

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO VI AND OZZIE SIS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Vi and Ozzie Sis of Fruita, Colorado. This remarkable couple is being recognized by the City of Fruita for the hard work and dedication they have given to the community. As Vi and Ozzie receive this recognition, I am honored to speak of their contributions and accomplishments here today.

Arriving in Fruita in 1985, these fine Coloradans quickly realized that they wanted to be involved in community activities. With a lot of hard work, the couple quickly became two of the area's best community servants. They helped bring a new Dinosaur Museum to Fruita, helped to establish a new civic center, and were instrumental in the creation of the Highway 340 corridor. In addition to these contributions, Vi spent over a decade on the Fruita City Council, serving several years as the Mayor Pro Tem.

As Ozzie and Vi prepare for their move to Colorado Springs, they have begun to think about volunteering in their new town. Their friends claim that if something needs to be done, they will be more than happy to do it.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Vi and Ozzie's civic-mindedness and in recognizing their hard work on behalf of our community. This recognition to the couple for the work they do in their community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring their achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Congratulations and thanks again, Vi and Ozzie, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Fruita and the State of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of the Hammond Public Library throughout its 100 years of service to the Northwest Indiana community. As the citizens of Hammond and all of Northwest Indiana celebrate the centennial of the Hammond Library, we are reminded of the dedication and valiant efforts that have been made to incorporate education and community leadership to the region.

It was in 1903 that the first library board of Hammond was appointed. This board included Dr. W.F. Howat as the first president, Mr. J.G.

lbach as the vice president, as well as many other distinguished appointed members. In 1904, the first library was moved into its own room in the Chicago Telephone Building. Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who at the time was contributing to the funding of public libraries across the nation, donated \$27,000 to construct a new building for the library. On July 8, 1905, the library dubbed "Old Main," was dedicated as the first fully constructed library building in the area and it served the community well for 62 years.

In 1910, the first branch office was established in a room above a fire station, and it was known as Branch No. 1. Three more branches were established in the next 12 years and the library deposited many collections of books in local department stores, the State Bank of Hammond, and also in private homes. Throughout the years, additional branches were opened to provide books and a community gathering space for the citizens of Hammond. The Hansen Branch was named after the first librarian of the Hammond Public Library, Ms. Marie Hansen. The branches continued to be named after influential leaders that helped make the dream of the library a reality.

After a time of change in the community and lack of resources, some branches were forced to close. But because of the city's strong encouragement and need for the library, they renovated the main library, as well as other branches. No matter what challenges face the community, the Hammond Public Library continues to provide many important resources for the community including books, classes, summer reading programs for children, and many community outreach programs.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Hammond Public Library as well as its staff and community leaders on their 100th anniversary. Their many great accomplishments and service to the Hammond community will forever be cherished and commended.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL R. KLCO FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Raymond Klco, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 13 years Daniel has been involved with Scouting, he has attended several camps, including Rota-Kiwan, Gerber, and D-BaR-A. Addition-

ally, Daniel has held numerous leadership positions, serving as instructor, senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, scribe, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and formed the position of webmaster. At the 2001 National Jamboree, he was appointed to the position of patrol leader and created the website for the Gerald R. Ford Council's Jamboree Expedition.

For his Eagle Scout project, Daniel designed and built two handicap access ramps for the shower house at Camp Shawnee, a Campfire USA Camp. These ramps will allow the camp to better facilitate disabled campers and allow the camp to become handicap certified through the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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

HONORING THE LEVY COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of hardworking, talented individuals from the Levy County 4-H Shooting Team from my fifth congressional district of Florida. Dwayne Wilcox, Geneva Hollriegel, Kara Alexander, and Cassie Skelton made up Levy County's delegation to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, held this summer in Raton, New Mexico.

I am pleased to congratulate this group of youngsters for their stellar performance at the competition before this body, Mr. Speaker. They've represented their state, their county and the 4-H organization well and I'd like to share their results with my colleagues and I ask that they join me in honoring the Levy County 4-H Shooting Sports Team today.

In the Archery, Recurve 3D Event, Rachel Babb placed 7th, Tiffany Boykin placed 8th, the group placed 2nd as a team in this event and placed 5th overall.

Kara Alexander placed 7th overall, and in the Hunting Competition she placed 9th in the decision-making and skills events and 3rd in safety.

Also in Hunter Safety Event, Geneva Hollriegel placed 7th and Cassie Skelton placed 10th. The team as a whole placed 3rd in decision making and wildlife management.

Mr. Speaker these accomplishments are truly noteworthy. We in this chamber all know the important role that 4-H plays, and has played, in the lives of so many youths in this country. I am pleased that the organization is alive and well in my district and that these young people have chosen to become involved in it and have prospered as well as they have.

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TRIBUTE TO SOUTHERN UTE
CHAIRMAN LEONARD C. BURCH

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the life and passing of a truly visionary leader. As Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe in Ignacio, Colorado, Leonard Burch worked tirelessly to elevate his tribe to a place of national prominence and improve the welfare of its members. I have great pride as I rise to highlight Chairman Burch's accomplishments and years of service to the State of Colorado.

The Southern Ute Tribe found a leader with vision for the long-term when they elected Leonard to serve as Chairman in 1967. Despite a soft-spoken demeanor, Chairman Burch exuded a strong presence, and elected officials throughout my state held him in high regard. Chairman Burch built on these partnerships to help pass the statute creating the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs in 1976. Chairman Burch's high standard of public service and strong leadership style will serve as an example for generations of future leaders.

Chairman Burch was widely renowned for his caring personality and dedication to the long-term development of the Southern Ute Tribe. His policies as tribal Chairman focused on energy development, the health of his fellow tribe members, and the education of tribal youth. While he cared for the entire tribe's well being, Chairman Burch's focus never strayed from his family. He always spoke proudly of his seven daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress to pay tribute to Leonard Burch for his devotion to his family, dedication to his community, and the leadership he offered to the Southern Ute Tribe. His legacy is evident in the enhanced self-determination, opportunity, and sovereignty that his fellow tribe members enjoy today. While he will be dearly missed, we can all take solace in the knowledge that Chairman Burch's spirit lives on through those whom he has touched.

ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR
AWARDS CEREMONY—NECO
CHAIRMAN WILLIAM DENIS
FUGAZY LEADS DRAMATIC
CEREMONY

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

ELLIS ISLAND, NY, May 17.—Standing on the hallowed grounds of Ellis Island—the portal through which 17 million immigrants entered the United States—a cast of ethnic Americans who have made significant contributions to the life of this nation were presented with the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor at an emotionally uplifting ceremony. This year's event was dedicated to our armed forces.

This year's ceremony date coincides with National Armed Forces Day. As such, we

would like to pay special tribute to the men and women serving in the U.S. armed forces both here and abroad. Several of our Medalists also serve in the armed forces; many more are honored veterans.

NECO's annual medal ceremony and reception on Ellis Island in New York Harbor is the Nation's largest celebration of ethnic pride. Representing a rainbow of ethnic origins, this year's recipients received their awards in the shadow of the historic Great Hall, where the first footsteps were taken by the millions of immigrants who entered the U.S. in the latter part of the nineteenth century. "Today we honor great ethnic Americans who, through their achievements and contributions, and in the spirit of their ethnic origins, have enriched this country and have become role models for future generations," said NECO Chairman William Denis Fugazy. "In addition, we honor the immigrant experience—those who passed through this Great Hall decades ago, and the new immigrants who arrive on American soil seeking opportunity."

Established in 1986 by NECO, the Ellis Island Medals of Honor pay tribute to the ancestry groups that comprise America's unique culture mosaic. To date, approximately 2000 American citizens have received medals.

NECO is the largest organization of its kind in the U.S. serving as an umbrella group for over 250 ethnic organizations and whose mandate is to preserve ethnic diversity, promote ethnic and religious equality, tolerance and harmony, and to combat injustice, hatred and bigotry. NECO has a new goal in its humanitarian mission: saving the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions. NECO has founded The Forum's Children Foundation, which brings children from developing nations in need of life-saving surgery to the United States for treatment.

Ellis Island Medals of Honor recipients are selected each year through a national nomination process. Screening committees from NECO's member organizations select the final nominees, who are then considered by the Board of Directors.

Past Ellis Island Medals of Honor recipients have included several U.S. Presidents, entertainers, athletes, entrepreneurs, religious leaders and business executives, such as William Clinton, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, George Bush, Richard Nixon, George Pataki, Mario Cuomo, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Michael Douglas, Gloria Estefan, Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Elie Wiesel, Muhammad Ali, Mickey Mantle, General Norman Schwarzkopf, Barbara Walters, Terry Anderson, Dr. Michael DeBakey, Senator John McCain, Rudy Giuliani and Attorney General Janet Reno.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2003 ELLIS ISLAND
MEDALS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Ruth J. Abram, President, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, Romanian/Irish/Russian; Danny Aiello, Actor, Italian; Hon. Hagop S. Akiskal, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, University of California at San Diego, Armenian; Hon. William Vollie Alexander, Managing Partner, Alexander & Associates, Scottish/English/Irish; Menelaos Anastasios Aliapoulos, M.D., Medical Director, General Electric Company, Hellenic; Hon. Hushang Ansary, Parman Group, Iranian; Angela Susan Anton, CEO & Publisher, Long Island Community Newspapers, Czechoslovakian/Italian; William Austin, Chairman & CEO, Starkey Laboratories Inc., English; Robert P. Badavas, Chief Operating Officer, Atlas Venture, Hellenic; Peter Balakian, Professor, Colgate University, Armenian; Roger Ballou, President & CEO, CDI Corporation, English/Scottish/French; Salvatore A.

