

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BETTE LUNN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a lifelong educator from my district. Bette Lunn, of Pueblo, Colorado, has given the gift of music to students for 46 years. As Bette embarks on her retirement, I would like to recognize her career before this body of Congress and this nation.

Bette began teaching in Ohio in 1957 and moved with her husband to Pueblo in 1972. After spending 12 years as the vocal music teacher at Heaton Middle School, Bette transferred to East High School where she has taught for the last 19 years. Her ability to connect with children has inspired a number of students to become teachers and has also earned her a number of awards. Bette has been named an outstanding teacher in her district and is also a member of the Colorado Music Educators Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body today to recognize Bette Lunn, a woman who has clearly demonstrated her commitment to our nation's youth. Even though she is retiring, Bette still plans to volunteer to work with young people in her community. She possesses the spirit of giving that helped make our country great. Thank you, Bette, for many years of service to the youth of Pueblo.

HONORING T. KEITH KING FOR A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor a truly exemplary Alabamian, a man who grew up in the tiny town of Frisco City, Alabama, and today has become one of our most outstanding business and community leaders.

For more than 43 years, T. Keith King, P.E., of Mobile, Alabama, has dedicated his life to his community, his family and his profession. A graduate of Auburn University, he has continued to remain active and involved with his Alma Mater. Recently, Mr. King completed two years as chairman of the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council. He is a life member of the Auburn Alumni Association, having served on the Board of Directors and as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr. King has made many contributions to the field of engineering due in part to his position as President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Volkert & Associates in Mobile, Alabama. Climbing from a design engineer position with the firm in 1960, today Keith King leads one of the finest engineering firms in the

country. Under Mr. King's leadership, Volkert currently employs 650 engineers, architects, planners, surveyors, environmental scientists, technicians and administrative support personnel in 12 offices located throughout eight Southeastern states.

His commitment to excellence has earned him numerous awards by the engineering industry. He was recently inducted into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame. Some of his other professional honors include: The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) College of Fellows 2003 Community Service Award, recognition as one of the Top Ten Engineers in Alabama by the Alabama Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, induction into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame and receipt of the National Society of Professional Engineers Distinguished Service Award.

As a recent chairman of the Business Council of Alabama, Keith King has also done much to improve the quality of life for all Alabamians by working to bring growth, jobs and business opportunities to the state of Alabama. His commitment to Alabama and the First Congressional District in particular is nothing short of inspirational. Keith King is a member of the Leadership Alabama Class of XII and is a longtime member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. He has been actively involved with the Mobile Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for many years and has held many high ranking positions within that organization. Mr. King also gives generously of his time to the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Mobile Lions Club and is a member of the USS Battleship Alabama Memorial Park Restoration Committee, to name just a few of the many other areas where he gives freely of his time and talents.

By example, Keith King has shown that unselfish dedication and service to your community, your state and your nation can truly make a difference. Mr. Speaker, I salute Keith King as a model citizen and as a leader to many in the First Congressional District. I know his lovely wife Julia and their daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren along with all of his friends and neighbors are extremely proud of the many contributions being made by this outstanding man.

TRIBUTE TO DIONISIA AMAYA-BONILLA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dionisia Amaya-Bonilla in recognition of her service to her local community and her native home of Honduras. Dionisia is proud of her heritage as a member of the Garinagu community, people who are descendants of West African slaves and Arawak Indians from St.

Vincent who were deported to Honduras by the British in 1797.

Dionisia was born in La Ceiba, Honduras Central America on February 8, 1933. She came to the U.S. in May 1964, and became an American citizen in 1977. In 1979, Dionisia decided to go to college, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education with high honors from Medgar Evers College. Later, she earned a Masters/Advanced Certificate in Guidance and Counseling from Brooklyn College.

Dionisia's first connection with her community was through her church, St. Mathews Catholic Church where she has served for more than 22 years. When Hurricane Fifi struck Honduras in September 1974, many Garinagu, like Dionisia, got together to help their people back in Honduras. In 1990, after another tragedy occurred in the Garifuna community, Dionisia was there to help in anyway possible. This time it was the Happy Land Fire. Her organization, Mugama, which was started a year earlier, named a scholarship fund in honor of a promising young Garifuna who died in the fire.

Dionisia worked for the Board of Education for 16 years. She began as a paraprofessional, and would later go on to teach following the completion of her education. Ultimately, she became a school guidance counselor, a position she continued until her retirement in 1996.

Dionisia's biggest role in the community is being the coordinator of Mugama's education program. Her importance to the community is reflected by how the residents refer to her, with comments like: Mamma, Madre, and Abuelita. Recently, people have taken to call her the "glue" of the community.

Dionisia has received many honors in her life as a student, woman and community activist. During her college years, she was consistently on the Dean's List, and as a result, she was listed in the national Book of Excellent students. One of her greatest honors was meeting Isabel Arriola. Ms. Arriola is a Garifuna who survived Hurricane Mitch.

The ultimate honor for her is being able to serve her community by working with Mugama. She says that the Mugama Advocacy Center is a dream come true. Being there daily and helping to empower people provides Dionisia with all of the satisfaction she needs. Dionisia has been married to her husband Alejandro Bonilla for 14 years.

Mr. Speaker, Dionisia Amaya-Bonilla is committed to improving the lives of her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM D. MASON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Cuyahoga County

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Prosecutor William D. Mason as he is being honored by the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party on May 18, 2003.

Mr. Mason graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1986. Shortly thereafter, he began working with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office as an assistant prosecutor. In 1993, Mr. Mason was elected to hold the office of Law Director and Chief Prosecutor for the City of Parma. During his six-year tenure as Law Director, Mr. Mason maintained and implemented high standards within all areas of Parma's legal department—from working with County agencies to prosecute criminals, to saving the City thousands of dollars in the reduction of legal fees.

Since January of 1999, Mr. Mason has held the elected position of Chief Prosecuting Attorney for Cuyahoga County—the twentieth largest county in the United States, and the largest county in Ohio. In this capacity, Mr. Mason and his staff are responsible for the indictment and prosecution of more than 25,000 criminal felony and juvenile delinquency cases every year. Additionally, Mr. Mason is the Chairman of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The Task Force is a team effort, comprised of local, state and federal authorities whose focus and goal is the apprehension and prosecution of Internet child molesters. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Mason continues his significant service to his community as coach, mentor and volunteer.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Mr. William D. Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, as we recognize his significant expertise, dedication and contribution—all focused on the safety and welfare of every citizen within our entire community.

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF NIGHT?

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, last month leaders and citizens from throughout America gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to commemorate the Days of Remembrance. The ceremony had many powerful moments, but none more moving than the remarks of my good friend Dr. Elie Wiesel, the Founding Chair of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and one of the world's foremost champions for human rights and civil liberties.

A native of Romania, Elie Wiesel was fifteen when he and his family were deported to Auschwitz. His mother and younger sister perished, but he survived with the conviction that the international community must never forget the lessons of the Holocaust. During the past fifty years, as both an author and a teacher, Dr. Wiesel has devoted his life to this end.

However, to classify Elie Wiesel's legacy as one of remembrance takes into account only a small portion of his impact on society. He has spoken out not only against anti-Jewish atrocities, but also on behalf of victims from every corner of the globe, from Argentina's Desaparecidos to refugees of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge regime. When Dr. Wiesel was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, his speech clearly elucidated the link between the Holocaust and all other human rights abuses:

Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere. . . . As long as one

dissident is in prison, our freedom will not be true. As long as one child is hungry, our life will be filled with anguish and shame. What all these victims need above all is to know that they are not alone; that we are not forgetting them, that when their voices are stifled we shall lend them ours, that while their freedom depends on ours, the quality of our freedom depends on theirs.

Mr. Speaker, on April 30 we were once again privileged to learn from this extraordinary man. Dr. Wiesel used his remarks to remind us that horrific memories of the Holocaust do not constitute a social end in and of themselves; rather, they must be used to ameliorate suffering in today's world and in that of tomorrow. "If we want to remember," he said, "if we want you to remember all those emaciated faces, all those burning eyes, all those muted prayers, it is not only for our sake but also for your children's and theirs. . . . Is memory the only answer to the tragedy itself? But whatever the answer, memory is its most indispensable element."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to enter the full text of Elie Wiesel's remarks into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE REMARKS

ELIE WIESEL, FOUNDING CHAIR UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL, APRIL 30, 2003—THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

From Isaiah, chapter 21: Shomer, ma milail? Watchman, what of the night? This ancient call of the prophet of chastisement and consolation reverberates in our memory today as we remember the men and women, young and old, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, secular and pious, dreamers of sacred blessings and seekers of hidden redemption, who were sentenced to suffer unparalleled agony and solitude in ghettos and death-camps not for what they have done or possessed or believed in but for what they were, sons and daughters of a people whose memory of persecution was the oldest in recorded history.

All the rivers run to the sea, days come and go, generations vanish, others are born, remembrance ceremonies follow one another—and hatred is still alive, and some of us, the remnant of the remnant, wonder with the poet Paul Celan: who will bear witness for the witness, who will remember what some of us tried to relate about a time of fear and darkness when so many, too many victims felt abandoned, forgotten, unworthy of compassion and solidarity? Who will answer questions whose answers the dead took with them? Who will feel qualified enough and strong enough, faithful enough to confront their fiery legacy?

What was and remains clear to some of us, here and elsewhere, is the knowledge that if we forget them, we too shall be forgotten.

But is remembrance enough? What does one do with the memory of agony and suffering? Memory has its own language, its own texture, its own secret melody, its own archeology and its own limitations: it too can be wounded, stolen and shamed; but it is up to us to rescue it and save it from becoming cheap, banal, and sterile.

Like suffering, like love, memory does not confer special privileges. It all depends on what one does with what we receive, for what purpose, in the name of what ideal. If we invoke our right, our obligation to remember a frightened child who, in a ghetto, was assassinated before the eyes of his mother, an old teacher beaten to death in the presence of his disciples, a nocturnal procession walking towards open pits already filled with corpses, a beautiful woman driven insane with grief before being knifed by the killer—if we want

to remember, if we want you to remember all those emaciated faces, all those burning eyes, all those muted prayers, it is not only for our sake but also for your children's and theirs.

If it weren't for their memory, much of what has been undertaken and even accomplished would be without relevance—and worse: without meaning.

To remember means to lend an ethical dimension to all endeavors and aspirations. When you, my good friend Secretary Powell, search deep into your heart, you find that most of your diplomatic initiatives and military responses have been rooted in your faith in the mysterious power of History of which memory is made. Isn't that principle the one that keeps on governing all our lives? Wasn't 1938 the main factor in your recent decision-making regarding Iraq? In those years there were two great powers in Europe: France and Great Britain. Had they intervened instead of preaching appeasement, there would have been no world war, no Auschwitz.

Watchman, what of the night?

Is memory the only answer to the Tragedy itself? But whatever the answer, memory is its most indispensable element.

An ancient Talmudic legend tells us that when the soul leaves the body to return to heaven, it cries out in great pain; and the outcry is so powerful that it reverberates throughout creation. What about the outcry of six million souls?

Well, among the victims who were killed there was a 12-year-old girl, Yunita Vishniatzky, from a small village named Byten near Slutsk. This is her last letter, dated July 31, 1942: . . . "Dear Father, I say good-bye to you before dying . . . We want very much to live . . . But they won't let us—that's how it goes . . . I am so afraid of dying: small children are thrown into the grave alive . . . I say good-bye to you forever . . . And give you a big kiss . . . Your Yunita . . ."

Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? And the watchman says: the morning comes, and also the night . . .

So—we remember all the children whose lives bothered the enemy so much he felt the irresistible urge to wipe them out. We remember Yunita Vishniatzky . . .

When her soul left her frail body, was her cry heard by anyone, anywhere?

ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH BEING NAMED A 2003 ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD FINALIST

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Deerfield Beach, Florida for their selection as 2003 All-America City Award Finalist. It is my pleasure to congratulate the mayor, the city commission, and the citizens of Deerfield Beach as they are recognized by our nation with consideration for the oldest and most respected community recognition award in the nation. I applaud the residents of Deerfield Beach for their strong civic pride and their dedication to their community.

Mr. Speaker, located in Florida's 22nd Congressional District, the city of Deerfield Beach has previously been recognized as America's First Project Impact Community and as a four-time National Blue Wave award-winner, as well as an All-America City finalist in 2001.

Deerfield Beach is not only home to many quality corporations and non-profit organizations, but the city also thrives on the strong partnerships between non-profit organizations, the government and the private sector for the betterment of the community. The philosophy of these relationships is seen through the three projects that helped Deerfield Beach receive the title of an All-America City finalist. The NE Focal Point/CASA (Children, Alzheimer's Senior and Adult Services), Inc., is a not-for-profit organization that provides members of the Deerfield community with many philanthropic services for the community. Second, the Gateway Community Outreach (GCO), Inc., operates as a food distribution facility for those in need. Gateway provides homeless prevention guidance and financial assistance to its clients. Lastly, the Youth Automotive Training Center (YATC) is a non-profit organization that educates disadvantaged youth in not only automotive repair but in academic and future life management skills through an intensive, nine month classroom and an automotive hands-on training program.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate those citizens of Deerfield, Florida and the delegation of 70 friends, residents and officials of Deerfield Beach who have worked incredibly hard over the past year to receive the title of All-America City finalist. I go on to wish the city of Deerfield Beach good luck as they challenge the other 30 finalists for this award, in hopes to receive the ultimate recognition as the All-America City.

**FALCON NEST 725 CELEBRATES
87TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 28, 2003, the Polish Falcons of America Nest 725 of Milwaukee will celebrate its 87th Anniversary as well as its role in hosting the 2003 PFA District II Meet and Convention.

The Polish Falcons of America came together in 1887 as an outgrowth of a similar organization in Poland. A fraternal benefit society and physical fitness organization, the group has pursued the goal of a "sound mind in a sound body" for all of its members. This saying in Polish, "Wzdrowym ciele zdrowy duch," is the organization's maxim.

After the founding of the first nest in Chicago, Illinois, the PFA quickly expanded, and by 1894 the organization included twelve Nests. Because of the growing popularity of these local Nests, leaders established the Alliance of Polish Turners of the United States of America.

In 1916 a group of Polish-Americans in Milwaukee organized Nest 725. Young men and women in the organization participated in district rallies, forming drilling teams and a group choir and band.

More recently, Nest 725 has participated in District and National Gymnastic Meets and Dance competitions, winning national awards in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1992, and 1994. It continues to hold physical fitness and polish dance classes. Leaders showcase members' abilities in meets and performances at Nursing Homes and schools.

As an exemplary community association, Nest 725 has given generously over the years to many charitable and patriotic causes including the American Red Cross, Diabetes Foundation, March of Dimes, and Polish Army Veterans. The group has also sent donations overseas to those in need in Poland.

Through their contributions to the Polish community, Polish Falcons of America Nest 725 has positively impacted youth throughout the Milwaukee area. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Nest 725 on its long and prosperous 87 year history, and wish the group the best of luck in the years to come.

**SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS
OF NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
MONTH**

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S.J. Res. 8 to raise awareness and encourage prevention of sexual assault in the United States. I commend the leadership for calling up this resolution.

When I worked at the White House to help pass the Violence Against Women Act, I became aware that sexual assault is a national trauma that affects hundreds of thousands of people each year. According to the National Criminal Victimization Study, 248,000 people over the age of 12 reported being raped in 2001. While no one is immune from sexual assault, some are more vulnerable than others. Sadly, children are at the greatest risk. According to the U.S. Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, 67 percent of all reporting victims of sexual assault were younger than 18; 34 percent of all victims were under age 12, and one of every seven victims of sexual assault were under age 6.

Most sexual assaults fit a similar profile where a child is assaulted by a family member, another trusted adult, or by a juvenile. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry reports that although sexual abuse of children is reported up to 80,000 times a year, that number may be a low estimate of the actual number of such cases. Regrettably, too many cases go unreported because of children's fear of their abusers and a law enforcement and legal system that does not accommodate their special needs.

Sexual assault can cripple a child's psyche and deprive him or her of hope. According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, "A child who is the victim of prolonged sexual abuse usually develops low self-esteem, a feeling of worthlessness and an abnormal or distorted view of sex. The child may become withdrawn and mistrustful of adults, and can become suicidal." While no single solution will eliminate sexual assault, education and awareness can go a long way toward its prevention. Young adults must be given the assistance necessary to stop unwanted sexual advances and to minimize such risk.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in heightening awareness and encouraging prevention of this urgent problem by voting for this important resolution.

HONORING TONY SANTY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a beloved football coach and Grand Junction, Colorado native. Tony Santy has touched many lives in the past 25 years as a teacher, football coach, and mentor. Today, I would like to recognize his accomplishments before this body of congress and this nation.

Tony grew up in Grand Junction where his family has lived since the 1890s. Tony played football in his younger years and went on to play at Mesa State College. He later attended the University of Colorado and proceeded to earn his teaching certificate from Western State College. Although Tony's father had originally encouraged him to become a lawyer, his high school coach, George Ryan, inspired Tony to pursue his interest in coaching.

As recognition for his efforts, Tony was selected as one of the 2002 AFLAC National Assistant Coaches of the Year. However, he deflects the attention from this award by explaining that the most gratifying part of his job is the interaction with his student-athletes. He has been particularly pleased to see some of his former athletes follow his example and dedicate their lives to coaching.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to recognize the positive influence that Tony has had upon the students and student-athletes of Grand Junction. I commend Tony for the fundamental role that he has played in imparting strong values to our future generations. Congratulations, Tony, and good luck with all your future endeavors.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AMANDA
TURBERVILLE, MOBILE AREA
OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF
THE YEAR**

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor and congratulate Mrs. Amanda Turberville for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She truly deserves our warmest and most sincere congratulations. Her dedication and hard work have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

While among the younger faculty members of Phillips Preparatory Magnet School, Amanda Turberville has brought her excitement and love for science to all of her seventh grade classes. Her cheerful spirit and love for children make her a joy to be around, both in and out of the classroom. Mrs. Turberville works hard to keep her classroom an exciting and creative workplace for her students. Her students do not just learn science, they learn to love science.

