continues to languish under burdensome outdated regulations.

Mr. Speaker, it is vital to our nation's economy that we promote policies that will encourage investment and create jobs and reviving the telecom sector is an important part of rejuvenating the nation's economy.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RALPH W.  
THOMPSON III

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ralph W. Thompson III for his ongoing contributions to the Monterey Peninsula in my Central California district. On May 19th, 2003, the Monterey County Bar Association will honor Mr. Thompson with the Chief Justice Phil Gibson award. The award is named in honor of the late California Supreme Court Chief Justice and Carmel neighbor of my parents, Phil Gibson. Chief Justice Gibson served from 1939 to 1964 and was known for his comprehensive reorganization of the California court system and for his lonely stance against the internment of Japanese-American citizens during WWII. The award recognizes service in the legal profession that follows in the tradition of integrity and innovation set by Chief Justice Gibson.

Mr. Thompson has practiced law in Monterey, California, for many years. He is a graduate of Loma Linda University and California Western School of Law. He also holds a California teaching credential. His professional career has included stints with the U.S. Treasury Department, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, and various teaching positions with Monterey Peninsula College, Golden Gate University, and the University of California. But the bedrock of Mr. Thompson's career has been his stellar legal practice helping the people of Monterey County.

Mr. Thompson enjoys the very highest reputation amongst his peers. He is known for his high ethical standards, fair client representation, and universal courtesy. He is also an innovator in his field, having founded one of the leading mediation and arbitration practices in Central California. He has served in numerous professional leadership positions, including president of the Monterey County Trial Lawyers Association, the Monterey County Bar Association, and a member of the Consumer Attorneys of California Board of Governors.

Beyond the professional achievements, Mr. Thompson has been a leader in the community. He has served in leadership roles with Legal Services for Seniors, the American Cancer Society of Monterey, the Monterey Bay Center for the Arts, Rotary, and the Pacific Grove Unified School District. The totality of this service, both professional and public, war-

rants the recognition of the Gibson award as well as this House.

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to inform this body today of a truly exceptional hospital from my district. Community Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado has recently been recognized in the 100 Top Hospitals Study for its consistent quality of care and efficient operations. The study noted that if other hospitals gave the same quality care as Community Hospital and the others on this list, about 66,000 lives could be saved every year. At the same time, healthcare costs would decrease by about \$8.9 billion.

Community Hospital has also recently won four "Patient First Awards" for its leadership in the healthcare community. These areas—inpatient services, ambulatory surgery, outpatient tests and treatment, and emergency services—are indicative of the overall high quality of care that patients receive at Community Hospital. Although this great facility won "Patient First Awards" for a hospital of its size, its inpatient services were ranked first overall for hospitals in the survey, regardless of size.

Mr. Speaker, no matter how you measure it, Community Hospital sets a standard of excellence. The hospital is a vital part of the Grand Junction Community, and I am truly honored to recognize such an outstanding healthcare provider and its outstanding team of dedicated employees here today.

TRIBUTE TO EAST HIGH SCHOOL  
TEAM IN THE WE THE PEOPLE:  
THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION  
2003 NATIONAL  
FINALS

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, on April 26–28 2003, more than 1200 students from across the United States visited Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program, the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by an Act of Congress.

I am proud to announce that the class from East High School in Denver, representing the State of Colorado won the Mountain/Plains Regions award at the finals. This award is presented to the school in each of five geographic regions with the highest cumulative score during the first two days of the national finals. These outstanding students competed against 48 other classes from throughout the nation and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of America constitutional government. These

young scholars have worked conscientiously to reach the national finals by participating at local and statewide competitions. As a result of their experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The students are Nate Allen, James Berry, Andrew Brown, Ryan Buescher, Susan Creighton, Patrick Cunningham, Ashley Eppler, Kari Fulton, Joseph Garvin, Steve Harlor, Russell Hedman, Alex Home, Ali Kimmell, Eimear Lynch, Suzanne McCartney, Jacob Pearson, Emily Schulman, Joseph Tabano, Marta Thompson, Maria Velazquez and Trevor Wolfson. Kudos to them and their leader, East High teacher Edna Sutton. I would also like to recognize the State Coordinator Jackie Johnson and District Coordinator Loyal Darr whose hard work and dedication helps make it all possible.

The three-day We the People national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge while they evaluate, take and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe the students' depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The We the People program provides curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels. The curriculum not only enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy, it also helps them identify the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, and cooperative learning techniques help develop participatory skills necessary for students to become active, responsible citizens.