Balsamo, Chairman, Tac World Wide Companies, Italian; Peggy L.S. Barmore, Assistant to the President, NYSUT, African/Irish; Peter J. Barris, Managing General Partner, New Enterprise Associates, Hellenic; Anthony J. Bifaro, Assistant to the President, NYSUT, Italian; Michael Bolton, Bolton Music Company, Russian/English; Capt. Craig E. Bone, Commanding Officer & Commander of the Port NY & NJ, Coast Guard Activities, English/Irish/German; George Boyadjieff, Chairman, Varco International, Inc., Bulgarian/Russian; Albert A. Boyajian, President & CEO, Global Bakeries, Inc., Armenian; Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., President Emeritus, Bronx Community College—CUNY, African; Bishop William Brown, Pastor, Founder & Chairman, Salvation & Deliverance Church, South African; John A. Canning, Jr., President, Madison Dearborn Partners, Irish/Italian; Terrel L. Cass, President & General Manager, WLIV 21—NY Public Television, Irish/English; Myron Z. Chlavin, CEO, Desser Tire & Rubber Co., Austrian/Latvian; Msgr. Eugene V. Clark, Rector, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Irish/Dutch; Maj. Gen. Richard S. Colt, Commander, 77th Regional Support Command US Army Reserve, Scottish; Francis X. Comerford, President & General Manager, WNBC, Irish/Italian; Leo P. Condakes, President, Peter Condakes Co., Hellenic; Alexander A. Conti, Financial Representative, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Italian; Thomas J. Corcoran, Jr., President & CEO, FelCor Lodging Trust Inc., English; Thomas M. Coughlin, President & CEO, Wal-Mart Stores & Sam's Clubs USA, Irish; Hon. Anthony J. Cutrona, Supreme Court Justice—NYS Supreme Court, 2nd Judicial Department, Italian.

Salvatore A. Davino, President, Fidelity Land Development Corp., Italian; Commander Carlos Del Toro, US Naval Forces, Cuban; Vincent DeMentri, Anchor/Correspondent, WPIX-TV, Italian; John E. Durante, President, Rockledge Equities, Italian; Umberto P. Fedeli, Jr., President & CEO, The Fedeli Group, Italian; Charles A. Feghali, President, Interstate Resources, Inc., Lebanese; John J. Flynn, President, Int'l Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Irish; Colonel Warren J. Foersch, Commander, First Marine Corps District—US Marines, French/German/Irish; Hon. James S. Gallas, US Magistrate Judge, US District Court—Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Hellenic; Luther R. Gatling, President, Budget & Credit Counseling Services, Inc., African; Richard A. Goldstein, Chairman & CEO, International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., Russian; Hon. Joseph G. Golia, Associate Justice, Appellate Term, 2nd & 11th Judicial District, Supreme Court of the State of NY, Italian; John George Gonis, D.D.S., Chairman & President, Dental Associates, LTD, Hellenic; Andy Granatelli, Former CEO & President (Retired), STP Corporation, Italian; James T. Hackett, Chairman, President & CEO, Ocean Energy, Inc., Irish/German; Val J. Halamandaris, Esq., President, National Association for Homecare & Hospice, Hellenic; Thomas E. Hales, Chairman, President & CEO, Union State Bank, Italian/Irish; Taek Sun Han, Founder & CEO, Han Yang Supermarket/Han Yang Cultural Center/Morning Glory Stationery World, South Korean; Michael J. Handy, Director, Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, African/English/Native American; Russell Hotzler, Interim President, York College, CUNY, Italian/German; Sayed Jemal Houssein-Afghani, Inc., Humanitarian, Afghan/English; Ronald C. Jones, Secretary, United Federation of Teachers, Italian.

Georgia Kaloidis, CEO, Diskal, Inc., Hellenic; Frank S. Kamberos, Former VP Operations, Treasure Island Foods, Inc., Hellenic;

I. Pano Karatassos, Founder/President, Buckhead Life Restaurant Group, Hellenic; Bruce E. Karatz, Chairman & CEO, KB Home, Russian; Elaine Kaufman, President, Elaine's Restaurant, Russian; Stella Kim, Executive Vice President, By Design, L.L.C., South Korean; Michael B. Kitchen, President & CEO, CUNA Mutual Group, Canadian; Thomas M. Lamberti, Esq., Partner, Putney, Twonbly, Hall & Hirson, LLP, Italian; Lou Lamoriello, President, CEO & General Manager, New Jersey Devils, CEO, NJ Nets, Italian; Henri Landwirth, Founder & Chairman, Give Kids the World & Dignity-U-Wear Foundation Inc., Belgian/Polish; Stewart F. Lane, President, Theatre Venture, Inc., Russian/Polish; A. Alexander Lari, Founder & Chairman, Claremont Group, LLC, Iranian; Denis Leary, President, The Leary Firefighters Foundation, Irish; Chung Wha Lee, President, Lee Chung Wha Diamond Corporation, Korean; Howard H. Lee, President & CEO, World Journal, Chinese; Simon S. Lee, CEO & President, STG, Inc., South Korean; James P. Lemonias, Chairman & CEO, Whitman Company, Inc., Hellenic; Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox, Jr., Superintendent US Military Academy, Scottish/Irish; Hon. Phil Leventis, State Senator, State of South Carolina, Hellenic; Michael Yi-Sheng Liao, VP/Chief Information Officer, GM Asset Management, Chinese; Tony Lo Bianco, Actor, Director and Producer, Italian; Richard A. Loughlin, Vice Chairman, Willis, Irish; Constantine S. Macricostas, Chairman, Founder, Photonics, Hellenic; Sheldon Harris Malinou, DDS, Assistant to the Director, Cabrini Medical Center, Russian/Ukrainian; Anastasios E. Manessis, President, Manessis Marketing Corp., Hellenic; Puzant A. Markarian, Principal (Retired), Arlington Textiles, Inc., Armenian; John L. Marks, Chairman & CEO, Mark IV Realty, Inc., Hellenic.

Patrick F. Martin, Chairman, President & CEO, StorageTek, Irish; Stanley Matthews, Founder, Matthews Diner & Pancake House, Hellenic; Hon. Roslynn R. Mauskopf, US Attorney, Eastern District, New York, Czechoslovakian; Hon. James E. McGreevey, Governor—State of New Jersey, Irish; Raymond Melville, Assistant Business Manager, Local Union #3, I.B.E.W., Irish; Robert G. Miller, Chairman & CEO, Rite Aid Corporation, Russian/English; Veronica Montgomery-Costa, President, Local 372 NYC Board of Education Employees Union, African; Patrick J. Moore, President & CEO, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, Irish/Scottish/Swedish; Donal J. Murphy, President, D.J. Murphy Assoc, Irish; Albin D. Obal, President, Concor Contracting Company, Inc., Owner, Midland Enterprises, Polish; James E. O'Connor, Chairman & CEO, Republic Services, Inc., Irish; James F. Orr, Chairman, President & CEO, Convergys Corporation, Scottish/Irish/English/German; Nancy Panzica, Chairman, Panzica Construction Company, Italian; Steven Peter Papadatos, President, Papadatos Associates PC Architects, Hellenic; Frank Pellegrino, Sr., CEO, Rao's Specialty Foods, Italian; Stan Pelofsky, M.D., President, Neuroscience Specialists, Polish.

James Tung Chiang Pi, President, Pi Trading Company, Inc., Chinese; John Politis, President & CEO, Apartment Realty Group, Inc., Hellenic; Gerry Puccio, Sr., Founder, Rockleigh Country Club/CEO Carrin on Real Estate & Investment Group, Italian; Lewis S. Ranieri, Founder & Chairman, Hyperion Partners, LLP, Italian; Subash Razdan, Advisor, Procurement Advisory Council, Coca Cola Company, Indian; Paul V. Reilly, President, Chairman & CEO, Mail-Well, Inc., Irish; Mary Lou Retton, U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist, Italian; Richard Romanoff, President, Nebraskaland, Inc., Russian; E. John Rumpakis, Owner, N.E.W.S., Hellenic; Mi-

chael Schenkler, Publisher, Queens Tribune, Russian/Polish; Martin Scorsese, President, Cappa Productions, Italian; Myron P. Shevell, Chairman & CEO, New England Motor Freight Inc./The Shevell Group, Russian/German; David J. Shitn, Chairman CEO, Riverside Park, Inc./Kiku Restaurant Inc., Korean; Richard Silverman, Vice-Chairman, Fleet National Bank N.A., Romanian/English; Hon. Nirmal K. Sinha, Commissioner Ohio Civil Rights, Assistant Director Department of Public Utilities, Columbus, Ohio, Indian; Curtis Shwa, Founder and President, The Alliance of Guardian Angels, Italian/Polish; Thomas A. Smith, President & CEO, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Norwegian/Scottish/German; Ralph Snyderman, M.D., Chancellor for Health Affairs, President and CEO, Duke University Health System, Russian; Rajesh K. Soin, Chairman & CEO, Soin International, Indian.

Hon. Maria Sotiropoulos, Protocol Officer, The White House/US Department, of State, Cypriot; Sy Sternberg, Chairman & CEO, New York Life Insurance Company, Romanian/Polish/Lithuanian; Nicolas Tabbal, M.D., F.A.C.S., Plastic Surgeon, Manhattan Eye Ear & Throat Hosp-NYU, Lebanese; Hon. Patrick N. Theros, Ambassador, President & Executive Director, US Qatar Business Council, Hellenic; Demetrios E. Tsintolas, President, Tsintolas Realty Company, Hellenic; Ben Vereen, Vereen Productions, African; Nicholas S. Vidalakis, CoFounder, Chairman & CEO, VFP LLC, Hellenic; Vuksan Vuksanaj, President, New York Travel Agency, Inc., Albanian; Mike Wallace, Senior Correspondent, CBS News/60 Minutes, Russian; Donald Washkewicz, President & CEO, Parker-Hannifin Corporation, Polish/Czechoslovakian; Hon. Jim Wright, Speaker of the House 1987-1989, Texas Christian University, Australian/Irish/Scottish; Jeffrey Yarmuth, President & COO, Sonny's Franchise Co., Russian/Polish; Pan A. Yotopoulos, Distinguished Professor, University of Florence, Hellenic; Xenophon Zapis, Radio Broadcaster, Zapis Communications Corporation, Hellenic; Detective Sergeant Wallace R. Zeins, Commanding Officer, Manhattan Night Watch, NYPD, Russian.

HONORING MAX MAROLT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize the life and passing of a skiing icon. Max Marolt was a world-class skier and prominent political figure in his hometown of Aspen, Colorado. I am honored to rise today to highlight Max's accomplishments and his service to the Aspen community.