Amanda Turberville graduated from Mississippi State University in 1997 and has been teaching middle school science at Phillips Preparatory Magnet School for 7 years. She has

been energizing to her students since day one and she still brings the enthusiastic spark with which she began teaching to the classroom. Her desire to not just teach but to help her students want to learn has made her well-deserving of this distinguished award.

Amanda Turberville has given an unequalled level of hard work and service to her school and to her students. Her level of creativity and her desire to make learning fun, have allowed her to touch so many of her students' lives. My personal heroes are not the big celebrities but rather the people you do not hear much about. My heroes are the people like Amanda Turberville who dedicate their entire lives to helping people and making a difference in the lives of others as well as in our community. Once again, I congratulate Amanda Turberville for her service, leadership and dedication to her students and the future of our great country.

TRIBUTE TO ALFRED STEIGER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Alfred Steiger in recognition of his dedication to improving the lives of foster care children.

Al was born on Marion Street in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, New York. He and his wife Victoria have been married for 29 years and are the proud parents of five children, Victoria, Mary Beth, Al Jr., Virginia and Jeffery, and the grandparents of three children, Justine, Joseph, and John. Al and his wife reside in Oceanside and are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Oceanside.

Al joined the New York City Sanitation Department in 1981 and was promoted to Supervisor in 1989 and was assigned to Brooklyn Community Board 8 (BK8) as a field officer on the midnight shift. He conducted field operations in the Crown Heights and Bedford Stuyvesant Community Board (BK3) areas of Brooklyn. He was promoted to District Superintendent of Brooklyn North 5, which is East New York's Community Board 5. As District Superintendent, his responsibilities include keeping East New York cleaned by garbage collection, and the removal of snow during winter. In September 2001, Al became President of the Steuben Association of the New York City Sanitation Department. He also serves as union delegate for Local 444 Sanitation Officers.

In early 1990, Al and his wife felt the need to give back something to the community for all of the blessings they have received. So after filing the necessary documents, they were accepted as foster parents in Nassau County for the Department of Social Services. Since becoming foster parents, they have fostered over 35 children in their care. They were blessed again when they had the opportunity to adopt their son Jeffrey who came to them when he was only 4 days old.

In 1995, Al and Mary saw a need for foster parents to come together to better serve the children for which they were caring. After several meetings, the Nassau County Foster Parent Association was formed and Al was voted in as President. The NCFPA is a not-for-profit organization that has raised thousands of dol-

lars for various functions for foster children. The funds are used to take children on picnics, swimming trips and various other outings. Scholarship and burial funds are also available. As President of the organization, Al goes to Albany once a year to lobby for children's rights and also to attend a conference held by the New York State Citizens Coalition for Children. He feels it is an honor to volunteer in the community where he resides and for the Department for which he works.

Mr. Speaker, Alfred Steiger is committed to improving the lives of children, especially those in need. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MAYOR WALTER F. EHRNFELT, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mayor Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr.—devoted family man, accomplished community leader, and admired friend and mentor. Mayor Ehrnfelt's vision, integrity and love for his community led the City of Strongsville through an amazing journey that lasted more than 2 decades—from a quiet, farming village to a thriving, family-oriented suburb—all without compromising the City's rustic charm.

Mayor Ehrnfelt was born and raised in Strongsville and reflected a life-long commitment to his community his entire life. From his childhood on, Mayor Ehrnfelt was instilled with a clear focus on family, faith and community. His deep work ethic and high level of integrity was reinforced daily while he worked as a butcher at the family-owned meat stand at Cleveland's West Side Market. Mayor Ehrnfelt was content to work in the family business and did not seek elected office—it sought him.

In 1973, Mayor Ehrnfelt's neighbors and friends urged him to run for the office of City Council. He ran reluctantly, and won. Just 5 years later, Mayor Ehrnfelt was appointed Mayor. In 1979 he won his first mayoral race by a landslide, and served as Mayor ever since. He quickly became the most popular and beloved Mayor in the history of Strongsville, and successfully served as Mayor for 25 years.

Mayor Ehrnfelt's unwavering integrity, kindness and humble nature reflected his character and defined his tenure as Mayor. Yet his gentle and humble nature belied his deep intellect, vision and keen business savvy. His work is clearly evidenced within the significant growth and carefully-planned development of his beloved City. From the smallest to the most significant civic endeavor, Mayor Ehrnfelt offered the same respect and consideration to everyone involved—regardless of their status or political affiliation.

Titles and accolades did not hold significance for him—care for his family and service to community did. Mayor Ehrnfelt was a true leader in every sense—a genuine individual whose modesty and strong sense of self cast a rare and steady beacon of light across the dark game of politics. He consistently dis-

regarded political pressures and kept focused on his community—working tirelessly on behalf of Strongsville. Mayor Ehrnfelt expected others to do their best—and he brought out the best in everyone.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of Mayor Walter F. Ehrnfelt—an exceptional man and caring leader whose life profoundly impacted the lives of thousands. His passing marks a deep loss for countless who called him friend—including me. Mayor Ehrnfelt's brilliant and flawless legacy of community progress tempered with preservation will be remembered always by the people of Strongsville—and far beyond. Moreover, it was the power of his kindness, grace, tenacity and heart that uplifted every level of the Strongsville community.

I extend my deepest condolences to Mayor Ehrnfelt's beloved wife, Anne; his beloved children, Walter F. III, Susan, Robert and Judy; his beloved grandchildren and his beloved great-grandchild. Mayor Ehrnfelt's life will serve as an ageless example of leadership, service to others and heart—and his legacy will forever resound throughout the City of Strongsville and throughout our entire community.

FOR YOUR FREEDOM AND OURS:
FRED S. ZEIDMAN'S ELOQUENT
REMARKS COMMEMORATING THE
DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, last month leaders and citizens from throughout America gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to commemorate the Days of Remembrance. This annual ceremony assumed special significance this year, as it took place during the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, an event that epitomizes the true meaning of bravery and honor.

Why must we remember this tragedy? Fred S. Zeidman, the Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, reminded us in his remarks. The Holocaust Museum, he explained, must serve "as a warning to all people, whatever their backgrounds, about the consequences of hatred and indifference, and the failure to act."

Mr. Speaker, given the challenges our country faces today, Mr. Zeidman's words echo with uncommon strength. America faces a war against international terrorism, a fight against forces that allow bigotry to drive rivers of violence. The Holocaust taught us that such evils do not go away if they are ignored. They must be battled by a global community conscious of its responsibilities and mindful of its past.

"For your freedom and ours." Mr. Zeidman used this refrain to characterize the Holocaust's legacy. It was the theme of Jewish fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto. It remains true today.

Fred Zeidman is the Chairman of Seitel, Inc., a member of the New York Stock Exchange that is a leading provider of seismic data and related geophysical expertise to the petroleum industry. He is also a prominent activist in the Jewish community; in addition to

his service as Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, he holds leadership positions in the Anti-Defamation League (Southwest Region), the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, and the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter the remarks of Fred S. Zeidman into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE REMARKS

FRED S. ZEIDMAN, CHAIRMAN UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL, APRIL 30, 2003—THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Survivors of the Holocaust; The Museum's founding chairman Elie Wiesel, our moral compass and humanity's moral compass; Secretary Powell; Senate Majority Leader Frist, House Majority Leader DeLay, House Democratic Leader Pelosi, Senator Voinovich, Senator Corzine, and other members of Congress; Ambassador Ayalon; My distinguished predecessor Miles Lerman and my co-chair Ruth Mandel; Friends of the Museum.

Secretary Powell, you have devoted your entire life to liberating oppressed people and fighting for freedom. We are particularly gratified, Mr. Secretary, that you are able to join us today.

For your freedom and ours—there could hardly be a more appropriate time, or a more appropriate place in which to consider these words.

Consider the figures in these murals that surround us, the statues on their pedestals. I think the leaders they represent would be hard-pressed to find a phrase that better captures what drove them to create a "new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

For your freedom and ours—the theme of the manifesto smuggled out of the Warsaw ghetto and posted across the city, written by its Jewish freedom fighters in what they surely knew would become, in effect, their last testament. For your freedom and ours—it is a call to service that resonates all the more in light of recent events. What better words to characterize our national sense of urgency as we confront international terrorism today. It is an urgency echoed in our vigorous international leadership, represented here by Secretary Powell, and the courage of our armed forces, represented by the flags of the liberating units and the young men and women who carry them.

So, mindful of the dedication others have demonstrated on our behalf—whether 60 years ago or today—we are here to remember all the victims of the Holocaust as individuals with full and vibrant lives.

For your freedom and ours—I truly believe the resonance of this battle cry lies behind the American public's commitment to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The last ten years have demonstrated that Americans understand our living memorial as a warning to all people, whatever their backgrounds, about the consequences of hatred and indifference, and the failure to act. That understanding is based on our Holocaust survivors' most precious legacy—their memories. We cannot see all that passed before their eyes. We cannot endure the terror they suffered. We cannot grasp the human capacity for evil in the way that they can. But through them, it is possible that future generations may be spared a similar fate. But only, that is, if we learn from, and take up, their stories, the lessons of their history. That is the purpose and the hope of the Museum.

We may not all be called to the heroism of Vladka Meed, but in one way or another we

are called to demonstrate moral courage. And each of us, as individuals, does have the power and responsibility to make a difference, to act.

As we confront the terrorism, hatred, and virulent antisemitism that pollute today's world, we must draw strength from the survivors' strength, courage from their courage.

For your freedom and ours—their history calls out to us. It is our obligation to ensure that the world listens, both now and for generations to come.

ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF POMPAÑO BEACH BEING NAMED A 2003 ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD FINALIST

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Pompano Beach, Florida for their selection as a 2003 All-America City Award Finalist. It is my pleasure to congratulate the mayor, the city commission, and the residents of this city as they are recognized by our nation with consideration for the oldest and most respected community recognition award in the United States. I also applaud the residents of Pompano Beach for their strong civic pride and their dedication to their community.

Mr. Speaker, located in Florida's 22nd Congressional District, the city of Pompano Beach has been selected as one of the 30 Finalists for this year's All-America City Award. This award is the nation's most prestigious civic recognition presented to the city who best exemplifies the award's mission to reward ideal communities where citizens, government, business and nonprofit organizations together exhibit superior civic ideals. The city of Pompano Beach proudly exhibits the All-America City criteria, along with an increased level of community pride and spirit amongst the city residents. In the final round of this competition, Pompano Beach will present their innovative ideas for addressing a wide array of social and community issues to a 10-member panel, during their current stay in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate the citizens of Pompano Beach, Florida and the distinctive members of their community who have worked incredibly hard over the past year to instill such strong civic pride in the residents of Pompano Beach which has to lead the city to its title of an All-America City finalist. I go on to wish the city of Pompano Beach, Florida good luck as they challenge the other 30 finalists for this award, in hopes to receive the ultimate recognition as the All-America City.

MEDICARE SHOULD OFFER COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CHOICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS JUNE 12, 2003

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Medicare Substitute Adult Day

Care Services Act. This important bill would provide new rehabilitative care choices for Medicare beneficiaries while simultaneously assisting family caregivers with the difficulties in caring for a homebound family member.

Specifically, this bill would update the Medicare home health benefit by allowing beneficiaries the option of substituting some, or all, of their Medicare home health services for care in an adult day care center (ADC).

The ADC would be paid the same rate that would have been paid for the service had it been delivered in the patient's home. In addition, the ADC would be required, with that one payment, to provide a full day of care to the patient at no additional cost to the Medicare program. That care would include the home health benefit as well as transportation, meals, medication management, and a program of supervised activities.

The ADC is able to provide these extra services at the same payment rate as home health care because there are inherent cost savings in the adult day care setting. In the home care arena, a skilled nurse, a physical therapist, or other home health provider must travel from home to home providing services to one patient per site. There are significant transportation and time costs associated with this method of care. In an adult day facility, the patients are brought to the providers, who see a larger number of patients in a shorter period of time.

I would like to point out that the bill would not expand the Medicare home health benefit. It does not make any new people eligible for the home health benefit nor would it expand the definition of what qualifies for reimbursement by Medicare for home health services. To be eligible for this new option, a patient would still need to qualify for Medicare home health benefits just like they do today. They would need to be homebound and have certification from a doctor for skilled therapy in the home.

The Medicare Substitute Adult Day Care Services Act simply recognizes that adult day care facilities can provide the same health services with the added benefits of social interaction, activities and meals. They also offer a therapeutic environment, in which a group of trained professionals can treat, monitor and support Medicare beneficiaries who would otherwise be monitored at home by a single caregiver.

Not only does ADC aid in the rehabilitation of the patient, it provides a tremendous benefit to the family caregiver. Many frail beneficiaries cannot be left alone; therefore, caregivers are unable to have a respite or maintain employment. If senior citizens could utilize ADC services, they would receive supervised care for an entire day and the caregiver would have the opportunity to work outside the home and/or leave the house for longer periods of time.

Adult day care centers offer high-quality, safe, and often preferable alternatives to senior citizens who face complete confinement in the home. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important legislation.

CESAR CHAVEZ POST OFFICE

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 925 to designate Chicago's 1859 South Ashland Avenue postal facility as the Cesar Chavez Post Office.

Born on the cusp of the Depression, he knew that hard work in hard times brought only hard luck for farm workers. As a 15-year-old, Chavez left school when his father was disabled in a car accident, and he took up work that would inform his legacy. He worked twelve hours a day hoeing beets and lettuce to help sustain his family. As a child he learned that farm workers' pay depended on the farm owner's good will or whim. As fields of fruit ripened before him, he saw that the agricultural economy depended on growers' abilities to hire enough short-term workers to harvest the crop. He also saw how immigration policies like the bracero program ensured a steady supply of labor willing to accept depressed wages.

But the work that nearly broke his back only strengthened his spirit, and Cesar Chavez went on to be one of this nation's greatest advocates for farm workers.

With first-hand knowledge of the field's wretched conditions, of farm workers' vulnerabilities and of the workers' essential role in maintaining agricultural production, he gave voice to hundreds of thousands of migrant workers who were too afraid to speak out alone. He mobilized the isolated and vulnerable into a unified power, and in the process strengthened the burgeoning civil rights movement. The union he founded, United Farm Workers, adhered to Gandhi's principles of nonviolence, and slowly improved the lives of farm workers and their families by insisting that work conditions are safe and humane.

Cesar Chavez is an American hero. He believed in the dignity of work, and fought for the humane treatment of each worker. His life's work and guiding values make our society a better place. I am privileged to stand in support commemorating his life and work with the designation of the U.S. Postal Service facility at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago as the Cesar Chavez Post Office.

HONORING ESCO BILLINGS JR.

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to a hardworking American. Esco Billings Jr., of Pueblo, Colorado, selflessly served this great nation throughout his long and dedicated life. It is with great pride that I take this opportunity to highlight the many contributions Esco made to his community throughout his life.

Esco answered the honorable call to military service twice in his lifetime, serving with the U.S. Navy during both World War II and the Korean War. Esco continued his life of public

service when he returned home in 1951, embarking on a career with the Pueblo Fire Department. He ascended to the position of Assistant Chief in 1964, where he continued to serve until his retirement in 1979.

Esco's strong commitment to public service was only superseded by his devotion to family. Within his extended family of fellow policemen and firemen, he will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this Congress today to recognize Esco's devotion to his family and service to his country. Citizens like Esco provide the strength of spirit and character that make this nation great. While he will be dearly missed, we can all take solace in the fact that Esco's spirit will live on through the lives of those whom he has touched.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY SMITH, MOBILE AREA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor and congratulate Mrs. Mary Smith for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She deserves our sincere and respectful congratulations. Her dedication and service have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

Mary Smith has taught middle school science at the Clark School of Mathematics and Science for eleven years. She has been very interactive with her science students, and she always gives her time and energy to her students and to her school. She frequently takes her classes on field trips and exposes them to hands-on experiments in and out of the classroom. She also gives up many nights and Saturdays to coach the Clark Science Olympiad. Her dedication and involvement have made a difference in many young lives.

One of Mrs. Smith's newest projects has been to capture the interest of her students with the NASA space program. "Signatures in Space" is a new government sponsored program that allows 500 different schools throughout the country to send their students' signatures into outer space with the next shuttle launch. Mary Smith was instrumental in procuring a spot on the signature list for the Clark School of Mathematics and Science. She also successfully helped a student to apply and get initiated into an extremely competitive national program allowing the student to communicate directly with the astronauts via a live telecast. Her devoted spirit and good-natured heart have made her more than deserving of this honorary award.

Mary Smith has been a real treasure to the students and faculty of Clark School of Mathematics and Science. The extra effort she always puts forth has allowed her to touch so many young lives. She is always going above and beyond and it shows in the hearts of all that she has touched. Heroes are not just the powerful and popular figures seen on television. True heroes are the people that touch lives, giving their heart and dedication to ev-

erything they do. True heroes are the Mary Smiths in the world. I can think of no one better deserving of this award and distinction. Once again, I congratulate Mary Smith for her hard work, dedication, and service to her students, to her community, and to our great country.

A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL H. KAHN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Daniel H. Kahn in recognition of his accomplishments in the field of business travel and for his public service.

Daniel H. Kahn, CTC is a principal of Marketing Solutions Network, LLC. He is a recognized expert in the areas of leisure travel, tourism, corporate travel, and travel and expense management. Dan has held numerous executive and managerial positions in travel management during his 34 years at American Express.

Most recently, Dan was vice-president of Global and Corporate travel for American Express. In this capacity, he was responsible for the negotiations and management of all of the company's contracts with the world's leading travel suppliers, as well as the company's corporate travel policies. On an annual basis, he negotiated contracts in excess of \$200 million.

Dan was selected to serve as Deputy Director of the White House Conference on Travel and Tourism. As an Executive-on-Loan from American Express, he was responsible for travel industry relations and fundraising activities for the conference, which was held in Washington, DC in 1995. Dan enjoys favorable relationships with virtually all of the leading travel companies throughout the world.

Throughout his career at American Express, Dan held position of increasing responsibility including Vice President of Consumer Travel, Vice President of National Accounts, Vice President of Sales Planning and Development, and Vice President/General Manager of Destinations Services for the U.S. and Canada.

