

This legislation will help address the AmeriCorps problem, at least in the short term. It creates a budgeting mechanism that ensures the Corporation has the funds needed to pay educational awards. Under this bill, the Corporation would be able to enroll about 50,000 AmeriCorps members, without the need for additional funds.

We now know that recording obligations based on the approved level of AmeriCorps members in the program does not reflect the true performance of the program. Not all AmeriCorps volunteers successfully complete service, and not all AmeriCorps members who do complete service use their educational award benefit. Accordingly, this bill allows the Corporation to fund AmeriCorps grants based on estimates of the number of members who will likely complete and use their education award. Further, the bill requires an annual actuarial audit of the National Service Trust to ensure that the Federal Government is able to meet its liabilities. The bill also requires the chief executive officer to certify that the Corporation has properly recorded and tracked its obligations.

We should pass this legislation as quickly as possible. Without it, uncertainty and disagreement will delay and limit the enrollment of AmeriCorps volunteers. Considering the demand and the need for this program, we cannot afford to wait.

But I need to emphasize that this is not a permanent solution. We must restore the proper level of funding to allow AmeriCorps to operate at full strength. We must restore funding for both the National Service Education Trust and the AmeriCorps program. America's communities need AmeriCorps today more than ever, and the talented and dedicated AmeriCorps members need to receive their education stipends following their service.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROSE J.
CAMPBELL

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize an outstanding educator and dear friend, Dr. Rose J. Campbell. An exceptional constituent and a dedicated member of the education community, Dr. Campbell is a true shining star.

Receiving her Bachelors Degree from Florida A&M University, her Masters in Education from William Patterson College, and her Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Campbell has succeeded in every facet of education. From 1968 to the present, Dr. Campbell has been an active member of the Newark Public School System. Beginning her career as a classroom teacher and moving through the ranks to her current position within the Administration as Assistant Executive Superintendent with a specialty in supervision and curriculum, Dr. Campbell has dedicated her life to education.

In addition to her dedication within the classroom, Dr. Campbell has also involved herself with giving back to the community in many other ways. Dr. Campbell is President of the Florida A&M University Alumni Association New Jersey Chapter, President of the New

Jersey Unit of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc., President of the Board of Directors for Day Nurseries Inc. as well as a member of Trinity/St. Phillips Cathedral Church. In each of her civic and community endeavors, Dr. Campbell makes a difference by her devoted and committed participation.

As a member of the Education & the Workforce Committee here in the U.S. House of Representatives I am extremely aware of the growing need for quality educators in our public school systems. Dr. Campbell sets a shining example for our younger generations of the success they can achieve and of the way in which they too can one day aspire to give back to their community.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today in saluting Dr. Rose J. Campbell for her many years of dedicated service as an educator and in wishing her the very best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KIM SPALSBURY
OF GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN,
EXCEPTIONAL TEACHER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 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 Grand Ledge, Michigan that most influenced and motivated exceptional students in academics and leadership that were winners of the LeGrand Smith scholarship.

Mr. Kim Spalsbury teaches government and American literature at Grand Ledge High School. He is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for the subject and for life itself. In one student's own words, "Mr. Spalsbury is dynamic, knowledgeable and puts forth a lot of extra effort." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Mr. Spalsbury's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

Kim Spalsbury'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 Kim Spalsbury'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. Kim Spalsbury 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 THE EMERGENCY
WARNING ACT OF 2003

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation, the Emergency Warning Act of 2003, which would require the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Commerce to ensure that comprehensive, easily understood emergency warnings reach every American who may be at risk in any type of disaster. The bill instructs Commerce and DHS to work with the government agencies that currently issue warnings, with first responders, with private industry, and with the media to ensure that our emergency warning system informs the public when a disaster occurs.