Independent studies by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) revealed that students enrolled in the We the People program at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels "significantly outperformed comparison students on every topic of the tests taken." Another study by Richard Brody at Stanford University discovered that students involved in the We the People program develop greater commitment to democratic principles and values than do students using traditional textbooks and approaches.

The class from East High School is currently preparing for their participation in the national competition. It is inspiring to see these young people advocate the fundamental ideals and principles of our government, ideas that identify us as a people and bind us together as a nation. It is important for future generations to understand these values and principles which we hold as standards in our endeavor to preserve and realize the promise of our constitutional democracy. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the We the People national finals.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH  
GUYTON GIRCH

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Elizabeth Guyton Girch of Rocky Ford, Colorado. Elizabeth gave selflessly of her time and her money in order to help the developmentally disabled. Elizabeth also distinguished herself and made Colorado proud as one of the first women in the state to become an attorney. Several years ago, Denver University honored Elizabeth's achievements, presenting her with the first Mary Lathrop Trailblazer Award for excellence and accomplishment by female attorneys.

It is not Elizabeth's accomplishments as a woman that I wish to extol here today; though they are a testament to her tenacity. Instead, I wish to honor a life that helped protect some of the most disadvantaged members of our society, the developmentally disabled. Elizabeth was instrumental in establishing the Arkansas Valley Community Center, which serves people in the counties of Otero, Bent and Crowley. This was the culmination of her many years advocating for the developmentally disabled.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Elizabeth Guyton Girch, but we take comfort in the knowledge that Elizabeth's legacy of compassion, courage and selflessness overshadows our grief. Elizabeth's life embodied both the resolve and the empathy that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to recognize Elizabeth's life before this body of Congress.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION  
ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1527) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2003 through 2006, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my deep frustration with the Majority's refusal to bring legislation to the Floor that will extend unemployment benefits for the nation's unemployed workers.

Two point seven million jobs have been lost in the first two years of this Administration. Millions of working men and women are facing difficult budget decisions in their own homes everyday. Parents are wondering if they will be able to send their children to college. They are wondering how they will pay their bills without spiraling further into debt. Yet the Republican Majority and this White House insist on more tax cuts. Mr. Chairman, our constituents have to balance their checkbooks each month. We could learn a lot from their example.

New York City has faced especially difficult times during the past two years. I have heard countless stories from my constituents who cannot find jobs in this uncertain economy. The effects of 9/11, especially on New Yorkers, cannot be ignored.

Why can't the House leadership bring to the Floor legislation that will actually help workers? It's time to help thousands of New York families and families across the country keep their homes, put food on the table, and avoid a devastating financial crisis.

It's time for the leadership to get serious about unemployment relief and to give us the opportunity to vote for legislation that will make a difference in the lives of workers.

I wholeheartedly support legislation introduced by Congressman RANGEL which would extend Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation for an additional 6 months. We must provide this necessary relief to America's unemployed.

Mr. Chairman, I urge a "no" vote on the previous question.

CONVEYANCE OF DECOMMISSIONED  
COAST GUARD CUTTER

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Teusday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 517, and to honor the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Bramble* and her crew for its many years of faithful service. Commissioned in 1944, the *Bramble* began her service in San Diego providing navigational assistance.

In 1957, the Coast Guard Cutters *Spar* and *Storis* joined the *Bramble* for a historic journey around the northern coast of Canada from the Pacific to the Atlantic. This trip lasted 64 days and made the trio the first surface ships to circumnavigate the continent of North America.

After her historic and successful mission, the *Bramble* was relocated to Detroit in 1962, and Port Huron in 1975, where the *Bramble* would finish her career. Through her primary mission of aiding navigation, the *Bramble* has assisted merchant and private vessels as they navigate the Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron, and Lake Erie. The *Bramble* has also provided much needed assistance with law enforcement operations, ice breaking, and by serving as the Patrol Commander for the Port Huron to Mackinac Sailboat race.

The *Bramble* will now be placed in the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History, and will open its doors to allow the public a glimpse of history. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I would like to again honor the BRAMBLE and her for her many years of service in the Great Lakes.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY SGT. JOE  
GARZA

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to another fallen soldier who gave the last full

measure of devotion to his nation while serving in Iraq: Army Sgt. Joe Garza of Robstown, Texas.

Robstown, my hometown also, is the biggest little town in Texas and we all felt this loss deeply. Army 1st Sgt. Joe Garza, 43, died on April 28 in Baghdad while serving in the war with Iraq.

He was a role model for young people growing up in Robstown, serving even as a surrogate father to others in his family and his community. He enjoyed his family and his friends. He made them laugh, and played games with them.