Max was born in Aspen in 1936, one of three sons that would soon become prominent figures in the skiing community. Max excelled as a member of the Aspen junior racing team, leading it to a third place finish at the National Junior Meet in 1951. After joining the Denver University Ski Team, he earned a place on the U.S. Ski Team in 1954. Several years later, Max's skills and determination led to an invitation to the 1960 Olympic Winter Games. Max's participation in the Olympic games inspired local skiers throughout the area to pursue their grandest dreams, including his brother Bill, who competed in the Olympics in 1964.

Although Max's intrepid spirit led him on many adventures around the world, he contin-

ued to call Aspen his home. Max worked as a sales representative for several ski equipment manufacturers while raising his four children and cultivating their respective skiing careers. His son noted that Max dedicated the last 30 years of his life to his family and community. Max's service included a stint on the Aspen City Council in 1995 and a campaign for mayor in 1997.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to Max Marolt for his devotion to his family, dedication to his community, and numerous athletic achievements. Citizens like Max provide the spirit and strength of character that made this nation great. While he will be dearly missed, we can all take solace in the knowledge that Max's spirit lives on through those whom he has touched.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TREE OF LIFE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN GARY, IN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I congratulate the Tree of Life Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana, as they celebrate their 24th anniversary. During the month of September, Tree of Life Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating their anniversary on three different occasions. The celebration will kick off on September 6 with a balloon release and a barbeque, followed by a banquet on September 12, and a culmination of the anniversary celebration on September 21.

The vision of Tree of Life Missionary Baptist Church began on July 23, 1979 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ervin, along with Reverend Cato Brooks and many others. In August of 1979, the church was organized as the Tree of Life Mission and worship began with Reverend James Barnett, Jr., and Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church. Then in September of 1979, the Tree of Life Mission became the Tree of Life Missionary Baptist Church and incorporated a council of various religious ministers from other local churches. When the doors opened to the new church, 28 parishioners came together in worship service, and shortly after Rev. Brooks was named Pastor.

Tree of Life quickly grew in numbers and began to reach out to the community by constructing an alcohol and drug addiction program through the Alcohol Center at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital. The church and Rev. Brooks were strong initiators for the New Beginning AA program in the community as well as the West 11th Avenue AA program. In June of 1984, Rev. Brooks appointed Rev. Hunter Griffin, III as the church's Jail and Outreach Minister, and he reached out to over 650 inmates through prayer services at the Lake County Jail in Crown Point, Indiana.

On February 5, 1991, the Tree of Life Missionary Baptist Church received high commendation from the City of Gary for all of its efforts to serve, educate, and support the local community. In July of 1991, the Southern Baptist State Convention Home Mission Board awarded the Tree of Life with a certificate of outstanding performance in Christian Service.

After years of hard work and commitment to the community and church, Rev. and Mrs. Cato Brooks and the members of Tree of Life started the Tree of Life Community Development Corporation and Care Center. This center is a spiritual approach to healing and helping the residents of Gary and Northwest Indiana, which began through the establishment of their first two programs: the Rehabilitation of Housing under the Homeless Initiative and Transitional Housing. New programs were later added and include the 21st Century Parents Program, the Misguided Youth and First Offenders Program, and the Homeless Initiative Programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues, join me in honoring and congratulating Tree of Life Missionary Baptist Church on their 24th anniversary. They have given selflessly to the Gary community, as well as all of Northwest Indiana, and will continue to serve and support all members of the community through their gracious dedication and commitment.

RECOGNIZING JAMES RILEY TITUS
BOND FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS
AS AN INTERN ON MY STAFF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mr. James Riley Titus Bond, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in national government.

Titus is a recent graduate of Rockhurst High School and will be continuing his education at Catholic University in Washington, DC. He has distinguished himself as an intern in my campaign office by serving the great people of the 6th District of Missouri. Through this internship, Titus has had the opportunity to observe firsthand the inner workings of National Government and campaign organization and has gained valuable insight into the process by which campaigns are run.

During his time as an intern in my office, Titus has successfully demonstrated his abilities in the performance of such duties as planning events, assisting in Lincoln Days, and assuming various other responsibilities to make the office run as smoothly as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mr. James Riley Titus Bond for his many important contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives during the current session, as well as joining with me to extend to him our very best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

HONORING JAY RUSSEL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jay Russel, a constituent in my Fifth Congressional District.

Mr. Russel was recently named the 2003 Levy County Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer of the Year by his colleagues and superiors and I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this noble distinction.

Mr. Russel, has patrolled the woods and waterways of Levy, Citrus and Dixie County for more than three years, giving him a one-of-a-kind knowledge of Florida's Nature Coast and enabling him to be an excellent Conservation Commission Officer. Often coming to the aid of boaters in distress, his efforts have resulted in successful rescue and recovery missions and his "sixth sense" for detecting law violators has allowed many recreational sportsmen to continue to enjoy Florida's wetlands safely and lawfully.

Mr. Russel has been described by his colleagues as an outstanding officer with an immense knowledge of the outdoors and of the region he patrols. Area police departments and law enforcement agencies often rely on him for help in investigating illegal activity in the area and know they can count upon his support at any time.

He is truly an asset in every way to his colleagues and to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. His superiors have said that he "exemplifies what the agency stands for—a commitment to protecting wildlife resources and to serving and protecting citizens enjoying Florida's outdoors."

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Russel and all officers of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The work they do is invaluable and of immeasurable importance to our environment, to area wildlife and to our safety.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MILLIE
COX FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Millie Cox on her retirement from the Indiana Credit Union League, and to congratulate her for her many years of dedicated and tireless service.

Over the years, Millie has displayed an indomitable spirit in her work and efforts on behalf of Indiana's credit unions. She has taken time to educate and encourage credit union leaders about the legislative process and the importance of political participation. Clearly, Millie's passion for her work on behalf of Indiana's credit unions bespeaks her monumental efforts here in Washington D.C.

Millie Cox's impressive career began in February 1977, when she joined the staff of the Indiana Credit Union League. She was promoted several times, ultimately rising to Vice President of Governmental Affairs in 1986. Millie and her staff have been responsible for analyzing regulations and legislation, as well as serving as liaison between credit unions, regulatory agencies, and other government entities.

On a personal note, Millie is a long-time Hoosier, having grown up in the New Castle area with her two brothers and three sisters. She has one son, Curt, and was married for

more than twenty years to her late husband Jim. Millie and I share a great interest in history and reading in addition to our Hoosier roots.

Millie Cox's dedication to her career is evident in her own words as she states that "I believe in credit unions, I love what I do and I can't imagine working in any other industry." Millie, I congratulate you and wish you all the best. Capitol Hill won't be the same without you.

HONORING RON GIBSON

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to an inspiring veteran in Grand Junction, Colorado. Despite being confined to a wheelchair, Ron Gibson continues to set unprecedented athletic standards and win numerous medals in national competitions. I have great pride as I rise today to recognize Ron's athletic achievements and his service to our nation.

Ron began competing in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games 15 years ago. After participating in the Winter Sports Games in Grand Junction, Colorado in 1988, Ron fell in love with the area and subsequently relocated there. He has since lost track of the number of medals he has won, recently adding another four at the 23rd annual games in California. Each veteran who competes carries with him an inspirational story of dedication and perseverance. Ron is no exception, and I am proud to recognize his many accomplishments. All those who participate in the National Veterans Wheelchair games are military veterans who have spinal cord injuries or other disabilities that require wheelchairs.

Mr. Speaker, Ron Gibson embodies the courage and strength of spirit that have made our nation strong. I commend him for his service and all of his recent accomplishments. Congratulations, Ron. I wish you all the best with your future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINTS
CONSTANTINE AND HELEN
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I recognize and congratulate Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Merrillville, Indiana on their 90th anniversary. Throughout its 90 years, Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church has provided a welcoming worship and gathering space for all residents of Northwest Indiana.

SS Constantine and Helen and its forefathers began their foundation in Gary, Indiana in 1906 in the dream of preserving the Greek heritage and faith in America. The first steps to making this dream a reality began in the spring of 1911, when an initial meeting was held to discuss the need for a worship space

for the small handful of Greek families that settled in Northwest Indiana. The name was later chosen to signify the importance of Saint Constantine, the Roman Emperor who permitted the freedom of practicing Christianity in the Fourth Century, as well as Saint Helen, Saint Constantine's mother, in their fight for the preservation of their heritage and Greek culture.

In 1913, the first worship services were held in a rented store building, and SS Constantine and Helen became the first Greek Church in the City of Gary. Following two years of leadership by visiting priests from Chicago, Reverend Nicholas Mandilas became the first permanent pastor for the church. In 1919, after years of traveling around the Midwest searching for financial help, and worshipping in tents in the dead of winter, the congregation's valiant and dedicated efforts led them to the opening of their first church building on Easter Sunday. Approximately 50 years later, another church building was constructed in Merrillville, Indiana and the Cultural Center was opened to the residents of Northwest Indiana.

Being a member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), Lodge 78, I am a strong advocate for the preservation and promotion of the ideals and morals of Hellenism throughout all of Northwest Indiana. Throughout its 90 years of service and dedication, Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church has offered the inspiration to be good citizens of the community, practice faith freely, and educate our youth so that the Greek heritage may never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. Their sincere dedication and devotion to the residents of Northwest Indiana deserves the highest commendation and recognition.

RECOGNIZING MEGAN LEFEVOUR
FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS AS A
MEMBER OF MY STAFF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Megan Lefevour, a very dedicated and enthusiastic member of my Washington D.C. Congressional Staff.

Meg has served my office for nearly two years, as well as serving as an intern for the Speaker of the House HASTERT. As a Staff Assistant, Systems Administrator, Legislative Correspondent, and Legislative Assistant, she has established a passion for working on the Hill. Meg holds dear the people she has worked with in her many roles as a Hill staffer.

I, and others, greatly value Meg's hard work and commitment. Constituents have grown to know her attention to detail, knowledge of many issues, and personal touch that should not go unrecognized. Her dedication to the Sixth District of Missouri has shown through over the past two years, which is evident by the appreciation of all she works with.

It is unfortunate for countless people that Meg will be leaving the Hill, as she has left

her unique stamp on many. I, as well as my office, wish Meg the very best in her future career with education and wish her and Chris all the happiness in their life together.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Megan Lefevour for her many important contributions to myself, my staff, all those she has worked with on the Hill, and for all those she has served. She will be missed by many.