Dan is active in a number of travel industry and civic organizations. These include the National Business Travel Associations (NBTA), Association for Corporate Travel Executives (ACTE), American Society of Travel Agents (STA), and the Institute of Certified Travel Agents (ICTA). He is also on the advisory board and a charter member of American Sightseeing International, and on the Board of Directors for the Vocational Foundation, Inc. (VFI), the nation's first job training and placement agency for youth. He is Chairman of VFI's Hospitality program. In his personal life, Dan is on the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth Haverim in Mahwah, New Jersey.

Dan earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Rider College and acquired his Certified Travel Counselor (CTC) designation from the Institute of Certified Travel Agents (ICTA) in 1972. He lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, with his wife Nancy and two daughters, Stefanie and Jamie.

Mr. Speaker, Daniel Kahn has reached the highest level of accomplishment in business travel. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my

colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN HONOR OF THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN BANDURIST CHORUS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognition of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus as they celebrate 85 years of promoting Ukrainian arts and culture through their historic and significant musical achievement focused on the bandura—the ageless instrument and melodic voice of the Ukraine.

The bandura, an instrument that connects acoustic principles of the lute and harp, produces a sound that is both strong and fragile; it is a sound that has echoed the culture, spirit and people of Eastern Europe for thousands of years—a sound kept alive by the artistic talent of the bandurists—a sound that signifies a nation's struggle for freedom—a sound that is taught to every new generation—a sound that reaches across oceans and spans centuries.

The heart and soul of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus encompasses ideals of faith, freedom and the human spirit—reflecting the soul of the Ukraine. The Chorus also represents survival and renewal of a persecuted people. Like countless individuals and groups seeking freedom from the dark days of European oppression and war during the 1930's and 1940's—the artists and musicians of the Ukraine were persecuted for their art, faith, and love of country. But their music and heritage would survive and grow—in the Ukraine, and in communities across North America, as Ukrainian artists and musicians sought refuge in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the internationally reknowned Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, as they celebrate eighty-five years of Ukrainian culture and history by blending the ageless sound of the bandura with voices of song—resounding Ukrainian history, faith, and struggle for liberty. The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus symbolizes triumph over oppression and the bandura serves as a stark historical metaphor—lest we forget—the strength in our struggle for freedom, and the fragility in our struggle to preserve it—as fragile and strong as the melody of the bandura.

MEMORY AND ACTION: RUTH MANDEL'S REMARKS COMMEMORATING THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, last month leaders and citizens from throughout America gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to commemorate the Days of Remembrance. This annual ceremony assumed special significance this year, as it took place during the 60th anniversary

of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, an event that epitomizes the true meaning of bravery and honor.

In April 1943, the Gestapo set out to liquidate the surviving Jews of Warsaw. Most ghetto residents—over 300,000—had been deported to Treblinka the previous year, where they faced immediate death in the gas chambers of the notorious extermination camp. Those left in Warsaw vowed not to meet a similar fate.

The Gestapo expected the clearing out of the ghetto to be a simple operation. How could a small number of Jews, poorly fed and with few arms, even think about fighting back against thousands of machine gun-toting storm troopers? When the Nazis entered the ghetto on the early morning of April 19th, this question met with an emphatic answer. Young Jewish fighters greeted the Gestapo with a hail of bullets and homemade Molotov cocktails, forcing the Nazis into a panicked retreat. "Juden haben waffen," they yelled at the top of their lungs. "Juden haben waffen." Translated literally: "The Jews have arms." The men and women of the ghetto would not die quietly.

For the next month, the Jews of Warsaw fought with a fierce determination that stunned the Nazi leaders and inspired the world. Few expected to survive, and few did. Nevertheless, the courageous men and women of the Warsaw Ghetto live on through the power of their heroism and the strength of their sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, the Days of Remembrance ceremony included moving remarks on the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising by Ruth B. Mandel, the Vice Chair of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council (USHMC) since 1993. Professor Mandel is the Director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics and Board of Governors Professor of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Her contributions to the USHMC have been extraordinary, and I'm honored to enter her remarks into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE REMARKS

RUTH B. MANDEL, VICE CHAIR UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL APRIL 30, 2003—THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Memory and Action

Honored guests, one and all: It is April 30, 2003. We gather to Remember and to pay our respects. To light a candle in memory.

The memory of a past we wish not to repeat is tantamount to a hope. Hope can be uplifting or comforting, an expectation that something positive might happen—I hope for good luck; I hope for a cure; I hope for happiness. Yet in itself, hope is a passive stance, a rather weak force.

For memory to be a strong force, it must be the fuel for action. An active stance can be inspired by memory, but it cannot linger in memory. It must move beyond memory.

Thus, as we observe this Day of Remembrance, as we recall our personal nightmares and once again revisit our losses, even as we honor those we memorialize—the millions in the human family, our families, annihilated by guns and gas in the unspeakably grotesque collapse of civilized society, let us each consider how to link memory to action.

In these frightening, worrisome times, the understandable question of despair—"But what can I do?"—is a perfectly rational individual response to the magnitude of pain and threat humanity visits on itself regularly. But it is not an adequate response.

Honoring memory as an active stance requires some effort to use it. Even in the smallest ways, use memory.

Honored guests, one and all: It is April 30, 2003, and we are here to memorialize children . . . and men . . . and women—millions annihilated by guns and gas in the grotesque collapse of civilized society.

Today we pay special tribute to some of those who defied evil with heroic action. Their actions offer lessons, warnings, and even inspiration for the issues we face in our own times. The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 60 years ago is just such an event. At the beginning of a new and, so far, troubled century, the uprising's power to inform, enlighten, and challenge our own choices remains strong.

On April 23, 1943, determined to uphold the honor of the Jewish people in the face of odds they knew they could not overcome, the Warsaw Ghetto fighters wrote:

Let it be known that every threshold in the ghetto has been and will continue to be a fortress, that we may all persist in this struggle, but we will not surrender; that, like you, we breathe with desire for revenge for the crimes of our common foe. A battle is being waged for your freedom as well as ours. For your and our human, civic, and national honor and dignity.

That battle was waged not only in Warsaw. Although Warsaw is most well known, throughout occupied Europe there were many brave individuals who took up arms against their oppressors in order to affirm their humanity, and ours.

These brave fighters bequeathed the memory of heroic action to a people. Reflecting on the future of the Jewish people, they realized that the memory of their efforts would be as important as the struggle itself.

The Warsaw revolt began in desperation; ultimately, it was an act of inspiration. They spoke about fighting for their freedom and ours; they taught us a lesson for their time and for ours. In lighting a candle to remember those who stood against the Nazis, we honor those who perished and are in turn reminded that the moral conscience of the individual can be a great weapon against evil. This was a lesson of the last century; this is a warning for the present one.

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA ROCKWELL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, Virginia Rockwell of Swink, Colorado. Virginia has devoted more than twenty years of her life to mentoring and guiding many of Colorado's children. From kindergarten to their senior year of high school—and often times beyond—Virginia has performed her duties as a school counselor in the Swink schools admirably. Virginia's devotion to our youth is remarkable and it is fitting that she be recognized here before this body of Congress and this nation upon her retirement.

In the early nineties, Virginia was State Multi-Level Counselor of the Year, as well as a runner-up nationally. She has worked not only with children but also with their parents and their teachers in order to provide them the support and guidance they need to flourish in school and in life. Even after college, former students have not hesitated to come back and seek help from Virginia, whose door is always open.

Mr. Speaker, Virginia has touched the lives of generations of Swink's children and I know that she will continue to influence lives in the future. She has inspired Colorado with the spirit of dedication and hard work that have contributed so much to this great nation and I thank her for her efforts. Good luck to you, Virginia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYNN GARNER, MOBILE AREA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor and congratulate Mrs. Lynn Garner for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She deserves our sincere and respectful congratulations. Her dedication and service have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

Dodge Elementary School has been delighted with the 18 years of service Lynn Garner has given as a faculty member. She works with all 1,050 students and 66 faculty members as the technology coordinator. Her bright smile, energetic attitude, and unwavering dedication bring a level of cheerfulness and enrichment to the entire school.

Mrs. Lynn Garner has always been known to go above and beyond in everything she does. She comes to school early and stays late everyday to provide extra classes and help for students and faculty alike, and has often been known to work on the weekends as well. She gives all of her time while still managing to take classes at the University of South Alabama in pursuit of a certification in Media Education. One of her more recent projects includes redesigning the school's entire computer lab system to allow her students to benefit by using technology to enhance their education. She has been vital to the success of the Dodge Elementary School technology program.

Lynn Garner has shown the type of dedication and service that is rare. Her career has not earned her fortune or fame, but she has been able to touch and bless the lives of a countless number of children. Teachers are the real heroes of our time, heroes that have touched us all.

Once again, I congratulate Lynn Garner for her hard work, dedication, and service to her students, to her community, and to our great country.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK ESTRADA,
MD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Frank Estrada in recognition of his dedication to serving his community.

Dr. Estrada was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico and immigrated to New York in 1951.

After graduating cum laude from Boys High School in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Estrada joined the U.S. Navy where he was honorably discharged with commendation for heroic action and participation in the Cuban blockade. Following his service in the Navy, Dr. Estrada enrolled in New York University, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He was on the Dean's List for three years. Dr. Estrada earned his M.D. degree from New York University. He has been married for 38 years and has three children and two grandchildren.

Dr. Estrada practices Family Medicine. Since 1995, he has worked with Mt. Sinai Services at Elmhurst Hospital Center as an attending physician to the Women's Primary Care Health Service. In this capacity, he offers direct patient care, supervises direct patient care, and assures that the medical teams provide effective care to patients. In addition to his hospital duties, Dr. Estrada has a private family medical practice.

Dr. Estrada has a deep interest in the evolution of managed care. He is especially concerned with the development of protocols for primary care management in a cost effective system that engenders patient satisfaction as well as staff satisfaction and efficiency.

At this time, Dr. Estrada is actively involved with many organizations including the Urban Health Plan, Inc., where he serves on the Board of Directors; the New York University School of Medicine Alumni Association, where he is the Vice-President; the Spanish American Medical Society, where he served as Past President, and the Queens GYN Society, where he was the first non-ob/gyn doctor to be elected. Additionally, he has been certified by the American Board of Family Practice for 25 years.

Dr. Estrada has also worked with the Chippewa Indians in Red Lake, Minnesota, and spent a year at Brookdale hospital where he served in a variety of capacities. He has also been an interviewer with NYU School of Medicine Admissions Committee and has appeared on radio and television stations for Spanish and English speaking audiences. Dr. Estrada conducts several speaking engagements at local schools and libraries as well.

His most recent awards include the meritorious Service Award by the Queen Health Network, the Citation of Honor for Professional Achievement by the Queens Borough President, the Recognition Award by the U.S. Customs Service, and the Science Award of the Puerto Rican Institute.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Frank Estrada is committed to providing his community with quality and effective health care services. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTERLY APARTMENTS AND THE BARTON SENIOR CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the administrators, staff and residents of the Westerly Apartments

and Barton Senior Center, as they celebrate 40 years of uplifting the lives of senior citizens in Lakewood, OH. I also rise in honor of the founding members, DeArv G. Barton, Frank Celeste, Gertrude Nelson and Wallace Teare.

The concept of the Barton Senior Center of the Westerly Apartments-combining affordable senior apartments with a social center that offers a variety of social, educational, recreational and health related activities and programs for seniors-was the first of its kind in the country, and has served as the inspiration and model for similar projects in Lakewood and across the Nation ever since.

The Barton Center came to fruition in 1963 when the first residents of the newly-built Westerly Apartments realized their need for a common social area. With help from government loans, foundation gifts and individual donations, a full service senior center was built, complete with a spacious lounge and dining room, a fully equipped kitchen, arts and crafts room, library, pool and game room, workshop and hobby room, and office space. A full-time director and activities coordinator was also hired. Today, the Center also offers daily meal service, banking services, classrooms, computer lab, auditorium and a greenhouse. The Westerly Apartments and the Barton Center both publish regular newsletters that highlight current programs and services such as the Driver Evaluation Program, Home Town Band Concerts, the Holiday Fair and community transportation services.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Westerly Apartments and Barton Senior Center. The founding members, past and present administrators, staff, and residents have transformed a structure of brick and steel into a welcoming and lively social center, and a place that truly is "home."

TRIBUTE TO BARTON PORTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I honor the life of a well-respected rancher from my district. Barton Porter of New Castle, Colorado recently passed away, and as his loved ones mourn his passing, I would like to pay tribute to this outstanding individual before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Barton was born in Glenwood Springs, Colorado and spent almost his entire life on the state's Western Slope. He was a part of what many call the "Greatest Generation" learning the meaning of hard work and sacrifice on the battlefield. Like so many young men of his day, Barton served his country by joining the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he came home to his family ranch and also worked in real estate.

Barton understood what really matters in this world, and he made his family the top priority in his life. Barton was also active in the community through his involvement with the local school board, the 4-H Club, and Stewards on the Range, which promotes sensible management of natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the life and memory of Barton Porter. Barton

believed a man could achieve anything he wanted through hard work and perseverance, setting a great example for younger generations. To his family, friends, and the many people in the community whose lives he touched, Barton Porter will be deeply missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHY MOSS TAYLOR, MOBILE AREA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mrs. Cathy Moss Taylor for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She deserves our utmost respect and sincere congratulations. Her dedication and service have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

Cathy Moss Taylor has always been committed to service. She is a math teacher at Satsuma High School and is deeply committed to helping her students learn and succeed in life. She recently worked to establish a tutorial program to help seniors successfully retake the math section of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. This program has proven to be a great success with over a 90 percent passing rate. Her commitment to her students and to the community has been unsurpassed and has impacted all of her students.

Mrs. Cathy Moss Taylor works hard both in and out of the classroom. Despite the time she has spent raising her two children and her niece, she also gives her afternoons by helping to sponsor the Miss Satsuma High School Pageant and the Satsuma High School screening committee for the Azalea Trail Maid selection. She has touched so many young lives with her caring and support and has gone well beyond the duties required by her job.

Hard work and dedication are just a few words that can only begin to describe Cathy Moss Taylor. She is a joy to her students and her peers and her ability to reach out and touch the lives of others is a rarity and a special treasure. Once again, I congratulate Cathy Moss Taylor for her hard work, dedication, and service to her students, to her community and to our great country.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICHoice OF NEW YORK: A UNITEDHEALTH GROUP COMPANY FOR BEING A 2003 AAHP/WYETH HERA AWARD WINNER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize AmeriChoice of New York, which is a UnitedHealth Group Company, for winning this year's Bronze AAHP/Wyeth HERA award in the health plan category.

Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, together with the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP), offers this prestigious award to honor those who have made a significant difference in the area of women and children's health outcomes. AmeriChoice received this recognition for significant progress in working to ensure that New York City's youngest, most vulnerable children receive appropriate well care in the first 15 months of life.

AmeriChoice of New York serves more than 90,000 members in New York City, the majority residing in Brooklyn. In 2000, the health plan launched a targeted Well Child Outreach Initiative, designed to increase the number of children receiving five or more comprehensive well child visits with a primary care physician in the first 15 months of life. The goal of this initiative was to meet or exceed New York State's goal for Medicaid plans in this area.

The plan's multi-tiered approach entails four essential elements. The first part is member education and support, which includes telephone calls from multilingual Member Services staff, postcard reminders and transportation assistance to support this initiative. Next, is provider education and incentives, which includes regular patient profile mailings, listing members due for care and quality award payments for physicians whose patients met the well child visit requirements. The approach also provides for significant community outreach that includes partnerships with community-based organizations and other opinion makers to educate members as to the importance of well child visits. Finally, AmeriChoice employs database development systems that monitor physicians and members regarding well child visits and provides real-time information on member compliance.

In two years, the plan has more than doubled the number of children completing the series of well child visits and exceeded New York State's goal of 55 percent in 2000 and 65 percent in 2001. In fact, the plan scored highest of all Medicaid plans in New York City in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, the leaders of AmeriChoice of New York have taken extraordinary steps to improve the delivery of health care services for children. As such, the company and its leaders are worthy of receiving our recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO QUIGG NEWTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress today to mourn the passing of Quigg Newton, who served the state of Colorado with distinction as Mayor of Denver and as President of the University of Colorado. For ninety-one years, the energy and spirit Quigg Newton brought to life made many of us believe that he would never pass away. I honor his many accomplishments here today.

Returning from his service in the Navy after the Second World War, Quigg Newton moved to Denver where he ran for mayor and served

two terms, retiring in 1955. He was the grandson of a Colorado territory pioneer and his tenure as mayor is fittingly known for the hard work and pioneering spirit he brought to the office. For his dedication and commitment, the city has named a senior center and an auditorium after him.

Mr. Speaker, Quigg Newton will be remembered fondly. His service to this country serves as an example to us all. Quigg Newton lived his life with integrity, honor, and bravery. It is an honor to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a fine man. My prayers go out to all of Quigg's friends and family in their time of mourning.

HONORING NOBLE FIELDS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great community leader, educator, and real estate practitioner, Ms. Noble Fields, for her years of service and commitment to the community. Noble Fields is the founder and director of the Noble Fields Realty & Investment Company and School of Real Estate. She is also a woman of many talents.

Noble Fields was born in Fresno and enlisted in the Army after high school. She was originally trained as a teletype operator, but after a career counseling course, she became an Army recruiter and then an instructor for recruiters.

While still in the service, Noble Fields entered and won an Army talent contest which resulted in her performing as a singer and dancer in many NCO clubs around the world and with the All Army Entertainment show. She became an accomplished actress, and has since appeared on the San Francisco stage and has had small parts in major movie productions. She also holds an FCC broadcasting license that she earned while in the Army and was a radio broadcaster and cable television show host in the Bay Area and Indianapolis.

After 20 years, this Army veteran retired as a Staff Sergeant with a full brass band ceremony. She has a service-connected disability and is the Commander of Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 144, the first woman ever to serve in that position.

After leaving the military, Noble worked for the National Alliance of Businessmen, a partnership of private businesses, labor, and government. As the Jobs for Veterans Manager, she was instrumental in securing jobs and job training for Vietnam veterans.