We don't always know when a disaster will occur. However, we do know that we are all at risk for a natural disaster like a hurricane, or a man-made disaster like a terrorist attack. With the advances in technology, we can no longer rely on our televisions or radios to inform us if we need to evacuate our homes or businesses. It's time to utilize the available technology to ensure that all forms of communication are used to inform the public about emergency warnings.

DEATH TAX REPEAL
PERMANENCY ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today, we are once again debating a tax bill that hopefully will never see the light of day in the other body. Here in the House, we have repeatedly cut taxes for the wealthiest few, while our deficit has exploded and we have ignored the countless priorities that our nation currently faces.

That's what this debate is really about. It's about priorities. Their priority is to help the wealthiest few. I am proud to say that I do not share the Majority's priorities.

My priorities include our disabled veterans. If we didn't pass this bill, we could possibly pass the concurrent receipt legislation.

My priorities include a fair Child Tax Credit to help the working poor who make between \$10,000 and \$27,000.

My priorities include providing decent housing and a quality education for our military families.

My priorities include a fiscally sound economic growth plan that creates more jobs by building more roads, bridges and updating our crumbling schools.

Unfortunately, by passing H.R. 8, we cannot begin to address the nation's real priorities.

Mr. Speaker, while I support reducing the tax burden on working families whenever possible, I believe H.R. 8 badly misses the mark. As written, H.R. 8 would add \$80 billion per year to the ever-growing federal deficit. While we are permanently eliminating the tax paid on the largest 2 percent of estates, we are

contributing yet again to the exploding national debt—a debt our children and grandchildren must pay. In essence, H.R. 8 is a stealth tax on future generations.

The federal estate tax should be reformed, not repealed. I support the plan offered by Mr. POMEROY of North Dakota that would have provided immediate estate tax relief in a responsible manner. I support Mr. POMEROY's attempt to exempt estates up to \$3 million (and \$6 million for couples) from all federal estate taxes. This plan would exempt 99.6 percent of all estates in the country. In fact, only 400 estates nationwide would pay the estate tax under the Pomeroy plan. Not only is this plan fairer, it would be fully paid for by eliminating unnecessary corporate tax shelters.

Although supporters of H.R. 8 use family farmers and small business owners as the rationale for the bill, this claim is just a myth. There already are special provisions in the tax code to ease the burden on small businesses and family farms. In 1998, only 1.4 percent of all returns that paid the estate tax had farm assets that were taxed. Even with the changes made to the estate tax during the 107th Congress, the Congressional Research Service has estimated that less than one percent of small businesses and farms would be forced to liquidate assets to pay the tax. Our plan would have helped these families. Sadly, H.R. 8 will not.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on the Pomeroy substitute and no on final passage.

MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the newly crowned NCAA Division II Men's Golf Champions, the Francis Marion University Patriots. On May 23, at the Crosswater Golf Club course in Sunriver, Oregon, the Patriots claimed victory in a four-day tournament over 18 of the best golf teams in the country. But, Mr. Speaker, they did not just win. In what can only be described as a true team effort, Francis Marion ran away with the title, ending the tournament with a 3 under par 1,149, which defeated second-place Rollins College by an amazing 14 strokes!

In golf, more so than in other sports, an outstanding team starts with outstanding individuals; and Francis Marion's squad was most definitely a collection of outstanding individuals. The team was led by coach Jonathan Burnett, a native of Florence, South Carolina who just finished his sixth season with the team. The players were anchored by Junior Fredrik Ohlsson from Goteborg, Sweden and Senior Dylan Keylock from Johannesburg, South Africa, who finished fifth and sixth respectively in the individual standings at the National Championship. Also playing key roles on the team were Senior Matt Dura from Sumter, South Carolina, Senior Juan Pablo Bossi from Alta Gracia, Argentina, and Junior Per Hallberg from Ytterby, Sweden, who finished an impressive 14th, 24th, and 44th respectively at the National Championship. Junior Luke Wilcox and Freshmen Adam Hart, Luke Hart, and Battle Hartman also contributed to the team's successes this season.