HONORING ROBERT A. BOWERS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert A. Bowers, a constituent of my Fifth Congressional District. Deputy Bowers, an honorable officer of the law, was recently named the 2003 Levy County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by his colleagues and superiors and I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this important distinction.

Deputy Bowers has served the Levy County Sheriff's Office since October of 2001 as an officer in the Road Patrol Division and has been active in the "Buckle Up" program, ensuring safety on our highways by enforcing our state's seatbelt and child-restraint laws.

Deputy Bowers has been described by his colleagues as someone with a cheerful and professional demeanor, no matter what the situation or task at hand. His service to Levy County is in its early days and I believe he will continue to be an asset to the Levy County Sheriff's Office for many years to come.

Having law enforcement officers like him is what makes our roadways and communities safe and it is what inspires youngsters to continue in the profession of noble, honorable service to their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting Deputy Bowers and all officers of the law, for the work they do is invaluable and of immeasurable importance to our society and to our safety.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, due to excessive flooding in North Central, Central and South Central portions of Indiana, I was unable to be in Washington during rollcall vote Nos. 460–462. Had I been here I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote Nos. 460–462.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE SHERWOOD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this Congress and this nation to

pay tribute to an outstanding public servant from my district, Steve Sherwood. Steve is the Deputy Forest Supervisor in the White River National Forest who works hard to protect and maintain our beloved natural areas. Steve's service throughout the country has helped keep our national forests open to everyone, providing a variety of users with access to recreation.

Steve came to the White River National Forest in 2000, moving from Washington D.C. to be part of the wilderness that he loves. He spends most of his time overseeing the White River's wilderness, recreation, and heritage programs. As an outdoorsman, Steve has a better understanding of the needs of our forests; he is often fishing and biking throughout the lands he protects.

When Steve is not at work protecting our public lands, he is at home with his wife Carolyn and his two children William and Jessica. Steve works hard in the hope that his children will have forests and wilderness areas to enjoy many years after he has gone.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Steve for his dedication, and it gives me great joy to inform this body of Congress and this nation of his hard work and devotion at the U.S. Forest Service. Thank you, Steve, for your hard work and dedication. Your commitment and involvement in our national forests will not be forgotten.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. HANK
STRAM

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I wish to congratulate Mr. Hank Stram on his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Hank Stram's path to football greatness began many years ago when he was an athletic standout at Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Indiana earning all-state honors as halfback. On Sunday, August 3, 2003, Hank Stram received the ultimate honor with his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

After graduating from Lew Wallace High School, Stram attended Purdue University on a football scholarship. He earned four letters in baseball and three in football for the Boilermakers. His collegiate career was interrupted for three years of military service in World War II. During his senior year at Purdue, Stram received the coveted Big Ten Medal that is awarded to the conference athlete who best combines athletics with academics.

Immediately upon graduation in 1948, Stram joined Purdue's football coaching staff. He served 12 years as an assistant on the collegiate level, with stops at Southern Methodist, Notre Dame and Miami (Florida).

In 1960 he was named head coach of the Dallas Texans in the new American Football League. The rest is history. Stram guided the Texans to the AFL championship in 1962 and the team then moved to Kansas City and became the Chiefs. In Kansas City, Stram led the Chiefs to the 1966 and 1969 AFL Championships.

His 1966 Kansas City team played in the first Super Bowl, losing to the Green Bay

Packers. The highlight of Stram's illustrious coaching career came on January 11, 1970, when the Chiefs defeated the Minnesota Vikings, 23-7, in Super Bowl IV. He also led the Chiefs to playoff appearances in 1968 and 1971.

Stram coached 17 years in professional football and had a career won-lost-tied record of 136-100-10. His victory total is 11th on the all-time NFL coaches list. He finished his career with 2 seasons, 1976 and 1977, as head coach of the New Orleans Saints.

Hank Stram was known by his players and colleagues as being a truly innovative coach with ideas that inspired and motivated his players and all those who had the opportunity to work with him throughout his career. At the age of 80, Stram continues to provide motivation for area athletes. Every year, the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, hosts its Hank Stram—Tony Zale Sports Award Banquet to honor young athletes in Northwest Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending and applauding Hank Stram, a true sports hero who has achieved greatness. His lifetime of devotion to his players, fans, and family will truly be celebrated and remembered.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL T. GRIFFEN
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Tyler Griffen, A Very Special Young Man Who Has Exemplified the Finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the 10 years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 31 merit badges. Additionally, Daniel has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as Den Chief and Troop Guide. Daniel also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Arrow of Light Award and Fire Builder in the Tribe of Mic-o-say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Daniel led a group of teens and adults in the cataloguing of about 300 graves in the Little Shoal Cemetery. The catalogue was then donated to the Clay County Archives for the use by the general public.

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

HONORING DANIEL ANTIS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Daniel

Antis, a constituent of mine residing in Levy County in my Fifth Congressional District. Corporal Antis, a hard-working corrections officer, was recently named the 2003 Levy County Corrections Officer of the Year by his colleagues and superiors and I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this noble distinction.

Corporal Antis began his career as a corrections officer in 1999 and came to work for the Levy County Sheriff's Office Jail Division in September of last year.

Corporal Antis has been described by his colleagues as someone with a quiet but professional demeanor, and his arduous work and drive have not gone unnoticed by his peers. His ambition and "can-do" attitude won him the promotion to his current position as a corporal only 7 months after joining the Levy County Corrections team.

He is truly an asset in every way to his colleagues and to the Levy County Sheriff's office.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting Corporal Antis and all officers of the law, for the work they do is invaluable and of immeasurable importance to our society and to our safety.

TRIBUTE TO SUE O'BRIEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today before this body of Congress to honor the memory of a great citizen. Sue O'Brien passed away peacefully on August 6, 2003 after battling cancer. Sue was the respected and well-liked editor of The Denver Post's opinion page and a long time figure in public policy. As Colorado and the larger community mourn her passing, I would like to pay tribute to her memory.

Sue was born on March 6, 1939 in Iowa, settling in Denver with her first husband, Jim Hautzinger, and their children in 1961. Sue was a stay-at-home-mom who was busy with the League of Women Voters, Young Democrats, and the drive for school desegregation and fair housing.

Sue began her career in the media in 1968 when she reported on the riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago for KTLN/KTLK-AM radio. Through the years, Sue worked as an anchor and political reporter for local and national television and radio. Sue was a pioneer for women in news management when, in 1976, she became the news director for KOA-TV and radio in Denver. In 1995, Sue became the head of The Denver Post opinion page. She took her job very seriously and gave great thought to everything that crossed her desk. Sue was always fair and always forthright, and her colleagues respected her ability and integrity.

Politicians in both parties respected Sue as well. She worked for two governors and was routinely consulted by Republicans and Democrats alike. Sue painstakingly examined every issue and always gave her honest and candid opinion. On a personal level, I hold Sue in high regard. I always enjoyed speaking with her about the issues of the day, and several

years ago, Sue was my personal guest in the House gallery for the President's State of the Union Address. She had a strong set of values and cared deeply about helping people, qualities that will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, Sue O'Brien was a person whose hallmark was fairness and integrity. She was a committed idealist who worked every day to make the world a better place. Sue had great love for her family and tremendous pride in the accomplishments of her children. She was a master journalist who never faltered in her attention to detail. Sue O'Brien was a great American, a great journalist, and, most importantly, a great person. I join with my colleagues today in honoring her memory and her life.

AMENDING TITLE XXI OF THE SO-
CIAL SECURITY ACT REGARDING
THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH
INSURANCE PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. W.J. (BILLY) TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2003

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, the House will unanimously pass a bi-partisan bill, H.R. 2854, which will dramatically improve uninsured children's access to health care. This bill reflects a compromise negotiated with the other Chamber, which is supported by Senators GRASSLEY and BAUCUS, along with Health Subcommittee Chairman MIKE BILIRAKIS, and Ranking Members JOHN DINGELL and SHERROD BROWN.

H.R. 2854 will provide states with \$2.7 billion to fund their SCHIP programs. The State Child Health Insurance Program is an extremely successful program that has enabled states to provide health coverage to over 5 million previously uninsured children. Under SCHIP each state gets a specified annual allotment of Federal dollars to be used to pay for children's health care, which the state can draw on for up to three years.

Due to initial delays that many states encountered in establishing their SCHIP programs, significant percentages of several states' allotments from fiscal years 1998 through 2001 have gone unused. H.R. 2854 will allow these states to retain a portion of these funds to enable them to provide additional coverage to uninsured children. Under H.R. 2954, states will be able to retain fiscal year 1998 and 1999 reallocated funds through the end of fiscal year 2004 and allows states to retain 50 percent of their unspent allotments for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

In addition, the bill also allows ten states that had been unable to spend all of their SCHIP allotments because of high Medicaid income eligibility levels to use up to 20 percent of their SCHIP allotments to pay for providing coverage for eligible children.

RECOGNIZING CHULA MORI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is, with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay

tribute to Chula Mori, who died at St. Helena Hospital in Angwin, California, March 28, 2003. Chula, a treasured member of Napa County, California, died at the age of 55 after a courageous battle with cancer. Chula was diagnosed with breast cancer 21 years ago, and then in June 2002, with brain, liver and lung cancer.

As Head Teacher in the Napa County Office of Education's Napa Child Development Center, Chula dedicated her life to educating young children. An extraordinary teacher and a kind-hearted, loving person, Chula was also someone her students could trust and depend on. One of her great joys was when former students, grown with children of their own, would rush up to give her hugs when they would run in to her out in the community.

Many of the students enrolled in the Napa Child Development Center come from broken homes and disadvantaged circumstances. Though just preschoolers, Chula's students often carried the weight of neglect and discouragement on their small shoulders. Often, Chula's class served as a port in the storm. She made her students feel safe, loved and appreciated.

For over 27 years Chula educated the kids in our community. Yet, ironically, I believe the greatest lessons she taught may have been outside the classroom. Lying in a hospital bed at St. Helena Hospital in Angwin, California, Chula was an incredible example to her friends and loved ones of how to live and how to die with dignity.