In 1985, Ms. Fields started the Noble Fields School of Real Estate and Appraisal. The school offers approved home study license qualification classes and continuing education courses for real estate and appraiser licenses. As we honor Ms. Fields today, I want to thank her for her work in promoting the participation of minorities in the real estate industry. I take great pride in joining Ms. Fields' family, friends and colleagues to recognize and salute the accomplishments and contributions of Noble Fields.

ISRAEL

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the continued terrorist attacks against Israel.

As we all know the President has recently returned from his first official visit to the Middle East where he attempted to move the peace process forward.

During the summit Israel and the Palestinians agreed to the road map—now comes the hard part.

Progress will be difficult and we must focus now on action, not words. In short, performance matters.

The United States must do more to put pressure on Israel's neighbors and make sure they cease all support of terrorist groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

With 16 Israelis dead from Wednesday's bus bombing, four soldiers killed last weekend, and hundreds of other Israelis dead from Hamas attacks, Israel has the right to protect herself and her people from terrorists.

Hamas and other terrorist groups oppose the road map, they oppose any lasting peace with Israel. They oppose the existence of the Jewish State.

These groups have been tolerated for years by the Palestinian Authority and the PA chairman, Yassir Arafat.

The administration must also increase dialog with our European allies who continue to have relations with Yassir Arafat, as if he were the head of state. Support for Yassir Arafat and his terrorist ways must stop.

More support must be given to Abu Mazen so he can disarm the terrorist groups so Israel can live in safety and security.

There will be no peace and there should be no peace plan until all sides agree that Israel has the right to exist and her people the right to live in safety on the streets, in cafés and on their buses—anything else is a failure that the U.S. should take no part in.

MINNESOTA CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR LIFE

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life on their 35th anniversary.

MCCL is Minnesota's largest and oldest organization dedicated to preserving the sanctity of human life. It was founded in 1968 with the goal of protecting the lives of the unborn and elderly from conception until natural death. Since then, MCCL has grown from a handful of individuals meeting in their kitchens to 77,000 members in 241 local chapters today.

MCCL works tirelessly to educate the public on the precious nature of life. MCCL is a major force behind efforts to create a culture of life that refuses to accept as common practice euthanasia, human cloning, assisted suicide, and abortion on demand.

Through their efforts, MCCL has allowed thousands to enjoy the banquet of life who otherwise would not have.

I also applaud the vision and leadership of Scott Fischbach, MCCL's new Executive Director.

Mr. Speaker, I salute MCCL for its 35 years of work on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens.

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, the Survivor Benefit Plan was, at one time, a good plan intended to provide for surviving spouses of veterans. Unfortunately, that intention has been lost.

Now surviving spouses are experiencing the reality of a one-third drop in benefits when they turn 62 and Congress has yet to take any action on rectifying this wrong.

Well, the time has come for Congress to step up to the plate and provide for our veterans what we already provide to our federal civilian retirees.

I believe the message of this tragic inequality is best conveyed by those who must live with it. I would like to read a statement from a constituent of mine from Riverside, California, Mrs. Marilyn T. Owsley about her experience with the Survivor Benefit Plan:

My husband would turn over in his grave had he known what was happening to me with his annuity. He chose SBP for me to have a decent income along with his Social Security. Also, he liked the idea of this annuity because you get a cost of living increase each year where other types of annuities did not. Together with his Social Security and the SBP annuity, I manage. I rent my apartment and pray they don't increase the rent too much each year. I gave up driving my 1983 Chevy as it was too costly to keep up with repairs and insurance. I have to depend on someone else to go to the store or the doctor. If not for my children, I don't know what I would do. I will be 78 years old on October 9, 2003. They say the Golden Years are good. I say my gold turned to rust. I pray every night the government will do something about this problem of the annuity reduction.

Let's return the benefits to the Survivor Benefit Plan and keep our word to the millions of veterans who, in good faith, signed up for this plan with the expectation of taking care of their loved ones after they passed.

PROVIDING FURTHER CLARITY AS TO THE INTENT OF CONGRESS WITH REGARD TO HR 1904, THE HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, last month, the House passed the Healthy Forests Restoration Act on an overwhelming bipartisan basis. The bill creates a number of new procedures and programs to deal with the nation's exploding forest health crisis. Importantly, Title VI of the bill would authorize and direct federal land

managers to establish early detection programs for insect and disease infestations, with an emphasis on hardwood forests, so that agencies can isolate and treat adverse conditions before they reach epidemic levels.

Even though the bill was first considered and marked up in the Resources Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, under the outstanding leadership of Chairman BOB GOODLATTE, received primary referral. While associating myself with the able and accurate work in the Agriculture Committee's Report on H.R. 1904, as the bill's primary author I want to insert some additional language into H.R. 1904's legislative history so as to provide further clarity as to the intention of Congress in Title VI.

Title VI of H.R. 1904 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program that uses geospatial and information management technologies (remote sensing imaging and decision support systems) to inventory, monitor, characterize, assess, and identify forest stands (and potential forest stands) in the southern and eastern portions of the United States, with special emphasis on hardwood forest types. The approach for this effort includes utilizing NASA remote sensing technology, emerging geospatial capabilities in research activities, validating techniques using application demonstrations, and integrating results into pilot operational systems. Important issues to be addressed in this region of the U.S. include, but are not limited to, early detection, identification and assessment of environmental threats (insect, disease, invasive species, fire and weather-related risks, other episodic events), loss or degradation of forests, degradation of stand quality due to inadequate forest regeneration practices, quantification of carbon uptake rates, and other counter management practices. Developing a comprehensive early warning system for potential catastrophic environmental threats to Eastern forests would significantly increase the likelihood that managers could isolate and treat any such outbreak before it gets out of control. Such a system could prevent the kind of epidemic, like that of the American chestnut blight in the first half of the twentieth century, which could be environmentally and economically devastating to Eastern forests.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1904 is as important as any environmental legislation that this House has passed in a very long time. Title VI in the bill is a critical piece of that landmark forest health program.

STATEMENT FROM REPRESENTATIVE TOM DAVIS HONORING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF SID YUDAIN, THE ROLL CALL NEWSPAPER FOUNDER

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, "At every dramatic turning point of our long national nightmare known as Watergate, Roll Call was there. Sid Yudain reported the Watergate break-in a full three days before Nixon's resignation," quipped Washington's favorite political satirist, Mark Russell some twenty years ago.

Russell's dig was aimed at the man credited with discovering him, Sid Yudain, founder, publisher, editor, and even occasional delivery boy of Capitol Hill's own newspaper, Roll Call. Now, this weekend Mark and his wife Ali are hosting—and perhaps roasting—Sid at a party celebrating his 80th birthday.

Sid, who had spent several years in Hollywood following World War 11 where he became a columnist and raconteur for movie stars, had come to Washington in the early 1950's to work as press secretary for Congressman Al Morano of his home state of Connecticut. He soon noticed an ongoing void of information about what was going on around the Capitol Hill community. Sure, there were plenty of newspapers in town that wrote about Congressional legislation and political debates. But an incident involving two Ohio Congressmen, who were exchanging greetings when one expressed total surprise at learning from the other that a member of their state delegation had died, provided the spark that finally led Sid to create his own newspaper, Roll Call, in 1955.

Interestingly, Roll Call was not to be a newspaper about Capitol Hill, but as its masthead boldly proclaimed, "The newspaper of Capitol Hill." Judging by the names of those who wrote its early columns and stories, it lived up to its assertion, because Members of Congress and their staffs eagerly contributed to its pages. Vice President Richard Nixon insisted on writing a piece about a doorman who had passed away, and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson related through the pages of Roll Call his experiences and thanks following his recovery from a recent heart attack.

For the 32 years that Sid owned Roll Call, the paper chronicled life on the Hill and promoted a community spirit where Members and staffers of all political persuasions could come together to celebrate their common service to the American people. Roll Call nurtured clubs and organizations, issued the "Outstanding Staffer" award each year, sponsored Congress' annual baseball game, and gave gifted and often famous writers of all backgrounds the opportunity to inform and entertain arguably the most influential readership on the planet.

And, all this time Sid was having the time of his life. His Capitol Hill townhouse parties featuring steaming cauldrons of his homemade soups fed to noteworthy musical and journalistic friends were legendary, and his zany humor brought raucous laughter to any occasion.

Sid sold Roll Call in 1988 to spend more time with his family, friends, and saxophone, and to get more use out of the stage he built in his back yard for his music parties, a facility dubbed by associates as "Sid Trap." Mr. Speaker, his get-togethers fall somewhere between a Pavarotti concert and a Don Rickles roast.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me with Sid's wife Lael; their children Rachel (and husband Amar Kuchinad) and Raymond; Sid's other family members; and his cadre of friends in wishing him a most happy 80th birthday. And, with all that talent he still holds in reserve, perhaps it's time to get started on the book he's promised to write.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on June 11, 2003, I was unable to vote on the motion for the previous question on the rule for H.R. 2115. Had I been present, I would have voted yes (rollcall 257). I was also unable to vote on the rule for H.R. 2115. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted yes (rollcall 258). Finally, I was unable to vote on H. Con. Res. 110, recognizing the sequencing of the human genome. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted yes (rollcall 259).

CONCERN OVER ILLEGAL USE OF PAINKILLER OXYCONTIN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I want to bring attention to the illegal use and abuse of the powerful painkiller OxyContin that is destroying families and crippling communities, particularly in rural parts of the country. Southwest Virginia, western Kentucky and Maine have been hit particularly hard.

OxyContin does serve a very real and useful purpose for people with chronic, debilitating pain or who are terminally ill. It is hailed as a miracle drug for terminally ill cancer patients. I know what it is like to see people suffer from cancer. Both my mother and father died of cancer.

My concern is that this powerful painkiller has increasingly become a drug of choice for people who choose to abuse it; for people who have no legitimate need for this pain-killing drug. When taken properly, OxyContin is a wonder drug. But when it is ground up or chewed, the time release mechanism in the tablet is disabled, providing abusers with a heroin-like high.

I am also concerned about how this drug has been allowed to be marketed. Clearly, OxyContin should be available for the terminally ill. It should also be available to those people who suffer with severe chronic pain. I do not believe it should be prescribed to treat moderate pain.

Earlier this year I wrote to the Honorable Tommy Thompson, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, asking him to review the marketing of OxyContin and its classification for treatment of moderate to severe pain. Here is the text of the letter:

DEAR SECRETARY THOMPSON: In December 2001, the Commerce-Justice-State and the Judiciary appropriations subcommittee held a hearing on the illegal diversion of the prescription drug OxyContin, a pain-killing Schedule II narcotic manufactured by Purdue Pharma L.P. One of the witnesses, the father of a recovering OxyContin addict, told a gripping story of the devastating impact the drug has had on his family and his son, who was in his early 20s. He proudly told the committee how his son had just finished rehab and had kicked his addiction. Sadly, a few months after appearing before the subcommittee, the son died as a result of abusing the drug.

When used properly, OxyContin is considered a wonder drug, especially for terminally ill cancer patients. I know what it is like to see people suffer from cancer. Both my mother and father died of cancer. I can remember my mother constantly asking the nurses for more morphine but being told she couldn't have any more. My mother was in a great deal of pain. OxyContin, if it had been available when she was dying, probably would have made her a lot more comfortable at the end.

When used illegally, however, OxyContin destroys families and communities. It also can lead to death. This powerful painkiller has increasingly become a drug of choice for people who choose to abuse it by chewing it or grinding it up. By disabling the time release mechanism in OxyContin, abusers get a heroin-like high.

Initially, cases of abuse and illegal diversion occurred primarily in poor, rural communities in Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. Abuse is no longer limited to Appalachia. The drug has found its way to urban areas and there are now reports of widespread abuse as far away as Arizona. Florida, I am told, has been hit extremely hard.

Several pharmacies in my congressional District have been robbed at gun point in recent months for OxyContin. No money was taken; the robbers only demanded the drug. Earlier this month, a prominent defense lawyer in northern Virginia who twice served as a local prosecutor in Prince William County pleaded guilty to federal drug charges linked to a large-scale investigation into the illegal distribution of OxyContin and other painkillers.

Communities where the illegal drug has taken hold are being completely destroyed. I am told there is one county in southwest Virginia where no one isn't either using the drug, knows someone using the drug or been the victim of a crime by someone needing the drug.

When a professional baseball player recently died after taking the dietary supplement ephedra, your agency immediately issued fact sheets regarding potential serious risks of dietary supplements containing ephedra. You were even quoted as cautioning all Americans about using dietary supplements that contain ephedra.

According to fact sheets produced by the FDA, two deaths, four heart attacks, nine strokes and five psychiatric cases involving ephedra have been reported. More than 240 people have died from the abuse of OxyContin and countless numbers of families and communities have been torn apart by this drug.

Your agency has done a good job educating the public about the dangers of ephedra and other dietary supplements. I urge you to initiate a similar public information campaign about the dangers of abusing OxyContin.

I have previously written to your department asking for a review of the marketing of OxyContin and its classification for treatment of moderate to severe pain. The Food and Drug Administration did change the warning label on OxyContin but more needs to be done. The drug should not be marketed to treat moderate pain. I urge you to no longer allow OxyContin to be prescribed for moderate pain.

Too many people have died, too many families have suffered and too many communities have been devastated by the improper use of this drug.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
*Chairman,**Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
State and the Judiciary*

I also have written Mark McClellan, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, six times since April 1 about this issue, imploring the FDA to take another look at for whom and for what this drug can be prescribed. I have yet to receive a response.

The following is an excerpt from a news article that appeared in the Orlando Sentinel in February cuts right to the heart of the issue. The article was written by staff writer Doris Bloodworth. It ran on February 21, 2003.

Fort Lauderdale—The maker of the highly profitable narcotic painkiller OxyContin has been aggressively marketing the drug far beyond its original purpose to ease the suffering of cancer patients, according to company documents released Thursday.

Purdue Pharma for several years has promoted the powerful drug to treat less-threatening ailments, such as arthritis and back pain, according to company marketing plans. Those materials also discuss future marketing of the drug to obstetricians and specialists in sports medicine.

The company fought to keep the sensitive documents secret, but a circuit judge in Broward County ordered them released as a result of a suit by the Orlando Sentinel and the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Purdue officials say OxyContin is a highly effective product and, when used properly, has a relatively low addiction rate.

Federal officials have admonished the company several times for marketing the narcotic inappropriately. And a number of class-action suits have been filed against Purdue in other states.

OxyContin, which has come under fire because of the number of deaths linked to its abuse, was introduced in 1996 to help cancer patients and others cope with chronic pain.

But Purdue, based in Stamford, Conn., recognized early on that non-cancer patients represented a larger and more lucrative market and sought to expand the use of its time-release painkiller, according to the marketing plans. In a marketing overview for 2002, the company noted that \$2.1 billion in opiate sales were for non-cancer pain compared with \$396 million for cancer patients. The 1999 plans state more than 70 percent of OxyContin prescriptions were written for non-cancer pain.

Purdue's most recent marketing plan states: "In 2002 OxyContin Tablets will continue to be promoted for use in the non-malignant pain market." The plan cited as examples back pain, osteoarthritis, injury and trauma.

Another goal was an attempt to "broaden OxyContin Tablets' usage in the management of pain due to various causes (e.g., back pain, osteoarthritis, neuropathic pain, post-operative pain)."

This is only one of several news stories about OxyContin that have been appearing in papers across the country. My congressional district has not been immune from the damage inflicted by the illegal use and abuse of OxyContin. Several pharmacies in my district have been robbed at gunpoint for OxyContin. A former county prosecutor in my district has pled guilty to Federal drug charges as part of a large-scale investigation into the illegal distribution of OxyContin. Last month there was a murder in my district that is potentially linked to OxyContin. Sadly, the daughter of the man who was murdered died last week of a drug overdose. Press reports allude that OxyContin may have been involved in the overdose. Just last week The Post reported that two slayings in another part of my district are possibly linked to the trade of OxyContin.

Families, communities and careers—particularly rural communities—in Virginia, Kentucky,

West Virginia, Maine, Ohio and Pennsylvania are being devastated by the illegal use and abuse of OxyContin. Clearly, there is a problem. Some law enforcement officials I have talked to say the illegal use of this drug could be the next crack cocaine. A recent story in The New York Times said that "no other drug in the last 20 years has been abused more widely so soon after its introduction" than OxyContin.

My subcommittee on the Commerce-Justice-State and the Judiciary appropriations held a hearing last December on OxyContin and is pushing the DEA to develop an aggressive plan to combat the illegal use of the drug. The hearing was comprehensive. We heard from the DEA, the pharmaceutical company that manufactures OxyContin, representatives from the American Cancer Society and the parents of recovering addicts.

My subcommittee also set aside a significant amount of money for the Justice Department for a grant program to help states develop a prescription drug monitoring system. Ideally, the program would be aimed at monitoring Schedule II drugs, not all prescription drugs.

In the meantime, I urge the Department of Health and Human Services and the FDA to reexamine to whom this drug can be prescribed before it does any more harm. Failure to take action will result in more deaths.

CREATING A COMMISSION FOR THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION OF THE CIVIL WAR

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, in 1996, Congress designated the United States Civil War Center (USCWC) at Louisiana State University (LSU) and the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College as the co-facilitators of the Sesquicentennial, or 150th, Commemoration of the Civil War in 2011–2015. Legislation establishing the Sesquicentennial Commission was to be introduced in Congress in 2003. Today I rise to offer this aforementioned legislation.

The American Civil War (1861–1865) was one of the most violent times in the history of the United States, touching not only every state and territory, but claiming more than 600,000 lives, bringing freedom to over 4 million black slaves and destroying property valued at \$5 billion. The ripple effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction remain today as our nation continues to wrestle with its legacy of race relations and federal, state and civil rights.