He left Robstown and Texas to make a life in the military, where he served honorably in Ft. Stewart, Georgia. So the memories of Joe in Robstown were as a student, a classmate, a son and a Cotton Picker, the mascot of Robstown High School.

The memories of Sgt. Garza in Robstown were that he was a good man that fought for justice all of his life. His service in the military was just one more step in this lifelong philosophy. He wanted to bring justice to the world. We find some level of comfort knowing he died bringing peace to the people of Iraq.

We also know that our way of life in the United States and the free world is possible because of our military and those who comprise it—men like Sgt. Joe Garza.

Sgt. Garza is survived by—and lives on in the minds of—his family: his wife of 24 years, Mary Garza, their children, Joe, Jr., John Paul, and Myra Ann, and his mother, Enes Garza, of Robstown.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending the life and service of Sgt. Joe Garza, and in expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family.

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TRIBUTE TO THE 110TH FIGHTER  
WING OF THE MICHIGAN AIR  
NATIONAL GUARD

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the brave men and women of the 110th Fighter Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard as they returned this past Saturday from a successful completion of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Often overlooked, our National Guard personnel provide an invaluable service to our country and to our Armed Forces. The men and women of the 110th Fighter Wing have shown the utmost courage, traveling a world away to help remove a threat to civilization. These folks made a great sacrifice, departing from families, careers, and livelihoods to preserve our way of life. Because of their sacrifices, the Hussein regime is gone and our world is a more secure place. Freedom isn't free; it comes at a price—and individuals like these are the ones who bear the cost. I wish them well as they are reunited with their families and loved ones.

IN HONOR OF FATHER FLOYD  
LOTITO

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special friend of the City of San Francisco Reverend Floyd Alfonso Joseph Lotito. Father Lotito is being recognized by the San Francisco Forum as the "San Franciscan of the Year" for his lifetime of service and advocacy for poor and homeless people. A devoted educator, social activist, and spiritual leader, Father Lotito epitomizes San Francisco's most cherished values.

Born and raised in Southern California, Father Lotito began his theological training in 1949, eventually becoming an ordained priest at Old Mission Santa Barbara in 1960. He earned Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Sacred Theology degrees before joining St. Mary's Parish of Stockton, California in 1961. He came to San Francisco in 1968, where he became Associate Pastor for St. Boniface Parish and St. Anthony Parish, the same position he holds today. Father Lotito later received a Master of Arts in Speech and Communication degree and a Lifetime California Standard Teaching Credential.

Father Lotito has kept learning his entire life, most recently conducting research in theology, psychology, sociology, education, speech, and counseling. He has taught many subjects at the high school, college, and graduate school levels. He excelled as a theatre director and forensics coach, taking his students to the state competition level.

Father Lotito served in a number of parishes in California, Oregon, and Wisconsin before coming to San Francisco, but it was at St. Anthony's that he found his home. The St. Anthony Foundation provides social services and resources in the neighborhood of St. Boniface Church, an area that is home to the poor, the sick, and a burgeoning immigrant population. St. Anthony's Dining Room serves 2,000 meals a day, 365 days a year. Father Lotito has served in many capacities at St. Anthony's including Deputy Executive Director, Director of Public Relations, Director of the Dining Room and Chaplain. His work there has earned him our eternal admiration and gratitude.

Father Lotito's efforts to combat poverty and homelessness have received local, national and international recognition. He has addressed numerous audiences, including President Clinton and members of Congress, concerning poverty at home and abroad. In 1984, he delivered the benediction at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. He has helped develop a number of charity and volunteer organizations through the church and the community and serves as spiritual advisor to many community groups.

A Franciscan friar, Father Lotito believes in blessing all of God's creations. Many look forward to the "Blessing of the Animals" he holds every year in our city of St. Francis. He also delights us with an annual blessing of the City's taxicab drivers. These wonderful rituals are just a small part of what make him a true San Francisco treasure.

I am proud to join the San Francisco Forum as well as his friends, family, and loved ones

in saluting Father Lotito and to congratulate him on being named the "San Franciscan of the Year."

TRIBUTE TO REV. M. MASON  
WALKER

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. JIM DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Rev. M. Mason Walker, a prominent civil rights activist in Florida and the beloved pastor of St. James AME Church, who lost his battle with cancer last week.

Raised in Dade City, Florida, Rev. Walker was only a teenager when he began speaking out for equal rights. In the mid 1960s, he joined other African-American students in integrating Pasco High School and was instrumental in organizing the Great Pasco County NAACP Youth Organization.

Unafraid to fight for his beliefs, in 1964, Rev. Walker walked into the segregated Crest Restaurant in Dade City and demanded service. When asked to leave, he bravely said "When I'm finished eating, I will leave."