For their efforts, Ohlsson was chosen to as a first team All American, Dura and Keylock were selected as third team All Americans, and Bossi and Hallberg gained honorable mention recognition. Keylock and Ohlsson also earned Peach Belt Conference All-Conference honors for the second time, and Dura earned Peach Belt Conference All-Tournament Team honors for the second time in three years.

Though these gentlemen excelled on the links, perhaps more impressive was the fact that they simultaneously excelled in the classroom. In addition to their athletic accolades, Ohlsson, Dura, Keylock, and Bossi also earned 2003 academic All-America honors in marketing, management, finance, and business economics respectively. Only two other student athletes from Francis Marion have ever earned both athletic and academic All-America honors in the same year. I am encouraged to know that long after their collegiate golf careers are over, these young men will still be striving as economic leaders in our country. That is truly something worthy of the title "All American".

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to speak to you about these extraordinary young men and their extraordinary achievements. It is truly a privilege to represent a state that turns out such talented students.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CINCINNATI TENNIS CLUB

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cincinnati Tennis Club, which is celebrating its 120th anniversary. The Club was founded in 1880, just 5 years after tennis was introduced in the United States. It has a rich history.

The Cincinnati Tennis Club played a central role in making the sport of tennis a success in our Nation, and has operated from its East Walnut Hills location for over 100 years. It was one of our nation's first venues for tennis, and, because of its historic impact on the game, was listed in 1983 in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior for its leadership in the development and advancement of the sport of tennis in Cincinnati and the Ohio Valley Area.

Over the years, the Club has been the place where several nationally and internationally recognized tennis players, including legendary greats such as Tony Trabert and Bill Talbert, developed their games. The Club also has been the home club for numerous leaders of the sport and leaders of our country, including William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States and later Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; Potter Stewart, Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; and Neil McElroy, Secretary of Defense in the Eisenhower administration.

The Club has hosted a number of tournaments and events for the Cincinnati area. For 28 years, it has served as the venue for the National Father and Son Clay Court Championships and also served as the original home of what became the ATP Masters

Tournament, one of the top professional men's tennis events in the world.

Mr. Speaker, the Cincinnati Tennis Club has had a significant, positive impact on the sport of tennis and the Cincinnati area. We are proud to have had such a distinguished club in our area for the past 120 years and look forward to many more years. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing its unique and invaluable contributions to the game and Cincinnati community.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY DENIRO

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to recognize an outstanding educator from my district. Dr. Kathy DeNiro of Pueblo, Colorado is my state's recipient of the 2003 MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals Middle Level Principal of the Year Award. Kathy's peers selected her for the award based on her leadership, ability to solve problems, developmental skills, and community service.

Kathy has worked as a teacher and administrator in her school district since 1975 and has served as principal of Corwin Middle School in Pueblo since 1999. In addition, Kathy doubles as Director of Middle Schools in her district. Her dedication to her profession, her students, and her community is extraordinary. A visionary leader, Kathy's innovations at Corwin Middle School include a math and reading program, an academic and recreational-based after-school program, a discipline program, and an academic center for at-risk students with reading problems.

Mr. Speaker, the students at Corwin Middle School include many impoverished, minority youth. Kathy DeNiro's innovation and hard work has greatly improved their chance of success in the classroom and in life. Kathy has made Pueblo and the state of Colorado proud, and I am truly honored to recognize her here today. Congratulations, Kathy, and good luck with your future endeavors.

COMMITMENT TO WORLD PEACE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my commitment to world peace and to stress the importance of establishing dialogue and understanding among all people. It is in recognition of this need that on Tuesday, June 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in Rayburn room B3338-340, the American Leadership Initiative will hold a special awards ceremony to honor great Americans from all 50 states who have demonstrated a commitment to peace.

Many of my prestigious colleagues will join with me and co-chair Congressman KURT WELDON in giving tribute to some of the outstanding Americans from our districts. Members of the clergy, legislators, educators, and business and community leaders will be