In 1993, the USCWC was created as a department of the LSU College of Arts and Sciences under founding director David Madden. In 2000, the USCWC became a department of LSU Libraries' Special Collections. The mission of the USCWC is to promote the study of the American Civil War from the perspectives of all professions, occupations, and academic disciplines in order to facilitate a deeper, more thorough understanding of one of the most important events in our nation's history. This mission is fulfilled through a variety of projects, including an official web site featuring over 9000 links to Civil War-related

sites, the Michael Shaara Award for Civil War Fiction, Civil War Book Review, the Michael Lehman Williamson Collection of Civil War Books for Young People, the David Madden Collection of Civil War Fiction, and the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War.

Mr. Speaker, I fully support the objectives and services the USCWC provides. What is more, I am pleased to introduce legislation today that will include the USCWC in the creation of the commission to provide grants and other assistance to institutions nationwide to conduct interdisciplinary Civil War commemorative activities between the years 2011 to 2015. The commission will include members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, directors of the Library of Congress and National Archives, and academics in history, anthropology, sociology, political science, art history and law. I believe this commission will provide the direction and resources needed for proper Sesquicentennial Commemorations of the Civil War throughout this nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURE ANNUITY INCOME FOR LIFE ACT OF 2003

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the bi-partisan "Secure Annuity Income for Life Act (S.A.I.L.)," legislation co-sponsored with Rep. JOHNNY ISAKSON (R-GA). This legislation will encourage workers to annuitize their savings to provide them with retirement income for life.

Traditionally, guaranteed monthly income sources have provided the best means of retirement income security. However, these sources are playing an ever smaller role in ensuring retirement income stability. Social Security is facing a funding challenge. The personal savings rate is at an all time low while consumer debt is at an all time high. The number of defined benefit plans, or pensions, has decreased by half since 1977—putting pressure on defined contribution plans, like the 401(k), to be the primary retirement plan.

As a result of the growth in 401(k) plans, greater amounts of retirement savings will not be annuitized. According to the Department of Labor, only 38 percent of workers in a 401(k) plan have an annuity option available to them. However, about \$2.5 trillion in retirement assets are invested in individual retirement accounts (IRAs), mostly as a result of rollovers from defined contribution plans. That compares with \$1.8 trillion in defined benefit plans and \$2.4 trillion in defined contribution plans. The amount of IRA rollovers is expected to increase by 50% in the next ten years, mostly as a result of retirements. Workers will face a number of risks when managing these savings in retirement.

When workers take a lump sum distribution, or rolls his 401(k) savings into an IRA, they face a number of risks when managing these savings in retirement:

Unpredictable Time Horizon—Life expectancy at 65 is at least 18 years—but that is only an average and not very useful in planning. In fact, 28 percent of females that are 65 years old will live to age 90 and 17 percent of

males that are 65 will live to age 90. The probability that at least one person from a married couple that is 65 years old will live to age 90 is 40 percent.

Market Risk—Retirees have a shorter time horizon in which to recover from market downturns. Market downturns at the beginning of retirement can significantly reduce how long a retiree's nest egg will last.

Inflation—Income must double over a twenty-year period just to stay even with average rates of inflation. Since most pension plans do not have cost of living income adjustments each year (unlike Social Security), personal savings experience even greater strain.

By annuitizing retirement assets—either through an employer or private commercial entity—retirees reduce the risk of retirement income instability. Public policy should encourage individuals to manage their savings during retirement in a manner that accommodates their daily needs but also ensures that their savings will not be exhausted prematurely. Only annuities can make this guarantee. Annuities transfer the risk of outliving assets from the individual to an insurance company—just as individuals transfer risks to insurance companies for their properties, accidents, and health costs.

The S.A.I.L. Act is designed to encourage individuals to annuitize their retirement savings as an efficient solution to what otherwise could be an overwhelming asset management task. Specifically, it would allow workers who participate in employer sponsored retirement savings plans, and who save through IRAs, to receive \$3,000 of annual taxfree income from annuities. Some may consider this a small incentive, but it is a progressive way to entice low to moderate income individuals to annuitize some of their retirement savings.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that retirement income security encourages workers' to annuitize their savings so that they will receive guaranteed monthly income for life. I believe this is an important policy objective and encourage my colleagues to co-sponsor the bill.

HONORING AUDREY WARRICK ON
HER RETIREMENT FROM MONROE
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to the President of Monroe County Community College (MCCC), Ms. Audrey M. Warrick. She began her career at MCCC as a counselor in 1967 and, as the college has grown, Ms. Warrick has grown with it. In 1977 Ms. Warrick was promoted to Assistant Director of Continuing Education and Community Services. After several promotions, she was eventually appointed, in 1988, Dean of Student Services, a cabinet level position. Ms. Warrick was again promoted in 1991 to Dean of Instruction and, finally, in May 2000 Ms. Warrick was appointed President.

In her 36 years at MCCC, Ms. Warrick has served on various committees, including Chair of the Management Negotiating Team, and

member of the Faculty and Management Negotiating Team. However, it was during her presidential leadership that Ms. Warrick was able to make significant changes and improvements. She was instrumental in expanding the college curriculum and services to meet the changing needs of students, business and industry, and community partners. A comprehensive computer lab was added to help facilitate additional open access for students and to provide instructional support for nine new computer science programs. In 2002, she helped secure \$6 million dollars in matching funds from the State of Michigan to build the Instructional Center for Business Training and the Performing Arts, for which ground will be broken within the week.

Ms. Warrick has also been actively involved in community leadership. She is a member on the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors, the Monroe County Superintendents Association, the Monroe County Education Personnel Committee, the Education Advisory Group of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, and the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, she is a member of Soroptimist International of Monroe, where she has served as the scholarship chair for the past nine years.

Ms. Warrick's leadership contributions to various professional associations during the course of her tenure have also been appreciated. Currently, she is serving on the Executive Board of Michigan American Council in Education (ACE), Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education, the M-TEC Advisory Board for Henry Ford Community College, Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) Executive Committee and Presidents Committee. In addition, she has served as a Consultant Evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools since 1986.

Throughout her tenure at MCCC, Ms. Warrick has helped the College grow and prosper. Her commitment to the college and the students has contributed to the success of MCCC. Ms. Warrick is to be commended for her tremendous dedication to Monroe County Community College, and the Monroe Community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Ms. Warrick on her retirement from Monroe County Community College.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
COLONEL LISA LEONARD

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Army Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Lisa Leonard, who has served with distinction and dedication for almost 2 years for the Secretary of the Army, as the Congressional Liaison Officer for Military Construction Appropriations, Congressional Budget Liaison Office under the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller. It is a privilege for me to recognize her many outstanding achievements and commend her for the superb service she has provided to the Department of the Army, the Congress, and our great Nation as a whole.

During her tenure in the Congressional Budget Liaison Office, which began in July of

2001, Lieutenant Colonel Leonard has provided members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Military Construction as well as our professional and personal staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Department of Army plans, programs and budget decisions. Her valuable contributions have enabled the Subcommittee on Military Construction and the Department of the Army to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well trained and well equipped soldiers attainable for the defense of our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Lisa Leonard and her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Mark Leonard, have made many sacrifices during their careers in the Army. Her distinguished service has exemplified honor, courage and commitment. As she departs the Congressional Budget Liaison Office to embark on yet another great Army tour in the service of a grateful Nation, I call upon my colleagues to wish them both every success.

APPRECIATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for some exceptional students in my district in Waterloo, NY. Since Waterloo has been officially recognized as the birthplace of Memorial Day, which Americans had been celebrating for generations, the community takes pride in this historical recognition.

The students of St. Mary's school, under the guidance of Principal Fred Smith, recently spent a great deal of their free time painting a large American flag on Russ and Teresa Tuthill's barn at their request. Their patriotism and pride in America shine through as a bright beacon of hope for the future of our Nation. At a time when our very security is at risk, it's a simple reminder of what liberty means for us.

I am proud to have such patriotic students in my district and I am comforted to know that they will be the leaders of tomorrow. I thank the students of St. Mary's school for their creative expression of the principals upon which this great Nation was founded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, during the vote on the Welfare Reform Extension Act of 2003 (H.R. 2350), I was present on the floor of the House of Representatives and did register my vote. However, due to a faulty voting card my vote was not counted. Had this malfunction not occurred, I would have voted "aye" on this vote (No. 261).

H.R. 2418, ENDING TAX BREAKS
FOR DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2003

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, welcome. Today, we're introducing a bill to end government subsidies for private clubs that discriminate against women. Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2003 makes it illegal to take income tax deductions for expenses at clubs with "No Women Allowed" membership policies. We think it's wrong for corporations to write-off big expenditures for entertainment, meetings and advertising at clubs that keep women out while they target women's pocket-books. Men play and women pay.

I am joined by my distinguished colleagues, Representative BRAD SHERMAN from California, Representative LOUISE SLAUGHTER from New York, and my friend, Martha Burk—all tireless workers in the fight for equality. As a matter of fact, in the early '90s Mr. SHERMAN, as a member of the California tax board, implemented this same type of legislation. Since then, other States, like Colorado and Kentucky, have followed.

Right now, conventions and meetings come right off corporate income tax as legitimate business deductions, including those held at private clubs that discriminate. Half the price of a business lunch is deductible. But if you're a woman, you subsidize one-half a guy's lunch with your taxes, even though you can't join the club.

The whole point is that members of these clubs get financial gains—either indirectly through career opportunities and board appointments, or directly through tax deductions. Women can't get these same financial gains—just because they're women. Golf is so ingrained as a part of business success that business schools teach students how to make the most of club memberships—the PGA even sponsors a program called "Golf: For Business and Life" to do just that. But, if you're a woman and you can't get a membership, you can't play golf or get the same elite club bonus package from your employer that your male counterparts can, you're clearly missing out. Men get the membership, the deal, the deduction, and women get the bill.

This bill ends deductions for advertising, travel, accommodation, and meals associated with these clubs. And it requires discriminatory clubs to print right on their receipts, "not tax deductible".

When I went with Martha in April to protest male-only membership at Augusta National Golf Club, it was obvious that this legislation was the next logical step. Money talks. At Augusta, at least 10 major corporations, including IBM, Lucent and American Express either withdrew or cut back spending on advertising and corporate hospitality. But all the while these same companies are reaching out to sell their products to women.

Mr. SHERMAN and I have asked the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to support this legislation. We're looking forward to their response. Frankly, who in this day and age can object to ending government subsidized sex discrimination?

I like big business, but women must have a seat at the table—the board table. Legitimate tax deductions should continue, but when these deductions support clubs that bar

women from becoming equal partners, equal players, equal earners—they are not legitimate. This bill is past due and the time for discrimination is over.

MEMORIALIZING MR. KEITH
GARVEY

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleagues, Representatives LOFGREN and ESHOO, in honoring the life of a dedicated public servant, Keith Garvey. Mr. Garvey's recent death ended a life committed to work, people, humor, compassion, and most importantly, his family. We also lost a great union leader, who fought for the rights of working families, and a dedicated Democratic Party activist. His work and legacy will be endure through the many lives he touched.

Born in 1946 to Joseph and Virginia Garvey in Pensacola, FL, Keith and his family later moved to Chicago where his parents raised him to develop a love for public service. Both of Keith's parents served in World War II in the Navy. His father, Joseph Garvey, was a wartime pilot and his mother, Virginia Brewster Garvey, taught instrument flying to British and United States personnel. Keith followed in their footsteps in many ways.

After graduating from Northwestern University in 1968 with a Bachelors Degree in History, Keith answered the Nation's call to duty by enlisting in the Army. During his time in the Army, he became an excellent soldier and leader. In fact, his leadership inspired confidence in his troops who followed him into battle in Vietnam. His bravery earned him two bronze stars and the rank of First Lieutenant.

After his honorable discharge in 1971, Keith explored the world and ventured to Australia for a 6 month learning experience, selling encyclopedias door to door. Following his trip in Australia, Keith returned to the United States moving to the Bay Area, a region he would call home for the remainder of his life.

In the Bay Area, Keith started his career in public service when he was hired by the city of San Jose as an emergency dispatcher. When the county took over these services in 1974, Keith began what would be 28 years of service to the county as a supervising dispatcher and union leader.

In 1978, Keith met his wife Carol at work, where both served as emergency dispatchers. After 2 years of dating and working with one another, they married in Alaska, and, together as a team, worked to help the public.

With his partner by his side, Keith became more involved in his union. Through his dedication and tireless efforts, he became a respected union leader. His involvement within the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) Local 715 offered a clear and effective voice to the people he served. As a representative of his union, Keith earned the respect and confidence of his fellow colleagues. Eventually his volunteer work in the SEIU earned him the position of president of the County Employees Management Association (CEMA).

During his term as president, Keith ventured out into the region to help others. He fought for livable wages and worker rights for all people. He also joined the United Farm Workers' Movement and became a close friend of the Cesar Chavez family.

After leaving CEMA, he became president and overseer for the County Employees Labor Association. Similar to his work at CEMA, Keith continued his mission helping county workers up to his death.

In addition to decades of service fighting for the rights of workers and the underrepresented, Keith dedicated countless hours to the Democratic Party through his service on the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee, on hundreds of democratic campaigns, on issue campaigns important to working people, and in his work with his wife for Democratic Activists for Women Now.

Mr. Speaker, we rise to mourn the loss of a friend and mentor. We have had many opportunities to work with Mr. Garvey, and what was most amazing about him was the hard work and determination he had in helping others. Along with an unmatched sense of humor, the passion and love he had for public service will be missed by many. The Bay Area was fortunate to have Mr. Garvey as a resident and activist, and we are personally fortunate to represent a region that Mr. Garvey touched with his courageous works.

LEHIGH VALLEY HERO—TONY
IASIELLO

HON. PATRICK J. TOOMEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to share my Report from Pennsylvania for my colleagues and the American people.

All across Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District there are some amazing people who do good things to make our communities a better place. These are individuals of all ages who truly make a difference and help others.

I like to call these individuals Lehigh Valley Heroes for their good deeds and efforts.

Today, I would like to recognize Bethlehem Catholic High School Head Wrestling Coach Tony Iasiello as a Lehigh Valley Hero. He is working hard to make a difference in his community.

Tony has built a remarkable record during his 38 years at Bethlehem Catholic High School. From 1966 to 2003, Tony has amassed an overall record of 408–228–3. He has coached 11 state champions, which ranks seventh in the state. The state champions he coached in 1979 achieved that feat through an undefeated, 18–0, record. He coached five straight PCIAA Catholic State Team Championships from 1968 through 1972. He has coached 29 Catholic PCIAA State Championships and 11 PIAA State Champions. Two of his wrestlers won NCAA championships.

Tony also has been president of the District XI Wrestling Coaches Association for the past 22 years, and served 4 years on the board of the National Wrestling Coaches Association. He served as a PIAA referee for 20 years and an EIWA College official.

Given his very active participation in our community, and his work in helping shape young men into responsible adults, Tony lasiello is a Lehigh Valley Hero in my book.

Mr. Speaker, this concludes my Report from Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
MICHAEL A. WEISS

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, today I have the honor of saluting a dedicated leader from Pittsburgh, PA who has spent the past year doing some remarkable work to help people living with diabetes.

Michael A. Weiss has had a long, successful and diverse career benefiting numerous community and charitable organizations, and it all started following his graduation from our alma mater, Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA. He graduated with honors from W&J in 1970, and went on to earn his law degree from Vanderbilt University in 1973. He currently serves as a leader of my former law firm, the DKW Law Group's Corporate Practice in downtown Pittsburgh. Mike was a mentor to me, and the perfect professional. He is the kind of attorney who takes good cases, returns calls and gives good advice to avoid litigation. Today, however, I want to pay tribute to his service outside his profession, and on an issue very special to Mike, my family and countless others.

For the past year, Mike Weiss has served as Chairman of the National Board of Directors at the American Diabetes Association. The ADA is the nation's leading nonprofit health organization providing diabetes research, information and advocacy. The mission of the organization is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. It has had many successes, making living with diabetes less constraining and providing info on healthier lifestyles, possibly preventing the onset of Type II.

Within his role as Chairman, Mike Weiss has spearheaded the expansion of the ADA's advocacy programs. He is responsible for broadening the reach of ADA and increasing its partnerships with other groups and associations working towards the same goals.

For his work with the ADA, Mike Weiss will be awarded the 2003 Charles Best Award for Outstanding Contributions and Service to the Cause of Diabetes.

I wish Mike continued success with the organization and his other generous work, and I commend him on his superior service to his neighbors, community and all those who work toward an end of diabetes.

RECOGNIZING A TRADITION THAT
HONORS ALL DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, June 13th, 2003 marks the continuation of a long, estab-

lished tradition by the Disabled American Veterans organization, with their 62nd annual State Convention at the Santa Ana Hotel and Casino on Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. Its purpose is to bring together and recognize those who have fought courageously in our Armed Forces from our state and from our region; who have sacrificed much in the name of our great country to insure the security and freedom of all its citizens. When a citizen thinks of Old Glory, of stars and stripes, of red, white and blue, they ultimately remember our men and women in uniform, and the price they have paid to defend this nation against all threats, both foreign and domestic. Some have paid the ultimate price with their lives, while others have endured great physical and mental hardships, from the wounds they have suffered, and the memories they have lived with from knowing the consequences of war. Every veteran present at this convention is an example of this enduring and proud spirit. These veterans' sacrifices and the courage they have shown must never be forgotten.

I am also honored to recognize the spouses and other family members of those veterans who have gone to war for the sake of the United States of America. It is never easy knowing that your family member is going to war; of not knowing of the conditions that he or she is fighting in, or the actions he or she must take to accomplish the mission, or to protect a fellow soldier. Separation from a loved one is always difficult, and trying. Life continues even during war, as children are born, as they continue to grow and mature, and holidays and other personal milestones pass during this time of separation. Separation also requires a great deal of endurance as well, with the hope that their family members will come home safely. It is this lasting sense of endurance, patriotism, and dedication to our nation that characterizes what it means to be an American.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me to recognize these remarkable individuals who are in attendance at this convention, both physically and in spirit, and to remember all that they have fought for, and all the victories they have achieved during their careers in the Armed Forces.

CREDIT UNIONS

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that some in my state have questioned the patriotism of credit unions, saying that because they don't pay federal income tax they are "unpatriotic." Nothing could be further from the truth. While credit unions are, indeed, tax-exempt nonprofit financial cooperatives owned by their members, their record of patriotic service to the people of this nation should not be questioned.