Mr. Speaker, Chula's influence is easily seen throughout our community. Whether on the faces of her own two children and three grandchildren or in the hearts of countless former students, Chula's impact can never be erased nor will it fade. Those of us who knew her well are better because we knew her well. For these reasons and countless others it is appropriate at this time that we recognize and honor Chula Mori, who lived her life as a blessing to others.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND CARMEN
ROSA ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John A. Rosa and Carmen T. Rosa who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 22nd 2003. I take great pride in honoring these two remarkable individuals for their enduring dedication to one another and to the community in which they reside.

Mr. Rosa was born on September 7, 1929, in New York City and his wife Mrs. Rosa was born May 17, 1936. They were married on August 22, 1953, at St. John Chrysostom in the Bronx. Mr. Rosa, a Korean War Veteran, worked with the Art Steele Company in the Bronx, first as purchasing manager and later as export manager before retiring in 1985. In addition to being a devoted housewife and mother, Mrs. Rosa worked in the healthcare industry primarily in the area of patient care. She also made time to be an active member of the Parent Teacher Association at P.S. 59 and 69.

Mr. Speaker, this union that began 50 years ago has brought about nine lives spanning two generations. The Rosas have four children including Manuel; Vivian, Teresa and Sally. In addition, they are now the proud grandparents of Jonathan, Michael, Justin, Andres and Adriana.

Marriage is no easy feat. It is a union that demands commitment and sacrifice from both parties if it is to succeed. The Rosas' ability to make this union last for 50 years is quite remarkable and demonstrates the strong love they possess for one another.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rosa on their 50th anniversary and in wishing them many more years together.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SGT. MARK
LAWTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life of a brave citizen from my district. Army Staff Sergeant Mark Lawton of Hayden, Colorado was taken from us while serving his country in Iraq. His sacrifice for this grateful nation will not be forgotten. I am truly humbled to honor him here before you today.

As a young man, Mark was an excellent athlete and ran track for Moffat County High School. Prior to his service with the Army Reserves, Mark spent 14 years in the Marine Corps, serving in the first Gulf War. In his civilian life, Mark worked for a local coal company as a heavy equipment operator. Most importantly, he was a family man who leaves behind a wife and two sons. While his family's feelings of loss and sorrow are deep, they can take solace in the fact that Mark died in the service of the people and ideals of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for Mark's sacrifice and that of his family. Staff Sergeant Lawton displayed the strength of character and loyalty to his country that makes America and its citizens great. Throughout our history, men and women in uniform have fought for our freedom with distinction and courage. At the dawn of this new century, the United States military has once again been called upon to defend our freedom against a new and emerging threat. Mark has done all Americans proud, and I know he has the respect and admiration of all of my colleagues here today. He will be truly missed.

HONORING DR. JAMES POTTS,
PH.D.

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Potts, who has dedicated his life to educating those around him. He is now celebrating an extraordinary milestone, his 50th year of teaching. Much of that time has

been spent teaching at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Jim served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, then took the opportunities available to him through the G.I. Bill to earn his degree. In 1953, Jim began his teaching career at Grayville High School in Illinois, where he taught until 1955.

In the fall of 1955, Jim enrolled in Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University, where he earned his Ph.D., while also teaching at Belmont University in Nashville. After finishing his course work in 1957, Jim joined the faculty at Eastern Kentucky State University. After leaving Kentucky in 1961, Jim joined the staff at the University of Virginia, where he taught until 1964.

That year, Jim married his wife Carolyn and, realizing the difference he could make at a smaller institution, began his tenure at Bethel College. Having taught there for almost 40 years now, Jim has the longest continuous service record among Bethel faculty members. He is greatly admired by his colleagues and current and former students for his skillful teaching and his commitment to education and his dedication to Bethel College. Jim has taught many courses at Bethel College, but he is perhaps most admired for his dedication to history, specifically his courses in History of the South, American Economic History and American Political Parties.

Fifty years is an incredible milestone for any teacher to reach, but Jim is not content to end his notable career there. He plans to teach as long as he is able, and I am confident he will continue to touch the lives of many students, as he has done for five decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring an exceptional educator and an outstanding citizen, Dr. James Potts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, after a review of the votes from July 25, 2003, I noticed I inadvertently voted against the Toomey amendment to H.R. 2859 (Rollcall No. 458). That was a mistake on my part due to my distraction with other legislative business during that particular series of votes. I wish to state for the record that I support the Toomey amendment and wish to be recorded as voting "aye."

TRIBUTE TO VORN JAMES MACK

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a courageous young man, Private First Class Vorn James Mack of Orangeburg, South Carolina who recently passed away while valiantly serving his country in Iraq.

Vorn Mack was a 2002 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, South Carolina. While at Orangeburg-

Wilkinson, Mack, an honor student, was taught by one of my staffers who remembers him as being a very intelligent, well mannered and driven young man. While in high school Vorn had a particular interest in computers, mathematics, and serving in the military. His high school guidance counselor said "he always had an interest in the military, because he wanted to see the world and because his father and sister had careers in the Army."

Vorn belonged to a family known for its military service and patriotism. Six of his aunts and uncles are military retirees, and five members of his family currently serve, including his older sister Aquanette who is currently stationed in the Middle East.

After his graduation from high school, Vorn enlisted in the United States Army and underwent basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After successfully completing basic training, Vorn was sent to Fort Gordon, Georgia where he received advanced infantry training in information systems management. After this training, Vorn was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado where he served in Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Three months after his arrival in Colorado, Vorn and his regiment were deployed to Iraq.

While in Iraq, Vorn belonged to a force assigned to guard the Hadithah Dam, west of Ar Ramadi, Iraq. This dam was crucial to the United States operation because it provided electricity to a large portion of Iraq and was viewed as a possible target for terrorist acts.

In his obituary, Vorn's family stated "He had no fear, never afraid to accept a challenge, whether it was work, school, or even in the United States Army, Vorn excelled in every aspect of his short life."

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in this tribute to Vorn Mack for the outstanding service and contribution he provided the Nation, the State of South Carolina and his beloved community of Orangeburg. Vorn will always be remembered for his dedication and commitment to freedom.

HONORING DON MILLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant and dedicated coach from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Don Miller is being inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's Hall of Fame for his 31 years of outstanding dedication and commitment to the Glenwood Springs Football, Track and Wrestling teams. I would like to join with the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and the Glenwood Springs Community in recognizing Don's accomplishments.

Don is a graduate of Western State College, where he excelled as a member of the football team. He began his career at Glenwood Springs High School in the early 1960's and has remained a loyal member of the faculty ever since, mentoring generations of young GWS athletes.

Don has provided thousands of Glenwood students with a coach and mentor; a man they

could respect and learn from. Don's record as a football coach speaks for itself. With 204 wins, 17 appearances in the state tournament, and two state titles, Don is certainly a deserving inductee. Don is known for his "old school" form of coaching; he was a hard-nosed, in-your-face type of coach who expected a "never give up" attitude from his players. Don will be the twelfth coach from Colorado to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, and was the fifth coach to reach the 200 win landmark.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in applauding Don's service to Glenwood Springs High School. This recognition is long overdue, and I am proud to recognize him here today. Congratulations, Don, on this prestigious honor; you have made Colorado and the Glenwood community very proud.

CONGRATULATING THE SAUGUS AMERICANS

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saugus American Little League team for their outstanding achievement in the 2003 Little League World Series. From their district championship to the U.S. Championship game, this terrific team captured the hearts of the town of Saugus and, over the past few weeks of summer, all of New England.

This is a team whose unique skill was equaled only by their flair for the dramatic. Saugus' first four victories in the Series were by one run. We will long remember their epic victory against Texas East's Lamar National, when Saugus rallied, scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, to advance to the U.S. championship. These boys were only the second team in Massachusetts' Little League history to advance to the U.S. title game.

Most impressive is the manner in which this team conducted themselves throughout their time in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They acted with maturity beyond their years. Working hard, playing fair, and never, ever giving-up, the Saugus Americans—Ryan Bateman, Tyler Calla, Craig Cole, Anthony DiSciscio, David Ferreira, Tyler Grillo, Joseph Kasabuski, Matthew Muldoon, Sebastiano "Yano" Petruzzelli, Dario Pizzano, Mark Sacco, and Michael Scuzzarella—were a model team and excellent representatives of their hometown.

Saugus Manager Rob Rochenski and coaches, Mike Ferreira, Rob Calla, and Charlie Bilton must also be commended for their professionalism, their positive rapport with the players, and the countless hours they invested in this team. They rightfully recognize that Little League baseball should be about having fun, and it is clear they instilled that in this Saugus team.

A special thanks needs to be extended to the parents, family members, and friends of this team, many of whom traveled to Williamsport, donned orange jerseys, and vocally supported their Saugus Americans.

It is appropriate that the House recognize the remarkable performance of the Saugus Americans. I am proud of their accomplish-

ments, and wish them the best of luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER TERESA

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was born on August 27, 1910 and died in 1997 after a lifetime of devotion to the poor. Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910 in Skopje, Yugoslavia, she joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928. She took the name "Teresa" after St. Teresa of Lesiux, patroness of the Missionaries.

In 1948, she encountered a half-dead woman lying in front of a Calcutta hospital. She stayed with the woman on the street until her death. From that point on, she dedicated the majority of her life to helping the poorest of the poor in India, thus gaining her the name "Saint of the Gutters." She founded an order of nuns called the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, dedicated to serving the poor. Almost 50 years later, the Missionaries of Charity have grown from 12 sisters in India to over 3,000 in 517 missions throughout 100 countries worldwide.

In 1952, she founded the Nirmal Hriday Home for the Dying in a former temple in Calcutta. It was there that she cared for the dying Indians that were found on the streets. Mother Teresa showed the love of Christ to all she met. Whether they were dying of AIDS or Leprosy, she wanted them to die in peace and with dignity. For over 50 years, she worked selflessly in service to the poor. That devotion to the needy won her respect throughout the world and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

For many years, Mother Teresa labored in loving dedication to the sick and dying in India. Her compassion for the suffering knew no boundaries and has served as an inspiration to the world. Mother Teresa was a living saint and since her death has been greatly missed.

HONORING EVA FRANCHI—WIFE OF THE LATE SERGIO FRANCHI

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of my community and a revered member of the community of music lovers around the world. I honor Eva Franchi for keeping alive the memory and tradition of her late, great husband, Sergio Franchi and I honor her for her work on behalf of aspiring musicians through the Sergio Franchi Music Scholarship Foundation.