After moving to St. Petersburg, Rev. Walker continued his leadership in the civil rights movement. In 1973, Rev. Walker went to court to contest a provision in the City of St. Petersburg's charter which denied him a slot on the ballot for St. Petersburg City Council because he was not a property owner. Thanks to his efforts, the provision was ruled unconstitutional.

Rev. Walker was an active member in the St. Petersburg chapter of the NAACP and a member of the executive board. He also served as Commissioner on the St. Petersburg Housing Authority Board, chairman of the Martin Luther King Commemorative Commission, board member of the Tampa Bay Holocaust Memorial Museum and Educational Center, as well as member of the Pinellas County Millennium Committee, the Community Alliance, Fair Housing Board, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, United Way advisory board, and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

However, the members at St. James AME Church and Moore's Chapel AME Church, where he served as pastor, will best remember Rev. Walker for his selfless dedication to his congregations.

On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay area, I extend my deepest sympathies to all his friends and family. Rev. Walker's fight for equality will never be forgotten.

L-1 VISA REFORM

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2003*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced a bill which seeks to close a loophole in immigration law by prohibiting the outsourcing of L-1 intracompany transferee visa holders, similar to a provision contained in the H-1B visa program.

The L-1 visa allows companies with subsidiaries abroad the ability to transfer employees

from foreign countries to the United States as long as the intracompany transferees have been employed with the company for at least six months. Once in the country, those employees can then be outsourced to American firms at a significantly lower wage. As a result, many Americans have found themselves in the unemployment line. Simply put, this is a back door to cheap labor.

In 1998, as the economy was soaring and demand for IT workers was rising faster than supply, Congress passed S. 2045, the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-first Century Act. This legislation temporarily increased the cap on H-1B visa holders allowed into the country. In doing so, we also protected American jobs by adding restrictions to the program. However, the L-1 visa remains unchecked, unrestricted and unfortunately, abused.

Unfortunately, thousands of Americans are unfairly losing their jobs through the abuse of the L-1 temporary work visa program. There are currently over 325,000 L-1 visa holders in the United States. In my 7th Congressional District of Florida, there are hundreds of cases of the displacement of American workers. In many of these instances, American workers are forced to train their own L-1 replacements or suffer the loss of their severance pay. Examples of similar replacements of American workers by lower paid foreign workers arrive in my office daily. This situation is deplorable. Mr. Speaker, during this time of economic downturn we need to be creating jobs for Americans, not putting more of them at risk by allowing firms to replace American workers with foreign nationals who are not subject to the same wage restrictions as holders of the H-1B visa.

Finally, I want to point out that American companies will still be permitted to employ L-1 visa holders. However, those employees will have to transfer from their own subsidiaries, not from a third party outsource.

Mr. Speaker, I urge prompt consideration of this legislation.

CBR ENTRY FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD TO HONOR THE BIRTHDAY OF MALCOLM X

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today, on what would have been his 78th birthday, I rise to honor one of the great leaders of this nation, El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, also known as Malcolm X. As an African-American advocate of racial pride and self-determination, Malcolm X was one of the premier leaders during a point in history where African-Americans were systematically denied the rights enjoyed by White Americans. His teachings during the civil rights era focussed on helping African-Americans to deny negative stereotypes impressed upon them by the greater White society and economic empowerment through community building with other African-Americans. His contributions to the civil rights movement were instrumental in helping African-Americans and other minorities achieve access to social and economic institutions historically denied to them. It is for these reasons that I feel it is necessary

to acknowledge him on this day—his birthday. While I will provide a short biography of Malcolm X in these remarks, I encourage you to read the Autobiography of Malcolm X and come to more intimately know one of the 20th century's Renaissance figures.

Malcolm X was born as Malcolm Little to a Baptist minister in Omaha, Nebraska on May 19, 1925. As a sad foreshadowing of Malcolm X's own life, Malcolm's father was killed in Michigan for his attempts to fight racial oppression. He lost his mother to a mental institution. Arrested in 1946 for burglary, Malcolm gained knowledge of the Black Muslim movement in prison and joined the Nation of Islam. After leaving prison in 1952, like other members of the Nation of Islam, he changed his last name to "X" as a means of shedding linkages to the White slaveholders that had given him and other African Americans their family names. Malcolm became one of the most effective speakers for the Nation of Islam. He increased membership, founded new mosques, and was eventually assigned to be Minister of the Nation of Islam's Harlem mosque in New York. In 1963, disagreements with Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam, caused Malcolm to leave the Nation of Islam and make his pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia in search of knowledge about the international Islamic Movement. In Mecca he witnessed the union of all races and developed an approach to ending racial oppression that differed from that of the Nation of Islam. Upon returning to the United States, he formed his own organizations, the Organization of Afro-American Unity and the Muslim Mosque Inc. Malcolm became a victim of death threats as a result of his views. On February 14, 1965, Malcolm's home was firebombed, with his wife and children escaping unharmed. Just a week later, Malcolm was shot to death at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem, where he was preparing to speak.