Since first established in the United States during the early 20th century, credit unions have helped to serve those in our military; they are a role model for other financial institutions to follow. Many credit unions have worked with our soldiers, sailors and airmen while they have been stationed overseas during the recent conflict in the Persian Gulf. For

example, the Navy Federal Credit Union set up branches and ATM's in the Persian Gulf and onboard ships in order to serve their members during this conflict.

Credit unions have honored those in service to our country, not just in this most recent war, but in other wars as well. For example, the members of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU) have raised over \$140,000 for the World War II Memorial Fund.

Credit unions serve teachers, firefighters, police, federal employees, students and more on a daily basis—including many in this Congress. I thank them for supporting the leaders of our government. As non-profit financial cooperatives with volunteer boards, credit unions serve their members' needs and have been ranked number one in an independent consumer satisfaction survey for eighteen straight years—since the inception of the survey.

I applaud the credit unions of this nation for supporting America's freedom and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

SUPPORTING HEAD START

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, Head Start is a time-tested program that has improved the lives of children and their families for 38 years. I am proud to say that Head Start has improved the lives of those in my home district of San Bernardino County, California.

I recently received a letter from Ms. Brenda Clayton, a Head Start staff member in San Bernardino County. In her letter, Ms. Clayton says that she sees first-hand, every day, what a difference Head Start makes to children and their parents.

Ms. Clayton writes, "I generally see the parents at initial application or enrollment process, then I'll see these same parents 2 to 3 months later and they are excited to share with me all the good and wonderful things their child is now able to say and do, how their child has a zest for learning."

As we face the Head Start reauthorization process, Ms. Clayton has asked me that I do everything in my authority to see that her program does not become block-granted. Unfortunately, I must face the reality that this Republican-led Congress will impose these block grants, leaving less money, less oversight and leaving even more children behind.

Under a block grant system, Head Start is not guaranteed to receive funding. We must make sure that Head Start receives funding and receives it directly so that what little funds that are given to this highly important program are not diluted even further.

It simply doesn't make sense to put the fate of Head Start into the hands of the States. Our States are bankrupt! My State of California faces a budget shortfall of \$35 billion. But once again, we are forcing our cash-strapped States to pick up the tab at our children's expense.

We have already forced States to pick up the tab for the unfunded mandates of No Child Left Behind. And we're now forcing States to take over what the Federal Government has proven is a success! Republicans are taking

an essential program and completely dismantling it. It just doesn't make sense!

My Republican colleagues are at it once again—trying to limit the role of the Federal Government in public education under the excuse of “accountability” and better State and Federal coordination. If accountability was such a huge concern, then why does the Head Start reauthorization bill remove standards and requirements? And if States are facing such drastic budget shortfalls, then why are we tempting them with the opportunity to reduce services and transfer funds from Head Start to other services? It just doesn't make sense.

The only thing that makes sense is to bring Head Start back to its original, bipartisan state with the same strong, Federal accountability standards and increased funding so all eligible children can benefit from Head Start services. That is a program that makes sense.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall Nos. 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263 and 264. I was unavoidably detained and was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes,” on rollcall Nos. 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263 and 264.

RECOGNITION OF ART BROWN OF HECLA MINING CO.

HON. C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House the distinguished accomplishments of Art Brown, chief executive officer of Hecla Mining Company, on the occasion of his retirement.

Art Brown retired last month from Hecla Mining after 36 years of service. Mr. Brown was manager of the Lucky Friday Mine in 1979, when silver prices rose from \$5 to \$50 per ounce, and Hecla became the No. 1 performer on the New York Stock Exchange. Last year, Hecla's stock rose 400 percent, again making it a top NYSE performer. However, it was not an easy task to keep the company afloat during the years between in which it was plagued by low market prices, environmental litigation and cash-flow problems. Under Mr. Brown's leadership, however, the company has moved from close to bankruptcy to a viable, growing enterprise producing record amounts of gold and silver in 2002. Under the visionary leadership of Art Brown, Hecla Mining Co. has survived and flourished. The company is now positioned to move forward into a future of growth and continued profitability.

I congratulate Art Brown on his success, and wish him an enjoyable retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF MEDICARE REFORM ACT

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to introduce the Medicare Reform Act. Along with the original cosponsors of the bill, Representative TOM TANCREDO, Representative MARILYN MUSGRAVE, Representative PETE SESSIONS, Representative WILLIAM JENKINS, and Representative DON MANZULLO, I believe that this proposal can improve Medicare and preserve it for the future.

Our current system is a patchwork program governed by tens of thousands of pages of rigid rules, regulations, guidelines and administrative decisions and the current system is filled with inefficiencies and waste. While Medicare will cover medicine for a patient who receives an injection at a doctor's office, it will not provide the same coverage to a patient who chooses to save Medicare doctors' fees by administering the same injection at home.

Medicare will pay for a kidney transplant—but not for anti-rejection drugs for the new kidney. If you stop taking medication because of the cost, Medicare will pay for a second kidney transplant.

Medicare covers the costs of home visits by occupational therapists and physical therapists but not respiratory therapists. The patient must come to the hospital or doctor's office—more expensive options.

In 2002, improper payments in the Medicare program were estimated at \$13.3 billion. Of that amount, \$7 billion was for services the government later deemed medically unnecessary.

I have authored the Medicare Reform Act of 2003, legislation that would reshape Medicare to closely resemble the health care system for federal employees. The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program provides high-quality health benefits to 8.6 million federal employees and retirees, including Members of Congress, in all 50 states. It is a typical employee health plan, except employees have a choice—they receive a guidebook describing their coverage options and choose the option that best meets their needs.

I want to give Medicare beneficiaries the same options.

By providing senior citizens and disabled individuals with the same health care benefits Members of Congress enjoy, my bill would improve preventive care and treatment of disease. It would provide modern insurance benefits, such as preventive and maintenance care for chronic conditions. And as in all private plans, a modern prescription drug benefit is an inherent part of this policy.

The health care plan for federal employees has demonstrated success in rural areas. 98 percent of rural counties offer at least three plans, and 87 percent offer six or more choices. My bill would create insurance parity through Medicare, by offering identical insurance options to beneficiaries in urban and rural areas on a state-by-state basis.

Finally, my bill would recognize the difference between poor and middle class seniors, and those in the highest income brackets, since premiums would be based on level of income. My proposal would pay the entire pre-

mium for senior citizens earning up to \$17,952 for singles and \$24,288 for couples (200 percent of the poverty level). Above that level, the premium paid would decrease by ten percent for each additional 100 percent over the poverty level. For senior citizens earning over \$71,809 for singles and over \$101,153 for couples (800 percent of the poverty level), the program would pay 30 percent of their premiums.

Income sensitive premiums, competitive plans, better cost control and preventative care will ensure that Medicare's price tag is kept low. In this way, we can assure Medicare will evolve with the times and be solvent for the future.

Government cannot prevent Americans from growing older. But we can help senior citizens enjoy higher quality of life, while providing the retirees of tomorrow with a sound Medicare program that will still exist for them, too.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY HONORS JULIE T. WU OF THE U.S. PHYSICS OLYMPIAD TEAM

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Julie T. Wu of Manalapan High School in Englishtown, New Jersey. Ms. Wu was in Washington, recently as one of 24 members of the U.S. Physics Olympiad Team vying for a chance to represent the United States at the International Physics Olympiad on July 12th in Taipei, Taiwan.

The U.S. Physics Olympiad program has a long history of success. It is designed to encourage excellence in physics education and to reward outstanding physics students. It provides an opportunity for top students to take part in an outstanding scientific and cultural experience that would not normally be available through the tradition high school curriculum.

The U.S. Physics Team members were selected from a pool of more than 1400 students who were nominated by their high school physics teachers to take the Olympiad physics exams. These students represent the “best and the brightest” physics talent in our Nation. Julie is a perfect example of the type of talented and motivated students that take part in the program.

Julie's accomplishments as a young scholar are impressive. She has received the Siemens' Award for her performance on the Advanced Placement exams in math and science. Julie is also a National Merit Scholar, and has placed 1st in the New Jersey Science League for biology and physics, 2nd in Chemistry Nomenclature in the New Jersey Chemistry Olympics, 3rd for the US National Chemistry Olympiad qualifying exam, and 1st for biology and 3rd in chemistry in the National Science Olympiad.

In addition to her impressive list of academic achievements, Julie has excelled outside the classroom as well. She is co-captain of the varsity tennis team, treasurer of her school's chapter of Junior Statesmen of America, and a section editor of her school's yearbook.

We are honored to have Julie representing the 12th district of New Jersey at this prestigious competition.

SADDAM'S BEHAVIOR JUSTIFIES
LIBERATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member wishes to commend to his colleagues the June 11, 2003, editorial from the Omaha World Herald, entitled "The Right Thing." This editorial correctly notes that the atrocities committed by the horrific, repressive regime of Saddam Hussein were reason enough for liberating the people of Iraq.

[From the Omaha (NE) World-Herald, June 11, 2003]

THE RIGHT THING

Amid all the talk about whether, or even if, substantial numbers of weapons of mass destruction are going to be found in Iraq, it is also important to ask how much it matters.

Our assessment is that, yes, it does matter—in the sense that strongly couched reports of such weaponry were at the heart of the Bush administration's argument for toppling Saddam Hussein. Yet we also believe that the answer to the question, while instructive, is not pivotal. Ousting Saddam will turn out to be an overarching good deed. It stands on its own merits.

At present, the purported weapons are not turning up. Does this mean they just weren't there, or does it mean that Saddam's regime and the Baath zealots that undergirded it were exceptionally good at hiding them or destroying them or spiring them across international borders? Let's hope the Pentagon's new weapons-hunting team, slated to take over the search soon, will provide definitive answers.

Four months ago, Secretary of State Colin Powell made an impassioned case before the U.N. Security Council that the weapons existed, along with equipment for making more. We said then that if one-half or even one-fourth of what Powell was asserting were true, there would be a strong case that the Iraqis weren't complying with U.N. mandates. At this point, there has been no hard evidence that the existence of even those fractions will be borne out. In addition (as we said then), the evidence of a Saddam-al Qaida link was iffy.

Fair enough. But we also went on to say that Saddam nonetheless should be ousted.

We stand by that. Saddam's behavior was that of some sort of devil incarnate. He murdered tens of thousands of his own citizens, starved others, tortured and maimed unknown numbers more, snubbed agreed-upon arms inspections and other mandates after the Gulf War of 1991 and attacked aircraft attempting to enforce "no-fly" zones.

We also said earlier that there were three scenarios for Saddam's departure. In descending order of desirability, they were abdication, liberation of Iraq by a U.N. force or liberation via a U.S. attack, aided only by allies.

The last of these three was what played out. That's unfortunate, but this is an imperfect world. Now that world wants to know: Did the U.S. administration, in company with Britain's Tony Blair, (1) get the weapons allegations right at the time when they were articulated; (2) err in assessing the evidence; or (3) just plain confabulate in order to drum up popular support?

If it turns out to be the last of those three, then the U.S. and British administrations will take their lumps in the marketplace of public opinion and perhaps at the polls as

well. We're not saying that's what happened; time will sort such matters out. But it ought to go without saying that Americans and Britons don't need to be "spun" ("conned," in older terminology) in order to do the right thing.

The right thing: Ousting Saddam was that. Exactly that. He was a murderer and a brutal oppressor who helped destabilize a whole region and robbed his people of a generation of progress. On that basis, Americans and Britons—along with others in the international community who will now seek to help Iraqis back to their rightful place in the world—have nothing to apologize for.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAREN
McCANN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long career of Karen McCann as she retires from teaching in the Troy Public Schools District in June, after 35 years in the classroom. Beginning in 1968, Karen McCann brought dedication and innovation to teaching which continue unabated. Throughout her career, she has been a model for teachers, new and old alike, as well as a role model for her students.

After graduating from Michigan State University in 1967 with a degree in Elementary Education, Karen McCann began teaching English and Social Studies for seventh through ninth grade in the Farmington Public Schools District. She eventually taught all subjects for students in grades ranging from fifth to ninth before moving to Bemis Elementary in the Troy Public Schools District in 1985.

During the course of her career, she has been nominated for numerous awards, including the Disney American Teacher Award in 2000 and the WDIV Outstanding Teacher Award in 2001, and was selected as a Mentor Teacher/Trainer by EDS for the MI JASON Project from 1997 through the present.

That she is a good teacher is evident from what her students have said about her; that she is a great teacher is evident from the remarks of parents and colleagues. Parents frequently expressed admiration for her positive attitude, her willingness to communicate with them, and her ability to challenge each child regardless of their initial interest in learning. Her colleagues have praised her for her enthusiasm and creativity.

She brought programs to the classroom that gave her students the opportunity to learn in creative ways and offered them unique educational experiences. She integrated Hyperstudio, multimedia, Internet, and videoconferencing into her lesson plans, allowing her students to teleconference other students so that they could learn from each other. She also succeeded in making learning about science and technology fun for all of her students, through her work with the JASON Project and the First Lego League.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the important contributions Karen McCann has made to so many children and their families during her long and celebrated teaching career.

IN HONOR OF JENNIFER
BERNARDES

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the inspiring dedication of Jennifer Bernades, a 13-year-old student whose compassion has had a wonderful effect on the life of her fellow New Jerseyan, Harry Ettlinger.

Ms. Bernades was one of the first students in New Jersey to take part in the "Adopt-a-Survivor" program, which matches young students with Holocaust survivors. Sponsored by the Holocaust Council of the United Jewish Communities of Metro West in Whippany, NJ, this program provides an amazing opportunity for young students to develop lasting relationships with and learn from those who have survived or escaped the Holocaust.

Mr. Ettlinger, a World War II veteran who escaped the Holocaust, was the adoptee of Jennifer Bernades, an eighth-grade student at Oliver Street School in Newark, NJ. As a participant in this program, Jennifer agreed to learn about Mr. Ettlinger's experiences, and to tell his story in 2045, the 100th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps.

Jennifer Bernades has demonstrated a strong commitment to learn about Mr. Ettlinger's experiences and met with him several times over the course of a year to hear his first-hand accounts. Recently, Jennifer spoke at Newark's Municipal Holocaust Commemoration sponsored by Mayor Sharpe James. She has also taken part in talks at the Jewish Community Campus in Whippany, NJ, and Oliver Street School, and has spoken with other school groups about participating in the program. Jennifer's dedication has taught her about humanity's darkest hour, and, in learning Mr. Ettlinger's story, she has inspired others to participate in this invaluable program.

Jennifer's commitment has gone beyond what the "Adopt-a-Survivor" program hopes to accomplish. Earlier this year, Jennifer helped reunite Mr. Ettlinger with Hanne Hirsch, a childhood neighbor and schoolmate from his hometown of Karlsruhe, Germany, who he had not been able to locate after the Holocaust. On a visit to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, Jennifer and a fellow student noticed Mrs. Hirsch's story at an exhibit, and after successfully tracking her down, Mr. Ettlinger was reunited with Mrs. Hirsch after 64 years.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jennifer Bernades for her devotion and enthusiasm, and for her commitment to keeping alive the personal histories of Holocaust survivors. It is through the dedication of America's youth that we can ensure that these important stories are never forgotten.

CONDEMNING IRAN FOR CON-
STRUCTING A FACILITY TO EN-
RICH URANIUM, AND FOR SUP-
PORTING TERRORISM

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution, which calls on

the government of Iran to comply with its NPT obligations, sign the AIEA Model Additional Protocol, and halt support for terrorism. Also, it asks President Bush and the international community to renew their commitment to the war against terrorism, and impede the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The proliferation of nuclear weapons anywhere in the world poses a serious threat to international peace and security. The knowledge, non-nuclear materials, and components needed for the production of nuclear weapons are already accessible worldwide. The main technical barrier is obtaining the nuclear material. Therefore, to prevent any further proliferation of nuclear weapons, we must work to prevent the propagation of nuclear materials.

The director of the International Atomic Energy Agency (AIEA) has recently announced that Iran has built a plant to enrich uranium—a key component of advanced nuclear weapons. This deeply worries me, because U.S. intelligence sources indicate that Iran could develop as many as 50 nuclear weapons from this facility.

Mr. Speaker, members of this chamber have not yet given adequate attention to the dangers of a nuclear Iran.

Iran's nuclear intentions are a cause of fear. It is unclear whether Iran, by pursuing a sophisticated and advanced nuclear program, has chosen to break from the NPT treaty now; but it is obvious that it has positioned itself to do so within a very short time if it ever decides to.

Iran is the most active state sponsor of terrorism, and continues to provide material support to Hizballah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad—all recognized terrorist groups. The country's construction of nuclear facilities coupled with its known ties to terrorist groups constitutes a threat to global peace and security.

Nuclear materials that could be used to develop nuclear weapons must not fall into the hands of terrorists or state sponsors of terrorism—like Iran. Preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons capabilities must remain a foreign policy and homeland security priority.

There are many difficulties, but also opportunities, on the road towards nuclear non-proliferation. For the last few decades a number of diplomatic and political strategies have been pursued. Let me empathetically opine that we need to redouble these efforts. If we are to achieve a non-nuclear Iran, we must commit to a thoughtful strategy of dialogue.

COMMENDING PASCHAL HIGH SCHOOL IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the faculty and students of my alma mater, Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Texas for being ranked among the nation's finest schools by Newsweek magazine. Officially, Paschal placed No. 12 in Texas and No. 200 nationally based on advanced placement test scores. This year alone, the senior class included 11 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

Founded in 1885, Fort Worth's oldest high school has always been regarded as an aca-

democratic leader. Today, Paschal exists primarily as a large, urban school with a diverse population and student body. The curriculum emphasizes balance, preparing students for college or university life through a variety of academic disciplines, clubs, advanced placement classes, and a host of athletic teams. This preparation enables students to understand and appreciate other cultures, become active participants of their community, and take ownership of their education.

Paschal High School is a terrific example of a successful collaboration between students, community representatives, faculty members, parents, alumni, and the Fort Worth Independent School district. This collaboration is truly remarkable, when considering the awards and accolades that this school has amassed since its inception.