Sergio Franchi was one of the greatest romantic, popular tenors of the 20th Century. This, the 10th anniversary of the memorial concert, fulfills a dream of Eva Franchi's—the dream for romantic classical music to live on through future young tenors and sopranos, so that through them, the memories and music of Sergio can live on.

Over the years, I have attended this wonderful concert many times. I am honored to have Sergio Franchi's memory preserved in my own community of Stonington, Connecticut. Sergio was, and Eva continues to be, a dedicated supporter of the arts. This foundation has been established to continue the dream Sergio had—that is to help fund talented and deserving musicians.

In the 10 years since the foundation's inception, Eva has been able to award more than 120 scholarships and awards to students of vocal studies, young tenors and sopranos, with the hope that through beautiful, romantic classical music, Sergio's spirit may be kept alive.

The great Scottish historian and essayist Thomas Carlyle wrote, "Music is well said to be the speech of angels."

Sergio Franchi was born with the gift of music and those of us who have heard him singing know very well what Mr. Carlyle was referring to.

Mr. Speaker, Eva Franchi lives by the commitment of her husband to promote and foster a love of music through young voices of the future. On behalf of the rest of my staff, I wish to express our gratitude to Mrs. Eva Franchi for her devotion to the arts and for her dedication to preserving the memory of her husband through the Sergio Franchi Music Scholarship Foundation.

Eva, speaking for all members of Congress, we thank you for your service to our community, and thank you for your service and dedication to the classical musicians of the future.

TRIBUTE TO CAMP GOOD GRIEF

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization in my district. Camp Good Grief! in Cedaredge, Colorado provides children coping with the loss of a loved one with a place to grieve and interact with other children experiencing similar emotions. The camp's work is invaluable in the lives of its campers, and I am proud to bring it to the attention of my colleagues here today.

Camp Good Grief! offers kids a weekend retreat to help them deal with death, pairing them up with a counselor who provides support in sorting through their feelings. There are approximately forty-five staff counselors who offer companionship and serve as a friend while leading the children in their activities. Throughout the weekend, children participate in various arts and crafts that aim to help them to better cope with their loss and manage the grieving process. Camp Good Grief! invites children in grades three through eight to spend the weekend while also providing a teen retreat for high school aged kids.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the people who make Camp Good Grief! possible. Their altruistic pledge to helping kids in their time of need is truly commendable. Dealing with the loss of a loved one is not easy for anyone, let alone a child. This camp does a tremendous service in helping our kids cope with death. I want to recognize them for their commendable service.

THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SERVICE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share an excerpt from an important policy brief published by the Brookings Institute on the meaning of citizenship and national service.

What is our civic responsibility to this land, as people who enjoy the benefits of living in a vibrant democracy? How can we keep the social contract between all segments of society without a shared sense of sacrifice and duty? Authors E.J. Dionne, Jr. and Kayla Meltzer Drogosz provide a good overview of the subject and the importance of this issue to the future success of this country.

THE PROMISE OF NATIONAL SERVICE: A (VERY) BRIEF HISTORY OF AN IDEA

(By E.J. Dionne, Jr. and Kayla Meltzer Drogosz)

THE SERVICE IDEA AND THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT

Divisions over the meaning of service are rooted deeply in our history. When the United States was founded, liberal and civic republican ideas jostled for dominance. The liberals—they might now be called libertarians—viewed personal freedom as the heart of the American experiment. The civic republicans valued freedom, too, but they stressed that self-rule demanded a great deal from citizens. The liberals stressed rights. The civic republicans stressed obligations to a common good and, as the philosopher Michael Sandel has put it in his book, *Democracy's Discontents*, "a concern for the whole, a moral bond with the community whose fate is at stake." In our time, the clash between these older traditions lives on in the intellectual wars between libertarians and communitarians. On national service, libertarians lean toward skepticism, communitarians toward a warm embrace.

America has changed since September 11, 2001. Respect for service soared as the nation forged a new and stronger sense of solidarity in the face of deadly enemies. What has been said so often still bears repeating: our view of heroes underwent a remarkable and sudden change. The new heroes are public servants—police, firefighters, rescue workers, postal workers whose lives were threatened, men and women in uniform—not the CEOs, high-tech wizards, rock stars, or sports figures who dominated the 1990s. At a time when citizens focus on urgent national needs, those who serve their country naturally rise in public esteem. Robert Putnam, a pioneer in research on civic engagement, captures the post-9/11 moment powerfully. He argues that because of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon—and the courage shown by those on the plane that went down over Pennsylvania—"we have a more capacious sense of 'we' than we have had in the adult experience of most Americans now alive."

SEPTEMBER 11 AND THE SERVICE IDEAL

Accordingly, the politics of national service were also transformed. Even before September 11, President Bush had signaled a warmer view of service than many in his party. In choosing two Republican supporters of the idea—former Mayor Steve Goldsmith of Indianapolis and Leslie Lenkowsky, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service—to head his administration's service effort, Bush made clear he intended to take it seriously.

After September 11, service became a stronger theme in the president's rhetoric. In his 2001 State of the Union message, he called on Americans to give two years of service to the nation over their lifetimes and announced the creation of the USA Freedom Corps. It was a patriotic, post-September 11 gloss on the old Clinton ideas—and the ideas of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Bush's father, the first President Bush, who offered the nation a thousand points of light.

There is also a new acknowledgment across the political divides that government support for volunteers can provide essential help for valuable institutions that we too often take for granted. It is easy for politicians to talk about the urgency of strengthening "civil society." But through AmeriCorps and other programs, the government has found a practical (and not particularly costly) way to make the talk real. Paradoxically, as the journalist Steven Waldman points out, AmeriCorps, a Democratic initiative, fit neatly with the Republicans' emphasis on faith-based programs. Democrats accepted the need to strengthen programs outside of government; Republicans accepted that voluntary programs could use government's help. This interplay between government and independent communal action may be especially important in the United States, where powerful and intricate links have always existed—long before the term "faith-based organizations" was invented—between the religious and civic spheres.

That national service has become a bipartisan goal is an important achievement. It is reflected in the White House's Citizen Service Act and in bills cosponsored by, among others, Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Evan Bayh (D-Ind.). Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) has made an ambitious service proposal a centerpiece of his presidential campaign. These legislative ideas mirrored the spirit of the moment. As Marc Magee and Steven Nider of the Progressive Policy Institute reported a year ago, in the first nine months after September 11 applications for AmeriCorps jumped 50 percent, those for the Peace Corps doubled, and those for Teach for America tripled. Yes, a difficult private economy certainly pushed more young Americans toward such public endeavors. Nonetheless, their choices point to the continued power of the service idea.

CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

Citizenship cannot be reduced to service. The good works of faith communities and the private sector—or "communities of character," as President Bush has called them—cannot replace the responsibilities of government. Service can become a form of cheap grace, a generalized call on citizens to do kind things as an alternative to a genuine summons for national sacrifice or a fair apportionment of burdens among the more and less powerful or wealthy. But when service is seen as a bridge to genuine political and civic responsibility, it can strengthen democratic government and foster the republican virtues. Lenkowsky made this connection when he urged attendees at a Corporation for National and Community Service conference to turn "civic outrage into civic engagement" by increasing the reach and effectiveness of volunteer programs. No one can dispute visionaries like former Senator Harris Wofford, chairman of America's Promise, and Alan Khazei, cofounder and CEO of City Year, who have shown how AmeriCorps, VISTA, Senior Corps, and Peace Corps have transformed communities. But Paul Light of Brookings questions whether this transformation is sustainable. Can episodic volunteerism build the capacity and effectiveness of public and nonprofit organizations?

Will the new respect for service make government bashing less satisfying as a hobby? It is possible, but not likely.

Underlying the debate over national service is an argument over whether service is necessary or merely "nice." If service is just a nice thing to do, it's easy to understand the strong reservations about government-led service programs from critics such as Bruce Chapman who, in 1966, wrote *The Wrong Man in Uniform*, one of the earliest calls for a volunteer military.

But service has the potential to be far more than something nice.

Will Marshall and Marc Magee of the Progressive Policy Institute argue that the service idea could be a departure comparable to breakthroughs in earlier eras toward a stronger sense of citizenship. "Like settlement houses and night school, which helped America absorb waves of immigration," they write, "national service opens new paths of upward mobility for young Americans and the people they serve. And, like the G.I. Bill, national service should be seen as a longterm investment in the education, skills, and ingenuity of our people."

Service, then, is not simply a good in itself, but a means to many ends. It creates bridges between groups that have little to do with each other on any given day, and as the New Left's Port Huron Statement put it forty years ago, draws citizens "out of isolation and into community." Michael Brown, the co-founder of City Year, says service can activate "people's justice nerve," creating a thirst for social improvement. It could foster civic and political participation in a society that seems not to hold public service in the highest esteem.

But this very plurality of ends creates a certain skepticism about service. If it offers something for everyone, how serious can the idea really be? Michael Lind, a senior fellow at the New America Foundation, is right when he says that "within the small but vocal community of national service enthusiasts, there is far more agreement on the policy of national service than on its purpose." In the post-September 11 environment, he argues that the one compelling case for citizen service would rest on the need to expand the nation's capacity to prepare for and respond to domestic emergencies, notably those caused by terrorism.

ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVICE

However one conceives of service, surely one of its ends—or, at least, one of the ends that wins the broadest assent—is the urgency of finding new ways to engage young Americans in public life after a long period of estrangement. In his 2000 campaign, Sen. McCain—initially a skeptic of national service, now a strong supporter—won a wide following among young people by urging them to aspire to things "beyond your own self-interest." Many surveys suggest that young Americans are deeply engaged in civic activity. One by Harvard's Kennedy Institute of Politics in October 2002 found that 61 percent of its national sample of undergraduates reported performing some form of community service in the past year. And as Paul Light has shown in a new survey, liberal arts college graduates from the Class of 2003 are eager to find jobs that provide opportunities to help people. However, when they hear the phrase "public service," they think of the kind of work they see in the nonprofit sector and not in government or politics. If we are to expand young people's understanding of public service, then service learning initiatives in public schools must continue to be linked with a heightened sense of civic responsibility and personal effectiveness.