Malcolm X had a profound influence on Americans of all races and around the world. Black and White Americans alike responded to Malcolm's forceful speech, and his strength in the face of hostility. African-Americans viewed him as a beacon of hope and strength that could help to end racial oppression in America. While he is often portrayed as a black militant leader, encouraging the concepts of black nationalism or separatism and black pride, his later years focussed increasingly on forming a framework for world brotherhood and human justice. He is often quoted as saying that race is "not a Negro problem, nor an American problem. This is a world problem, a problem of humanity."

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SMITHTOWN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of Smithtown Christian School, located in Smithtown, NY and to congratulate the faculty, staff, students and alumni on this special occasion.

Located in my colleague TIM BISHOP's district, SCS was established in 1978, and since

its inception, Smithtown Christian School has become an academic and athletic leader among private schools on Long Island. Over its 25 years of educating children, SCS originally began as an elementary school with 59 students and 4 teachers. Under the direction of Pastor Salvatore Greco and the SCS administration, Smithtown Christian added a middle school in 1986, followed by a full registered four-year high school in 1991. SCS made history in June of 1991, by graduating its first high school class. Today, 25 years following the first lesson, first exam, and first Chapel service, 650 students grace the halls of SCS with 40 full-time faculty. More importantly, over its 25 years, an estimated 10,000 students have attended Smithtown Christian. Truly a great testament to the original vision in 1978.

Mr. Speaker, SCS is a special place for it's the elementary and middle school of my Chief of Staff, Eric Eikenberg. Born and raised on Long Island, Eric attended SCS from kindergarten thru ninth grade, 1981-1991. Also, Eric's sister Christina attended SCS from kindergarten thru sixth grade, 1984-1991. They both cherish their years at SCS.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire Eikenberg family, I salute Pastor Greco and the entire Smithtown Christian School family on reaching this historic plateau. May God bless Smithtown Christian School throughout its next 25 years.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

9 a.m.

Governmental Affairs  
Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the scope of the SARS outbreak, focusing on the coordination of response to individual outbreaks among local, state, and Federal officials, as well as between government officials and the private sector, and what state and local officials are doing to anticipate and respond to the disease.

- 9:30 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Glen Klippenstein, of Missouri, Julia Bartling, of South Dakota, and Lowell Junkins, of Iowa, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, and Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. SR-328A
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine issues related to computer spam. SR-253
- Foreign Relations  
Business meeting to consider an original bill to authorize foreign assistance for fiscal year 2004, to make technical and administrative changes to the Foreign Assistance and Arms Export Control Acts and to authorize a Millennium Challenge Account. SD-419
- Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine the economy. SH-216
- 10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the national export strategy. SD-538
- Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider. SD-366
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation entitled "Genetics Non-Discrimination Act". SD-430
- Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the proposed reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. SR-485
- Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. Hewitt Pate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). SR-253
- MAY 22
- 9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services. SD-192
- Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy. SD-124
- Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226
- Appropriations  
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine federal funding for stem cell research. SR-418
- 10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the economy, focusing on increasing investment in the equity markets. SD-538
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To continue hearings to examine media ownership. SR-253
- Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the status of telecommunications in Indian Country. SR-485
- 10:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Transportation, Treasury and General Government Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for highway safety initiatives. SD-138
- 2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard C. Wesley, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, J. Ronnie Greer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Thomas M. Hardiman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Mark R. Kravitz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and John A. Woodcock, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold closed hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation. SR-253
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Communications Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine wireless broadband in rural areas. SD-562
- Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine Iraq stabilization and reconstruction, focusing on U.S. policy and plans. SD-106
- JUNE 3
- 10 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the status of tribal fish and wildlife management programs. SR-485
- JUNE 4
- 9:30 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine Iraq stabilization and reconstruction, focusing on international contributions and resources. SD-419
- 10 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine S. 281, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, to provide for training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers, and S. 725, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to provide from the Highway Trust Fund additional funding for Indian reservation roads. SR-485
- 2 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the impacts on tribal fish and wildlife management programs in the Pacific Northwest. SR-485
- JUNE 10
- 10 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the Head Start program. SD-430
- JUNE 11
- 10 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services. SR-485
- JUNE 18
- 10 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine Native American sacred places. SR-485