Again, congratulations to the students and faculty of Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Texas for this latest achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. SHEILA O'LEARY FOR HER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION REGIONAL SCHOOL

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the efforts of Mrs. Sheila O'Leary. After nearly 40 years as an educator, 14 years of which as the principal of the Immaculate Conception Regional School (ICRS) in Franklin, New Jersey, Mrs. O'Leary is now moving on to work at the Catholic Diocese of Paterson.

Political theorist Henry Adams once wrote, "A teacher affects eternity." He believed that the influence of educators over children is never ending. He understood that educators like Mrs. O'Leary play a vital role in the moral and intellectual education of our children.

During her years of dedicated service Mrs. O'Leary has inspired students, fueled their imaginations, advanced their natural abilities and encouraged them to explore the possibilities that life has to offer.

As an educator, Mrs. O'Leary could have chosen any school to work at—yet she chose Immaculate Conception. She took road less traveled and chose to take on the challenge of building ICRS into the great school it is today. With her guidance and a strong commitment to helping her students, Immaculate is now a better place. By increasing attendance and expanding the number of classrooms, constructing new science labs and starting a pre-K program, to name just a few, Mrs. O'Leary has fulfilled her deep conviction in giving every child a chance to learn and succeed in life. Truly she has brought new life to the school and its community.

Over the last 40 years, not only has she taught children the important concepts of reading and writing, but she has also educated them about the difference between right and wrong. She taught them to welcome knowledge and to reject ignorance. For this, Mrs. O'Leary is a model for America's educators and young people to follow.

On behalf of the people of New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District, it is with great

honor, that I recognize and thank Mrs. Sheila O'Leary for her years of service to the Immaculate Conception community. Our nation is very fortunate to have her in our schools working with the future of our great Nation.

FLAG DAY

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and acknowledge the observance of Flag Day, June 14, 2003.

The American Flag is an integral component of many national holidays commemorating the creation of our nation, the lives of our Founding Fathers, the legacies of great leaders, and the sacrifices of our military service men and women, veterans, and retirees. But Flag Day is the one day we acknowledge the American Flag itself and all it symbolizes. On this day, we celebrate the 53rd National Flag Day.

As our national symbol, the American Flag is our ambassador to all corners of the globe and beyond, reminding people of who we are and what we stand for. The Flag symbolizes what is great about American democracy: the liberties and freedoms provided by the Constitution. It serves as a hopeful symbol of freedom to many people in the world, embodying the great American Dream of equal opportunity for all citizens.

The American Flag serves as a source of pride for special and outstanding achievements, from athletes winning Olympic gold medals to astronauts reaching the moon. It has inspired poets, musicians, and artists. It was the very inspiration for Francis Scott Key in 1814 to write the Star Spangled Banner. With the British attacking Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, Key was overwhelmed by emotion when the sun rose revealing the war-torn flag was still there.

The Flag continues to inspire people across the world and encourages them to recognize their potential and ability to achieve their own version of the American Dream. It is a focal point of respect for our active duty service men and women, military retirees, veterans, and those who work tirelessly to protect us: our police, firefighters, and first-responders.

In times of difficulty the tattered Flag reminds us of the sadness of war and terror, and the tragic loss of life that all too often occurs. Yet in such difficult times, the Flag inspires and reminds us that we are still here, and that we remain steadfast in our commitment to American democracy.

From school children to Members of Congress, many begin their day by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. We do not do this as mere habit nor do we do it lightly. I, along with my colleagues and fellow Americans, have great respect for the American Flag and for all it represents. It is a great privilege to represent the Maryland 2nd Congressional District and to honor the American Flag for all it embodies at this critical time in our nation's history.

RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY SURVIVOR BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2003

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 548, the Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2003. This bill aims to ensure the well-being of our veterans, an issue of crucial importance to me.

Many veterans in my congressional district expressed to me their concerns regarding the treatment of elderly military survivors. Several veterans wrote letters to me stating their worry that "unlike other federal survivor programs, the military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity is reduced at age 62 from 55 percent to as little as 35 percent of SBP-covered retired pay."

Many older retirees and survivors were not informed of the age-62 reduction when they signed up for SBP in the 1970s, and are shocked to learn their survivor's annuity will be far less than expected. The government provides federal civilian survivors a substantially higher share of retired pay for life, with no benefit reduction at any age.

For some, the sharp annuity drop at age 62 offsets the amount of the survivor's Social Security benefit attributable to the member's uniformed service. For those who have become retirement eligible since 1985, it is a reduction from 55 percent to 35 percent of SBP-covered retirement pay.

In order to respond to these valid concerns, I strongly support H.R. 548. This bill increases the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, and provides for a one-year open season under that plan. The bill seeks to balance equity and cost considerations by phasing out the age-62 benefit reduction over five years.

The Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2003 is an important piece of legislation that addresses the needs of our Nation's veterans and their families. This bill will certainly improve the lives of our country's veterans by giving them the benefits that they deserve.

VETERANS NURSING HOME CARE ACT OF 2003

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2445, the Veterans Nursing Home Care Act of 2003. I am introducing this bill in order to extend the assurance of a meaningful nursing home benefit for the majority of our service-connected veterans. I want to ensure that medically necessary nursing care is at least available to those with conditions related to their military service.

This winter, the administration surprised us with a new proposal for saving VA about \$235 million. Instead of using the guarantee for nursing home care as a minimum threshold for veterans to whom VA must provide unlimited nursing home care, it proposed to define this

group as the only veterans who would be eligible for nursing home services. This was definitely not Congress's intention and I want to ensure that the Department is very clear about that.

Congress passed the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (P.L. 106-117) in 1999. The bill contained a number of measures designed to shore up the long-term care mission in VA. Even then, it was apparent that VA had begun to abandon its role in traditional long-term care. VA now acknowledges that the majority of its "nursing home" beds are dedicated to post-acute care, short-term evaluation, and rehabilitative care missions. It continues to turn away from custodial care for veterans.

In response to this shift in mission, Congress was able to agree to a small core-group (now known as Priority Group 1A) who would be eligible for long-term placement in a VA nursing home. VA would not be able to discharge these veterans without the consent of the veteran or his representative. In addition, Congress agreed to inclusion of non-institutional long-term services in the definition of "medical services" that comprise VA's benefits package. The Millennium Bill also established a "capacity requirement" that required VA to maintain its long-term care services at the FY 1998 level.

What has occurred in response to this legislation has been discouraging to say the least. A letter covering a report VA prepared to discuss implementation of the law signed by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi states: ". . . there is evidence of only small changes in VA's long-term care (LTC) services that were a direct result of the Act versus what VA had already planned in providing LTC for veterans. In addition, there was only a small increase in numbers of veterans 70 percent service-connected or greater who were estimated to need nursing home care but who actually received that care from VA."

In addition there is a long history of correspondence between Congress and the Administration about the "capacity" requirement. As part of its proposal for fiscal year 2004, VA would cut an additional 5000 nursing home beds from its program projecting an average daily census (ADC) of 8500. At the end of FY 2002, it was already considerably short (ADC of 11,969) of its FY 1998 required level (an average daily census of 13,391).

The news is not just bad for institutional care. This May, the General Accounting Office released a report I requested that looked at the availability of non-institutional long-term care. It identified major gaps in access and availability of services—including those Congress meant to include as part of the "basic benefits" package available to every enrolled veteran.

I note that I am not the only one who is apparently concerned about VA's vanishing nursing home mission. The Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Arlen Specter has introduced legislation, S. 1156, which extends the requirement to provide long-term nursing home care to veterans with service-connected conditions rated at least 50 percent. I look forward to working with him on this legislation. I urge all Members of the House to support this measure.

UNLAWFUL INTERNET GAMBLING FUNDING PROHIBITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2143) to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for unlawful Internet gambling, and for other purposes:

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my support for H.R. 2143, the Internet Gambling Prevention Act of 2003, passed by the House on June 10, 2003.

I am a strong believer of the simple principle: "You should have to leave your house to lose your house." Thus, I believe we should prohibit Internet gambling except when the gambler is known to be physically present in a location the "sovereign" of which authorizes the particular gaming. This does take steps to prevent unlawful Internet gambling, especially gambling through websites based off-shore, outside of the regulatory jurisdiction of the United States.

During consideration of H.R. 2143, I voted for the Sensenbrenner/Conyers/Cannon amendment which would have removed language from the bill that would have excluded transactions with businesses licensed by a state from the definition of "bet and wager." There are at least two problems with this provision which unfortunately (due to the non-adoption of the said amendment) remains in the bill.

First, the provision does not assure that the gaming is legal at the location where the gambler is actually located. Second, the loophole does not provide parity for tribal governments running casinos. Because tribes that run casinos enter into compacts with the State to offer these facilities, they are not licensed by the state.

Mr. Speaker, as H.R. 2143 moves to the Senate and ultimately to a conference committee, I am hopeful that we can remove this loophole from the legislation.

HONORING MYRA KELLY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who believes that every child, regardless of color, creed, economic status, or disability has the inherent right to receive a quality education. And it is because of this deeply held personal belief that Myra Kelly has dedicated her life to a career serving the children of her community.

A lifelong New Yorker, Myra began her career as a teacher in Community School District 9. While there, she taught general elementary school, junior high school math and elementary special education. Myra then proceeded to spend the next 30 years of her professional career in the New York Department of Education. In this capacity, she acted as a school Psychologist in District 10 and was the Supervisor of Psychologists for District 11. While

Myra has excelled in each of her professional positions and given of herself freely to every student, the most rewarding experience of her career was her work with children with severe emotional disabilities.

Myra's dedication to education was also evident in her own life. And like all good teachers, she practiced what she preached. Ms. Kelly's academic credentials are truly impressive. She received both a Bachelors and a Masters degree from Lehman College, her Professional Diploma from the City College of New York, and a School District Administrator's credential from the College of New Rochelle. Except for her dissertation she has also completed all of her work for a Doctorate in the Learning, Language, and Literacy program at Fordham University.

I hope that new teachers and school psychologists are inspired by Myra's dedication to her chosen career. The New York Department of Education will sorely miss her.

I would like to join the New York Department of Education, her family and friends in thanking Myra for her years of service and wishing her congratulations on the occasion of her retirement.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
BATON ROUGE ADVOCATE RE-
PORTER JOAN MCKINNEY

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have been a member of this body for the past seven years. In that time our world and our Congress have gone through times of grief, destruction, joy and prosperity. Through it all, there has been a constant voice at my side asking me the tough questions and reporting news of my actions in Congress to the news consumers in Louisiana.

As of today, that voice will move on to ask others the tough questions and aid Capitol Hill's press gallery reporters in relaying the latest news to their vast readerships. After 24 years as the Baton Rouge Advocate's Washington reporter, Joan McKinney is putting her skills to use in a new arena as Deputy Director of the U.S. Senate's Daily Press Gallery.

My colleagues and I in the Louisiana delegation will miss her energy, her attentiveness, and most of all her objectivity. Joan's depth of historical and institutional knowledge of both House proceedings and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation is unrivaled. Having begun her career as press secretary to U.S. Senator FRITZ HOLLINGS of South Carolina, Joan understands the challenge of being both question asker and information giver.

Her colleagues at The Advocate describe Joan as "an excellent reporter who worked very hard to understand the complex issues she covered through the years. She understood the federal system and was able to anticipate developments on important stories. And, she was very good at understanding and communicating how federal issues might play out in Louisiana and how they might affect people here."

We will all miss Joan's coverage of our lively delegation, her ear for a unique angle and her inquisitive spirit. She's not going far—per-

haps only a few desks from her current one in the Senate Press Gallery—but she leaves a gaping hole for her predecessor to fill.

Joan, I wish you all the best in your new job. You'll be missed. Congratulations!

THE CHILDREN OF WORKING AND
WELFARE FAMILIES ARE ON
THE FRONT LINES

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, on a suspension vote we reauthorized the current Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) legislation leaving in place a very hard hearted and contemptuous piece of the so-called safety net. Farm subsidies may go as high as 200,000 dollars per recipient with few qualifying provisions attached; however, welfare recipients with a family of four receive between 4,000 and 6,000 dollars per year. On the day before the reauthorization there was yet another nasty Republican slur at the poor and at families on welfare: "These people want a welfare check, not a child care tax credit." This demonization of the poor has escalated among Republicans despite the fact that it has clearly been established that on the front lines in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Baltic states and elsewhere more than ninety per cent of our troops are from poor and working class families. Because most of them were draftees it is probable that more than two-thirds of the heroes whose names are carved on the Viet Nam Memorial Wall came from families eligible for welfare and other social services. Washington decision-makers should try to imagine the emotions of welfare mothers who search for the names of their sons at the Viet Nam Memorial Wall. To prime the imagination of those who will soon be deciding how many more American sons and daughters are going to be sent to Iraq I offer the following RAP meditation:

WELFARE MOTHER AT THE VIETNAM WALL

O so long I saved
For the Greyhound bus fare
To travel to this great wall
Just to sit and stare.
From across the park
They all look the same
But take it slow
I find each separate name.
Girls names you can play with—
Towana Shoshana Sojourner;
But all my boys I gave
Names from the holy bible—
Joshua, Joseph and Paul
Now they decorate this great American Wall.
Officers respected my boys
And found them strong,
They used to get rough
But they did no wrong.
Angry snakes inside me
Keep coiling,
Maybe I shouldn't be bitter
But nobody asked
When they drafted my litter.
O God!
Stop my streaming blood
From boiling,
All my days
Are filled with toiling;
Never owned a dress of silk
But my breasts
Filled up rich with milk.

Nobody ever said thanks
When my babies
Climbed into their tanks;
Never had accounts in banks
Only crumbs for welfare ranks,
Butt of jokes and office pranks,
Pride they always made me smother—
Despised begging welfare mother.
Welfare clerks take up
So many hours of my time
Shuffling me round from line to line.
Clerk questions and forms
Nearly choked me to death.
Governors and Mayors held me down
Till I almost ran out of breath.
Worked in many stores
Scrubbed a whole lot of floors,
Once was tempted to hang out
With a ring of cheap whores;
At home always heavy chores,
Too tired to keep a job,
Then my welfare clerk attacked
With poison arrow eyes;
In front of her something in me dies,
Acts like its her money
Used to ask if I had a honey,
Charges me with lies,
Envious what was once
Between my thighs.
Be nice if I still had a man,
I miss hugging and stuff
But men are like babies
And six kids was enough.
They all had the same daddy
But my husband died too soon,
Strangled by escaping gas
With no mask
In the factory back room.
All my kids
I found some way to feed—
They grown now
And your molasses pity
Don't none of them need.
I let my daughters-in-law
Keep all the war insurance money;
They take good care of their kids
As far as I can see;
Don't want my grandsons
Still standing
In the soup kitchen line with me.
Its me alone now—
My social security
Covers most of the rent
But then its all spent;
For food each month
I survive on
Whatever crumbs God has sent.
My struggle goes on
With Medicaid Madams
Demanding my birth certificate
Again and again
They keep on trying to break me in.
Let them shove their questions and forms—
Don't push on me no more
I done come through too many storms.
Why go back to the welfare folks?
Maybe I'll just die
Right here and my boys
Will bear my body home.
Soldiers hear your mama call!
Break from the ranks
And leave the wall!
From each of your flags
A little bit of cloth
To quilt me a coffin cover;
Maybe somebody will blow a horn
To let the world know I'm your mother.
No, God forgive me!
I am a mighty American mother!
It wouldn't be right
To die here and spoil this place,
I got a duty to uphold our dignity,
We are a proud and loyal race.
My bus return ticket is here,
I'll face that Medicaid Madam
And swallow my fear;
My heroes would be ashamed
If I ever shed another tear.

O God!
 Stop my steaming blood from boiling;
 Angry snakes inside me keep coiling.
 I'll tell the snob
 To take her fancy form and shove it,
 Her trashy mind can't spoil me
 I'll fly high way up above it.
 Witch look down on me no more
 I'm ready to settle the score;
 Tell me face to face
 Before I crawl—
 How many of your sons
 Have their names
 Carved up on the Vietnam Memorial Wall?

RECOGNIZING WEST POTOMAC
 HIGH SCHOOL VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC
 ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of young men and women in Northern Virginia. This year, athletes on the West Potomac crew team took four gold medals at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships. These accomplished individuals are tenacious, driven contributors to their high school community.

On April 26, 2003, West Potomac achieved its unprecedented success on the Occoquan River. The four first place West Potomac boats were the men's first four boat, the women's first four boat, the men's second four boat, and the women's second four boat. Crew is a difficult sport that requires strength, cooperation, coordination, strategy, and persistence. The youthful athletes of West Potomac demonstrated all of these traits in their quest for the state championship, and I am sure that they will continue to excel as sports team members and as citizens.

In a thrilling race, the men's first four earned gold for West Potomac for the first time in 16 years. Trailing McLean for much of their race, the Wolverines sprinted just past their opponents in the closing meters for a photo finish. At the official ceremony, the results of the race were revealed: West Potomac won the 1,500-meter race by four-tenths of a second! The members of the winning men's first four boat were coxswain Helen McGuirk, stroke Kip Wanser, 3-seat Will Aramony, 2-seat Luke Urban, and bow seat Paul Burgess. These Wolverines took the crown from defending champion, McLean in a high-paced, enthralling display of teamwork and athleticism.

The women's first four also came from behind in a tense and hard-fought race to win their gold. Gloucester led for most of the race, with West Potomac taking the lead with about 500 meters remaining and holding off Gloucester for a 1.5-second victory. Coxswain Ashley Morris, stroke Natalie Jones, 3-seat Dorothy Baden-Mayer, 2-seat C.J. Jenkins, and bow Kate Lord made history with their win as the first West Potomac women's varsity quartet to claim Virginia Scholastic Gold.

Continuing the winning streak for the Wolverines that same day was the men's second four boat, manned by coxswain Stephanie Zvonkovich, stroke Trey Burnett, 3-seat Justin Brown, bow Alex Fedgatten, and 2-seat Andrew Norbert. West Potomac held off Mathews and Gloucester for the win with a time of 5:37.3.