If the new generation connected its impulses to service with politics, it could become one of the great reforming generations in American history. And service could become a pathway to a stronger sense of citi-

zenship. As the columnist Jane Eisner argues, service "must produce more than individual fulfillment for those involved and temporary assistance for communities in need." It should, she says, "lead to an appetite for substantive change, a commitment to address the social problems that have created the need for service in the first place." Eisner and others have suggested that as a nation, we should celebrate the first vote cast by young people with the same fanfare that greets other moments of passage to adult responsibility. The goal would be to encourage a new generation to make the connection "between service to the community and participation in the very process that governs community life."

A focus on the links service forges between the rights and responsibilities of citizenship could offer new ways out of old political impasses. For example, Andrew Stern, the president of the Service Employees International Union, suggests that a two-year commitment to national service could become a pathway for undocumented workers to legalize their status and for legal immigrants to speed their passage to citizenship. Stern also proposes that former felons now denied voting rights might "earn credits toward restoration of full citizenship" through service.

At its best, service is not make-work, but what Harry Boyte and Nancy Kari, in their book, *Building America*, have called "public work." It is work that "is visible, open to inspection, whose significance is widely recognized" and can be carried out by "a mix of people whose interests, backgrounds, and resources may be quite different." Service as public work is the essence of the democratic project. It solves common problems and creates common things. Public work entails not only altruism, but also enlightened self-interest—a desire to build a society in which the serving citizen wants to live.

SKEPTICISM, REALISM, HOPE

Service alone cannot build a stronger sense of citizenship. Citizenship is meaningless unless citizens have the power to achieve their goals and to change their communities and the nation. It is thus possible to be skeptical about the new call to service, and it is absolutely necessary to be realistic. Speeches about service can be a convenient way for politicians to call for sacrifice without demanding much of citizens. At little cost to themselves, advocates of both conservative and liberal individualism can use service to shroud their real intentions behind the decent drapery of community feeling.

William Galston, a scholar who has devoted years of energy to promoting research and action to excite young Americans to public engagement, worries that the failure to link post-September 11 rhetoric about service to actual calls for civic action could lead to the very sort of cynicism service advocates decry.

"Would Pearl Harbor have been a defining event if it had not been followed by a national mobilization and four years of war that altered the lives of soldiers and civilians alike?" Galston asks. "In the immediate wake of September 11, the administration's failure to call for any real sacrifice from citizens fortified my belief that the terrorist attack would be the functional equivalent of Pearl Harbor without World War II, intensifying insecurity without altering civic behavior."

Theda Skocpol, another wise student of American civic life, sounds an equally useful warning. "Absent organizational innovations and new public policies," she writes, "the reinvigorated sense of the American 'we' that was born of the travails of 9/11 may well gradually dissipate, leaving only ripples on

the managerial routines of contemporary U.S. civic life." In fact, as Skocpol and Galston suggest, mere exhortation to serve will do little to foster public—and especially political—participation if too many citizens see the public realm as broken.

The issue of whether Americans have been called to any real sort of sacrifice is, of course, the point of Rep. Rangel calling for a renewal of the draft. It is neither race-baiting nor class warfare—Rangel was accused of both—to suggest that a democratic society has a problem when members of its most privileged classes are not among the first to rally to the colors at a time of trouble.

This problem also worries Charles Moskos, the nation's premier student of service and the military experience. Moskos has explored ways of expanding the circle of commitment and promoting the idea of the "citizen soldier." This idea has caught on in a wide range of political circles. As Stanley Kurtz wrote in the *National Review* in April, "In a world of looming military challenges, the citizen-soldier program may be our last chance to expand the armed forces without a draft." John Lehman, the Navy Secretary under Ronald Reagan, has also offered helpful remedies short of a draft to overcome what he agrees is a fundamental problem: that "the burdens of defense and the perils of combat do not fall even close to fairly across all of our society."

FROM SERVICE TO CITIZENSHIP

If the problems of inequality are vexing where military service is concerned, they can also be troubling for service at home. Service, badly conceived, can distance citizens from public problems by seeing the server more as a missionary uplifting the needy than as a fellow citizen. Michael Schudson, a professor of sociology at the University of California, San Diego, sees President Bush's ideal citizen is a "Rotarian, moved by a sense of neighborliness, Christian charity, and social responsibility, but untouched by having a personal stake in public justice." Schudson's point is not to knock Rotarians. It is to argue that self-interest in pursuit of justice is a virtue. As Schudson notes in describing the civil rights movement, the most dramatic expansion of democracy and citizenship in our lifetime was brought about by citizens "driven not by a desire to serve but by an effort to overcome indignities they themselves have suffered." The point is brought home powerfully by Charles Cobb, who sees the civil rights movement as being best understood "as a movement of community organizing rather than one of protest." The civil rights movement performed a huge national service—and inspired many specific forms of service, including the registration of thousands of voters. This quintessentially civic, "good government" act, the registration of new voters, was also a powerful form of rebellion in places that denied African Americans the right to vote.

These are essential points. Yet it is also true that Rotarians are good citizens. Neighborliness, charity, and social responsibility are genuine virtues. And it is just possible that a nation responding to the call to service would, over time, become a nation deeply engaged in questions of public justice.

The debate over national service is a debate over how we Americans think of ourselves. It is a debate over how we will solve public problems and what we owe to our country and to each other. If our nation is to continue to prosper, it is a debate we will have in every generation. For if we decide that there are no public things to which we should be willing to pledge some of our time and some of our effort—not to mention "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor"—we will be breaking faith with our nation's

experiment in liberty rooted in mutual assistance and democratic aspiration.

IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF DALLAS SOUTHWEST OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS INC.

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians Inc., as it celebrates its 20th anniversary.

In 1983, a group of doctors at Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital decided to form a social welfare organization with the noble intention of investing in charitable causes in the Dallas community. With \$7 million in hand, the doctors invested their money, the returns on which led to large contributions to medicine, education, and community development initiatives. Over 20 years, the organization doubled its assets and has since contributed more than \$12 million in grants, scholarships, and financial assistance, to numerous community projects.

The Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians have granted gifts to organizations and individuals in nearly every facet of life. Among their many gifts to the community, the Physicians have granted gifts to build a community center at the Oak Cliff YMCA; construct a playground for the handicapped; establish a Fire Safety House for the Dallas Fire Department; start a Bookmobile for the Dallas Public Library; and establish the Endowed Chair in Clinical Geriatrics at UNT Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

By benefiting the truly needy and encouraging philanthropy in Dallas, the physicians have made a significant and indelible imprint on Southwest Dallas.

Mr. Speaker, Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians Inc. has helped over 150 beneficiaries over 20 years. I know my colleagues will join me in honoring them today, and wishing them the very best in their continuing efforts.

JOHN CZUCZMAN, INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF TWU RETIRES

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to John Czuczman upon his retirement from the Transportation Workers Union TWU. Before retiring, Mr. Czuczman served as International Vice President and Director of the Railroad Division for TWU representing employees throughout the Northeast and Midwest.

Mr. Czuczman began his career in the rail industry in 1955 as an employee of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad and was a member of the TWU Local 1427. In 1968, he successfully ran for Local 1427 President and Grievance Chairman. He continued to serve the Local 1427 in those positions for the next 14 years. During his tenure as President, Mr.

Czuczman was an active member of the union's Policy Making Board for railroad members.

In 1980, TWU's late president William Lindner appointed Mr. Czuczman to the International Union's staff as an International Representative. While on the International's staff, Mr. Czuczman was involved in most of the Union's key negotiations and arbitrations. He served as TWU's representative on the task force that put Conrail together in the early 1980's. Additionally, he participated in the crucial TWU negotiations that led to the takeover of Conrail's commuter lines by SEPTA, Metro-North and the New Jersey Transit in 1982. Mr. Czuczman also served as Chairman of the Conrail Screening Committee and participated in a number of Conrail's contract negotiations. Since 1982, Mr. Czuczman has negotiated every contract with Amtrak involving the Joint Council of Carmen and the Amtrak Service Workers Council.

A tireless fighter for the rights of rail workers, Mr. Czuczman has been a strong advocate for the protection and improvement of the benefits provided by the Railroad Retirement Board. He also served as a member of the Board of Governors for Amtrak's Red Block Program which offers assistance, education and rehabilitation to those with alcohol and substance abuse problems.

Mr. Speaker, for almost 50 years John Czuczman has been a tireless advocate for the right of railroad workers. From negotiating contracts, to lobbying, to advocating for better benefits, to just simply being a friend to his fellow workers, John has served his fellow rail workers with dignity and class. Mr. Speaker, I hope that you will join me today in wishing John a long and happy retirement.

MISSOURI RICE MONTH

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as Missouri Rice Month and to urge all Americans to enjoy rice as part of a healthy, balanced diet.

Rice is the staple grain for more than 4 billion men, women, and children worldwide. Eight out of ten people depend on rice for 40 percent of their energy needs.

As a \$2 billion cash crop, rice is the fifth most valuable food crop in America. Rice is vital to the economic stability of agricultural producers across the nation. Moreover, America exports rice to more than 100 foreign countries, providing nearly 15 percent of the rice in the global market.

With 1.2 billion of the world's population living in poverty and 800 million undernourished, there is no more serious issue than hunger relief. Here in America, we have the rice supply to alleviate much of this suffering - and no continent in the world has been affected more by hunger than Africa.

In July, three rice farmers from Stoddard County, Missouri, accompanied me to Rome to learn more about how to get our Missouri products to African communities that desperately need food aid. Internationally, the World Food Programme and the Food and Agricultural Organizations of the United Nations

are working to implement commonsense programs to educate Africans on American agricultural products, to increase American exports and food aid to Africa, and to initiate school feeding programs.

By enabling America's thriving rice producers to meet the food needs of the starving and malnourished around the world, we can overcome hunger. But first we must raise awareness of America's quality agricultural exports. As more nations accept our food products for their own hunger relief, the demand for our rice will continue to grow. The satisfaction of improving and saving lives is the only reward America needs.

Missouri Rice Month will help us meet our humanitarian goals, and Missouri Rice Farmers will keep growing the grain that feeds the world.

WHAT DOES AMERICANISM MEAN TO ME?

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you the inspirational message of a perceptive eighth grader, Tess Spinola, winner of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA) annual State Essay Contest. The contest, which began in 1948, was held throughout the East Bay Area of San Francisco. This year's question was "What does Americanism mean to me?" Tess attends St. Joseph's Elementary School in Alameda, CA in my district.