Members of the women's second four boat were: coxswain Ashley Thompson, stroke Stephanie Baker, 3-seat Amber Flynn, 2-seat Kelly Wernecke, and bow Moria Holt. This time it was Fairfax and West Springfield left behind in the Wolverines' wake, as West Potomac posted a winning time of 6:25.6 with their skilled and cohesive rowing.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the athletes of the West Potomac High School rowing program. Their dedication, persistence and resolve deserve our highest praise. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating this group of extraordinary competitors.

TRIBUTE TO PERK VICKERS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to recognize the hours of dedication and hard work that Perk Vickers has invested for the betterment of the Lake Fork community of Colorado. Perk has recently announced his retirement from his seat on the Hinsdale County Planning Commission, a seat he has held for almost 30 years. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the great leadership that Perk has shown and to highlight the many accomplishments he has made to his community.

Perk has served Colorado with vision and commitment for over half a century. Besides his notable service to the Hinsdale County Planning Commission, Perk has served as chairman of the Hinsdale Republican Party for over 50 years, as well as serving as the 34-year director of the Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District. In addition, Perk has spent 36-years serving as Hinsdale County's representative to the Colorado River Water Conservation District. In the 1950's, Perk was instrumental in the creation of Club 20, which he helped form to bring twenty Western Slope counties together in order to promote roads and tourism. He also founded the Hinsdale County Chamber of Commerce, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. In short, Perk's dedication has been inspirational, and Colorado has benefited greatly from his service.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I pay tribute today to the many services Perk Vickers has performed on behalf of the citizens of Colorado. I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude for his many examples of community service that have helped make Colorado a more prosperous, friendlier, and beautiful place to live. I know that men like Perk never rest, and so I wish to congratulate him now on his Lifetime Achievement Award and his retirement. I wish him success in all of his future endeavors. Perk, thank you for your service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. I was unable to participate in the following vote be-

cause of a death in the family. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: June 5, 2003, rollcall vote 248, on agreeing to S. 273, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO DANA JOHNSON OF
 BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN—EX-
 CEPTIONAL TEACHER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Education is the key for our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement rests partly in the hands of our teachers. Today I would like to recognize a teacher from Battle Creek, Michigan that most influenced and motivated exceptional students in academics and leadership that were winners of the LeGrand Smith scholarship.

Mr. Dana Johnson teaches mathematics at the Battle Creek Area Mathematics & Science Center. He is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for mathematics. In one student's own words, "Mr. Johnson made math come alive, and he always gave real-world examples of even the most abstract topics." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Mr. Johnson's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

Mr. Johnson's excellence in teaching challenges and inspires students to move beyond the teen-age tendency toward surface study and encourage deeper thought and connections to the real world. No profession is more important in its influence and daily interaction with the future leaders of our community and our country, and Dana Johnson's impact on his students is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Mr. Dana Johnson as a master teacher. We thank him for his continuing dedication to teaching and his willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students for leadership and success.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION FOR
 A U.S. POSTAGE STAMP COM-
 MEMORATING ANNE FRANK

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States Postmaster General should issue a postage stamp commemorating the 75th birthday of Anne Frank.

As we all know, Anne Frank documented her life during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam in a diary that she called "Kitty." The diary became her confidant, and she wrote about her experiences before the occupation, going into hiding, and the tortuous years in hiding. She has come to be a girl we all feel we know well, a personification of good in the face of hatred, murder and genocide.

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl has been translated into 67 languages and has sold more than 31 million copies. It is the most widely read memoir of the Holocaust. For many American students, this book is their first exposure to the horror and historical uniqueness of the Holocaust.

Anne Frank has become an inspiration to youth of all faiths and is a symbol of children throughout the world who suffer in war, subjugation and oppression. She serves as a beacon of bravery, hope and tolerance under the most harsh, inhumane conditions. Her life and death are reminders of the need for constant vigilance and international human rights.

U.S. postage stamps have honored well-respected and influential people, and I believe that Anne Frank deserves recognition. It is appropriate to honor her in this very unique way.

Today Anne Frank would have been 74 years old. She was a talented writer, and her contribution to the world cannot be understated. In one year from today, we will be remembering her on her 75th birthday. I am hopeful that this postage stamp will be issued in time for this milestone.

I encourage all my colleagues to cosponsor this important resolution.

SOUTH CAROLINA SEWER DIVERS

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in South Carolina, a new breed of heroes are saving the city of Charleston from a potentially catastrophic sewage explosion and subsequent environmental disaster. It will take years and millions of dollars to replace the aging Charleston sewage tunnels. Until then, the Commissioners of Public Works are calling upon divers to repair the existing pipes and tunnels. Already two sewage tunnels have suffered minor cave-ins, but these divers were able to prevent the dumping of millions of gallons of wastewater into the harbor. Sewage divers are crawling more than 120 feet underground into a mire which is so dark and filled with murky sludge that even the strongest light is unable to reveal what surrounds them.

Daily, these brave men risk their lives to protect the well being of other citizens in their community. Although their job has a high level of difficulty, the divers do not complain but fearlessly complete what they believe is "just their job."

On behalf of the residents of South Carolina and especially Charleston, I would like to commend the sewer divers for their bravery, selflessness, and dedication to the historic city and its overall welfare.

DISABLED VETERANS TAX

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, today I am signing a discharge petition that I brought to the House floor to right a wrong that has been done to disabled American veterans for more

than a century. In 1891, the United States of America imposed the Disabled Veterans Tax. We did not call it by this name. We did not even call it a tax. Instead we called it a prohibition upon concurrent receipt. We called it something few Americans would understand.

Mr. Speaker, our predecessors in Congress called their law a prohibition upon concurrent receipt because they did not want to call it what it is, a tax on disabled veterans. This bad law prohibits retired veterans from receiving both their retirement pay and any benefit for a service-related disability at the same time. In effect, it is a 100% tax on a retired veteran's disability benefits. As a veteran's disability increases, so does the tax imposed by our government.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to call the concurrent receipt prohibition what it really is: the Disabled Veterans Tax. It was wrong then. It is wrong now. It is time to end the Disabled Veterans Tax.

Mr. Speaker, I receive a disability benefit for wounds received in Vietnam. But my benefits are not taxed away. The Disabled Veterans Tax does not apply to me because I only served two years. Had I provided more service to my country—enough to be entitled to military retirement benefits—then the Disabled Veterans Tax would tax away my disability benefit completely.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot imagine how any member of this body can defend the Disabled Veterans Tax, a tax that not only punishes disabled veterans, but punishes most those who served our country most, those who made the military a career. Congress should be ashamed of itself.

Mr. Speaker, for years a large majority of the members of this House have cosponsored House Resolution 303, a bill that would end the Disabled Veterans Tax. And for years, House Resolution 303 has been bottled up in committee, just like campaign finance reform was bottled up. The discharge petition process forced a vote on campaign finance reform. I am using that same process to force a vote on ending the Disabled Veterans Tax.

At last count 322 members of this Congress are co-sponsors of House Resolution 303. Only 218 of these co-sponsors must sign the discharge petition for us to force a vote. This bill has broad bipartisan support. Both Democrats and Republicans have co-sponsored House Resolution 303. I am a Georgia Democrat, but by my discharge petition seeks to force a vote on a bill authored by a Florida Republican.

Mr. Speaker, some will ask whether we can afford this tax cut, whether we can afford to let these disabled veterans keep their benefit money. I believe many cosponsors of House Resolution 303 have already answered that question twice this year. These cosponsors already have voted for tax cuts 400 billion dollars and 200 billion dollars greater than what we eventually enacted. So Mr. Speaker, on the question whether we should finally eliminate the Disabled Veterans Tax, I trust we will not hear questions about affordability coming from those already on record in support of far, far larger tax cuts.

Mr. Speaker, the Disabled Veterans Tax is wrong. As of this morning, 322 cosponsors of House Resolution 303 agree with me. Let's bring it to a vote. No more half measures. No more evasions. No more hypocrisy. It's time for members who continually co-sponsor this bill to put up or shut up, once and for all.

TRIBUTE TO THE MCCOLLOUGH INVADERS IN THEIR 38TH YEAR

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the McCollough Invaders, a gospel missionary brass band who this week will be celebrating their 38th Anniversary.

These men are only a few of the many unsung heroes of our community, who have given of their time and have never asked for anything in return. This group of men began their careers as early as 9 years of age. During the 1960s, these boys were encouraged by the late Bishop Walter McCollough to make a positive contribution to the community while simultaneously improving the quality of their own lives.

Many came from broken homes where there was no father figure. Their grandparents, aunts, uncles, older brothers, sisters, other relatives or friends would step in when a parent was not around. In order to make ends meet, many of their families depended on public assistance. In some cases, these boys were left to themselves to survive on their own.

Despite these personal obstacles, these young boys devoted their lives to ministering music to many in need of relief from the day-to-day frustrations and anxieties of life. Throughout the 1960s, they performed around the country. Their dedication to the peace movement and to playing Gospel music helped shaped the America we know today.

Today the McCollough Invaders are still making history. Some of these young men no longer live in New York. However, they continue to influence and help others cope with life's frustrations by making burdens just a little bit lighter. Some have used what they have learned many years ago by working with young Gospel bands and marching bands in other inner cities in Washington, DC, and Charlotte, N.C. Their travels have taken them as west as California and as south as Florida.

Others have become business leaders or entrepreneurs in the fields of finance, healthcare, energy, and technology. Many continue to work with youngsters who are mirrored images of themselves almost two scores ago. It is certain that these young men have been and will continue to be role models for others who will also make significant contributions to our communities.

Though the McCollough Invaders can be heard on any given Sunday at the same venue in Harlem, New York at 125th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard, we join the City of New York on Saturday, June 14, 2003 as The McCollough Invaders celebrate 38 priceless years of providing service to the Harlem community and the world.

A TRIBUTE TO AL DAVIS

SPEECH OF

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to join with my colleagues and celebrate the life and mourn the untimely, tragic

death Friday evening, May 30, of Albert J. Davis, Chief Democratic Economist of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Let me express my deepest condolences to Al's longtime companion, Mary Beilefeld. While our words today cannot replace the loss felt by Mary, I hope it is somehow comforting that her loss is not only hers but is shared by the Members and staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means and by all inside and outside of this institution who had the privilege of working with Al.

I never saw a day when Al did not possess an amiable and peaceful air about him. And when you got him talking, it was wonderful seeing this gentle man's passion for his work, for economic justice and fairness come pouring out, the passion that fueled his mind and body while he spent long hours in his Longworth office writing the reports and memos on which my colleagues and I on the House Ways and Means Committee relied.

During the past several years, Al provided us with the most up-to-date, readable, and, dare I say, entertaining analyses of budget and tax information available in Washington. There were many flights back to Los Angeles where a stack of Al's most recent memos written late the night before or bright and early that morning helped me pass the time and prepare for the committee or floor debates ahead.

I have many fond remembrances of Al. For instance, there were the times when the two of us and perhaps John Buckley, his colleague on the Ways and Means Committee Democratic staff and accomplice in such matters, would sit behind the committee dais in 1100 Longworth and in an effort to liven things up a bit, devise a spirited line of questioning for a witness before the committee. Or other times when with only moments to spare, Al would come through with a quote, note, number, or other factoid from his encyclopedic memory or his always-threatening-to-burst accordion file folder that was central to the argument I was preparing to make during a tax mark-up. But perhaps my fondest memories of Al will be the after-hours, informal banter in the hallways or whenever we would run into each other in which the thoughtful, comedic, and interesting character of this wonderful human being would shine.

Mr. Speaker, Al Davis was a public servant in the best sense of the phrase. The work he did, whether it was writing memos, crunching numbers, or producing charts and graphs, was all with the goal of ensuring that the public was served well by its government. I will long remember Al and his contributions to the Ways and Means Committee and this House and I ask that my colleagues remember and honor his memory as well.

THOMAS FRIEDMAN COLUMN ON
SERVICE CUTS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, as the Republican majority shortchanges working families on the child tax credit; as our veterans' benefits are cut; as the majority approaches cuts in transportation funding; as we experience a

lack of funding for education and homeland security initiatives, and as the President is cutting services for the many in his incessant thirst to help the wealthy few, Thomas Friedman offers a view in his column "Read My Lips" in the June 11, 2003 edition of the *New York Times*, which I recommend to all my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans alike. It is as follows:

[From the *New York Times*, June 11, 2003]

READ MY LIPS

(By Thomas L. Friedman)

Democrats have been groping for a way to counter George Bush's maniacal tax cuts, which are designed to shrink government and shift as many things as possible to the market. May I make a suggestion? When you shrink government, what you do, over time, is shrink the services provided by federal, state and local governments to the vast American middle class. I would suggest that henceforth Democrats simply ask voters to substitute the word "services" for the word "taxes" every time they hear President Bush speak.

That is, when the president says he wants yet another round of reckless "tax cuts," which will shift huge burdens to our children, Democrats should simply refer to them as "service cuts," because that is the only way these tax cuts will be paid for—by cuts in services. Indeed, the Democrats' bumper sticker in 2004 should be: "Read my lips, no new services. Thank you, President Bush."

Say it with me now: "Read my lips, no new services—or old ones."

Whenever Mr. Bush says, "It's not the government's money, it's your money," Democrats should point out that what he is really saying is, "It's not the government's services, it's your services"—and thanks to the Bush tax cuts, soon you'll be paying for many of them yourself.

As the former Nixon-era commerce secretary Peter Peterson just observed in this newspaper, when Mr. Bush took office the 10-year budget projection showed a \$5.6 trillion surplus—something that would easily prefinance the cost of Social Security. The first Bush tax cut, coupled with continued spending growth and the post-9/11 costs, brought the projected surplus down to \$1 trillion. "Unfazed by this turnaround," notes Mr. Peterson, "the Bush administration proposed a second tax-cut package in 2003 in the face of huge new fiscal demands, including a war in Iraq and an urgent 'homeland security' agenda." Result: now the 10-year fiscal projection is for a \$4 trillion deficit.

This in turn will shrink the federal government's ability to help out the already strapped states. Since most states have to run balanced budgets, that will mean less health care and kindergarten for children and the poor, higher state college tuition, smaller local school budgets and fewer state service workers. And Lord only knows how we'll finance Social Security.

Everyone wants taxes to be cut, but no one wants services to be cut, which is why Democrats have to reframe the debate—and show President Bush for what he really is: a man who is not putting money into your pocket, but who is removing government services and safety nets from your life.

Ditto on foreign policy. As we and our government continue to spend and invest more than we save, we will become even more dependent on the outside world to finance the gap. Foreigners will have to buy even more of our T-bills and other assets. And do you know on whom we'll be most dependent: for that? China and Japan. Yes, that China—the one the Bush team says is our biggest geopolitical rival.

"In the 1990's, Japan's and China's excess savings were financing our private sector in-

vestment, because the government was in surplus," says Robert Hormats, vice chairman of Goldman Sachs International. "Now, with these looming deficits, China and Japan are being asked to finance our government's actual operations." That makes us very dependent on their willingness to continue sending us hundreds of billions of dollars of their savings. Should China and Japan not want to play along, your services will very likely be cut even sooner (unless you believe in "voodoo economics"). Which is why Democrats should rename this tax bill the China-Japan Economic Dependency Act.

I don't think Democrats can win the presidency with a single issue. You win the presidency by connecting with the American people's gut insecurities and aspirations. You win with a concept. The concept I'd argue for is "neoliberalism." More Americans today are natural neolib, than neocons. Neoliberals believe in a muscular foreign policy and a credible defense budget, but also a prudent fiscal policy that balances taxes, deficit reduction and government services.

To name something is to own it. And the Democrats, for too long, have allowed the Bush team to name its radical reduction in services, and the huge dependence it is creating on foreign capital, as an innocuous "tax cut." Balderdash. This new tax cut is a dangerous foray into wretched excess and it will ultimately make our government, ourselves and our children less secure.

FLORIDA'S FALLEN HEROES

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation remembered its war dead on Memorial Day and June 6th D-Day, I believe it is fitting to pay tribute to all of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. In our most recent conflict in Iraq, 14 individuals from my State of Florida gave their lives in service to our Nation in that war. While we honor and remember all those brave men and women and their loved ones who have given their full measure of devotion to their country from the days of the American Revolution to this hour, I submit the names of the following members of our military, their age, service and Florida hometown for special remembrance:

Lance Cpl. Andrew J. Aviles, Tampa, 18, Marine Corps.

Cpl. Armando A. Gonzalez, Hialeah, 25, Marine Corps.

Cpl. John T. Rivero, Tampa, 23, Army National Guard Infantry.

Lance Cpl. Brian R. Buesing, Cedar Key, 20, Marine Corps.

Lance Cpl. David K. Fribley, Fort Myers, 26, Marine Corps.

PFC Michael R. Creighton Weldon, Palm Bay, 20, Army.

Lance Cpl. Antonio J. Sledd, Tampa, 20, Marine Corps.

Ranger Specialist Marc A. Anderson, Brandon, 30, Army.

Army Ranger Sgt. Bradley S. Crose, Orange Park, 30, Army.

Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer Matthew J. Bourgeois, Tallahassee, 35, Navy.

Sgt. Michael C. Barry, Brandon, 29, Army National Guard.

CWO Timothy W. Moehling, Panama City, 35, Army.

Master Sgt. Michael Maltz, St. Petersburg, 42, Air Force.

Specialist Pedro Pena, (Last residence in Florida), 35, Army.

FLIGHT 100—CENTURY OF AVIA-
TION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF
2003

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my support for H.R. 2115, the Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act. This bipartisan legislation authorizes \$58.9 billion over four years for the activities of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and continues provisions in current law that ensure that all aviation trust fund revenues are spent only on aviation programs.

While I was pleased to join my colleagues in voting for passage of this important legislation, it is disappointing that the legislation does nothing to improve local control over flight curfews at airports. Noise generated by airports is

a constant infringement on the quality of life for residents in surrounding communities.

I believe that local authorities, working in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration, should be making the decisions with respect to flight curfews at locally controlled airports. I did not submit such an amendment to the Rules Committee because I was told the Committee would not make it in order.

I hope that as this legislation proceeds to the Senate, we can work to strengthen the provisions of the legislation with respect to airport noise and to give more control to local authorities.