Founded on March 5, 1947, the Oakland Unit (#7) Auxiliary of DAVA brought together wives, sisters, daughters and mothers of those injured or disabled during wartime. The group of women decided at that time to dedicate their efforts to give back to the nation in a variety of ways. They work with local youth to bring more of America's young people to community service. Not all their work is purely organization, of course. DAVA created 100 baby quilts and gave them to nearby Highland Hospital, along with hand-made wheelchair bags and lap ropes for veterans. A few women in the Oakland Unit put on a party for people with Alzheimer's disease; others chair an Olympics for those with disabilities. In the words of Eva Mae Perakis, past state commander, "Our main purpose is to stimulate patriotism in the country and bring joy and awareness to the community."

Ms. Perakis described the essay contest as "overwhelmingly heart-warming." She said she receives letters from students who said it enriched their young lives to study and learn about veterans. "They realize they didn't really appreciate those freedoms they took for granted," she noted. Ms. Perakis also noted that the essays have "touched a few adult hearts as well."

"The contest causes our children to think and investigate inside themselves," Ms. Perakis said. "It's good for their minds. We're just trying to make our young students aware of what freedom really means. We hope they get that awareness as they write." Mr. Speaker, we all know that our children represent the future, and that someday they will be running this great country of ours. But, their impact frequently comes much before their maturation to

adulthood. As any parent can tell you, today's youth has a knack for giving us adults a few important lessons. Tess Spinola's essay does just that.

WHAT DOES AMERICANISM MEAN TO ME?

(By Tess Spinola)

Americanism is such a powerful word with so many meanings. It is the equivalent of struggles, worries, doubts and fears, that all led, eventually, to astounding triumphs that define who we are, and the country we live in. It is the feeling of freedom as we lay our hands over our hearts and pledge to the flag; a flag that symbolizes the blood, sweat, and tears of Americans in the past, present and future; it is the pride and patriotism that only an American can truly understand. Most importantly, Americanism means something different for each of us.

Americanism means Victory to me; it means the success in the quest for independence by the Colonist in the Revolutionary War, symbolizing that America and its citizens are people that will fight to the end, and will prevail in the darkest of situations. Americanism, to me, also means Freedom. It is the heart and passion of the Northern states in the Civil War, fighting for four years for the freedom of their African American brothers and sisters. It means Unity to me, because when joined together as one, we are unstoppable. More recently, and for the first time, Americanism means Compassion for me. It is the New York fire fighters, encased in the ash, smoke, fire and despair, as the Trade Centers were minutes from crumbling to the ground. It is the moments that they climbed up those smoky stairs, risking their lives just for the hope that they could save the life of another. It is the way that Americans have shaken off the September 11th attacks and helped each other recuperate; turning defeat into a lesson we will learn from and grow because of for the rest of our lives. Americanism is a word and a meaning shared throughout our country, by everyone, yet it is also something very personal for me.

When I walk into my Catholic Church, and I am able to take Communion, and have a relationship with God in my own way, I know what Americanism means. When I leave the Basilica that day, and go to friend's house that is a Jew, or a Baptist, or one that has no religion at all, I know what Americanism means. When I am allowed to enjoy the Diversity surrounding me everywhere I go, and love all people I meet as my equal, Americanism has its most profound meaning for me. To be an American is to be a person of God, accepting, acknowledging, respecting and loving all people. It is what we have fought through, what we have strived for, what we are still fighting for in many ways, and what we have the chance to live every-day of our lives.

Yet, Americanism, like anything, also means Change and Growth. Not only do we acknowledge that we need to change and grow in many ways, but we strive toward it everyday of our lives. We look forward to once again realizing our faults, defeating them, and growing because of them. Americanism is not represented for me through the war we may be going into with Iraq; in fact the war is America turning its back on everything we stand for. But it does mean to me the hundreds of people lining up to protest the war in San Francisco. These people know what Americanism means; freedom and right to protest, which is something that seems like such a basic right, but in reality, was fought for and earned by our founding fathers. These people are living out what we have fought for throughout our country's entire history, and when I see them on the

front page newspaper, I know why I am proud to be an American.

In short, Americanism means Victory, Freedom, Unity, Compassion, Diversity, Change, and Growth. It is the triumph and the pride in the tears that run down the cheeks of America's citizens as they hold their hands to their hearts and ponder for what seems like the first time, every time, the meaning of their National Anthem. It is alive in each and every one of us, and we must strive to be a real American everyday; the sum of what we have fought for, and what we have learned. As I watch people of all races, nationalities, religions and histories live together as equals, as I gaze at our flag, waving in the cool air of a young sunny day, as I observe the sparks of fireworks on the Fourth of July, bursting triumphantly and fluttering back to the ground in a glowing sparkle, I know what Americanism means to me. What does it mean to you?

HONORING MOTHER TERESA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mother Teresa, a woman who has touched the lives of millions directly and indirectly. On October 19th 2003, Mother Teresa will be beatified in Rome by Pope John Paul II.

Born August 26, 1910 in The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, she would not wait long to change the world. She soon found her calling at the age of 18 when she had her first calling in the Catholic church and joined the Sisters of Loretto. This Irish order of Catholic Nuns was responsible for Mother Teresa's traveling to India, where she taught and also served as principal at St. Mary's High School.

Mother Teresa's second calling came from the sick and the dying people in the streets of India. In 1948, she was granted permission by the Vatican to leave the Sisters of Loretto and start her own ministry in order to reach out to the poor, the suffering, and the dying. In 1952, Mother Teresa opened the Nirmal Hriday, Pure Heart, Home for Dying Destitutes in Calcutta. The Missionaries of Charity which continues to fulfill Mother Teresa's mission now has more than 400 of these homes worldwide. Her order of missionaries has grown to include approximately 5,000 sisters.

With such resources, Mother Teresa, late in her life, continued to help those that were fighting for their lives by giving her time and energy to those who were sick from the horrible illness known as HIV/AIDS. Mother Teresa's work has known no borders, from houses in New York City, San Francisco and Tirana, Albania, to helping the radiation sick in Chernobyl, the hungry in Ethiopia and earthquake victims in Armenia.

In 1979, Mother Teresa deservedly received the Nobel Peace prize for her continuing work to help the sick and the poor. In 1985 she received both the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Foundation for Hospice and Homecare. It has been said though, that no matter how prestigious these awards, Mother Teresa's most beloved reward was the feeling she received from taking care of those who needed her help.

Mr. Speaker I can stand here and recount for hours all of the wonderful things that Mother Teresa has done for this world. Mother Teresa's greatest accomplishment however is the lasting love that she has left behind with her mission and its continued work to serve those who cannot help themselves any longer.

In recognition of Mother Teresa's birthday, beatification and all of her accomplishments, I ask my colleagues to join with me to honor the memory of this wonderful woman.

A TRIBUTE TO RICK KNOTT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Knott on his retirement after 30 years of service to the San Diego Unified School District. It is an honor to recognize the contributions that Rick has made to this school district and to our Nation during his career.

Rick has dedicated his life to the education system and has had numerous accomplishments throughout his 30 years with the San Diego Unified School District, the National Association of Federally Impact Schools, NAFIS, as well as many other education-related organizations.

I personally have worked closely with Rick in his role as the Controller of the San Diego Unified School District, and as a member of the Board of Directors of NAFIS. As a member of the NAFIS board, Rick has been an advocate of the Impact Aid program, a program designed to reimburse school districts for a loss of tax revenue as a result of a Federal presence. Rick has worked not only to increase funding for the Federal Impact Aid program, but also to ensure that the program's authorizing law is applied fairly to school districts, and maximizes the value of the program dollars.

On behalf of San Diego Unified, Rick has sought to ensure that the school district is receiving its fair share of impact aid dollars under the law. In addition to being a liaison to the Department of Education for the school district's basic support payments, Rick aggressively sought new sources of Impact Aid dollars. Rick even identified a section of the law, Section 8002, that had previously not applied to the district. Since 1994, Section 8002 has yielded in excess of \$35 million for students in San Diego. Through Rick's work, San Diego City Schools identified and qualified for Voluntary Integration funding resulting in over \$100 million of income to the district since 1985. This was done at the time when districts were not thought to qualify for the Voluntary Integration fund. Rick has drafted several legislative concepts and language to increase funding to the district or improve business/finance operation at both the Federal and State levels. Rick has also been asked to testify before the U.S. Congress, House of Representatives Subcommittee on Education to discuss the importance of Federal Impact Aid issues.

I would also like to thank Rick for his service to the 50th District of California. Rick frequently joked with me about the strong voting

block that he controlled—that of his wife and children—in my Congressional District. Rick worked hard to ensure that my staff and I maintained a thorough understanding of the Impact Aid law, and the issues and challenges facing the program. This program is important to my Congressional District because of the presence of a number of large military installations. Rick's dedication to strengthening and improving this program has improved educational opportunities for military children in my Congressional district, and for military and Indian children all across our country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Richard Knott on this occasion of his retirement from the San Diego Unified School District for his dedication to education and his continued role in enriching the lives of students in my district and across the country. I thank him for his service and wish him continued success in the future.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2861) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Nadler-Velázquez amendment. The amendment restores \$150 million in funding for the Section 8 voucher program. The underlying bill cuts funding for housing vouchers. If this bill is passed into law in its current form, 85,000 people will lose their vouchers, including over 3,200 families in Illinois. I strongly believe that we should expand, not reduce, funding for the Section 8 voucher program and low-income housing in general. The Nadler-Velázquez amendment would help restore voucher funding for thousands of families in need.

In a letter I received today, several faith-based organizations wrote, "As faith-based organizations, we are committed to strengthening our communities by assisting those who are the most vulnerable, and we believe that our work is not simply a matter of charity, but of responsibility, righteousness, and justice. We urge you to assist us in our work by renewing Congress' commitment to fully fund and expand the Section 8 voucher program." I encourage my colleagues to read the full text of the letter and urge all members to support the amendment.

July 25, 2003.

To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

Re: Funding for the Housing Choice ("Section 8") Voucher Program

As members of the faith community, we are writing to express our concern about funding for the Section 8 housing voucher

program. Our organizations serve millions of low-income individuals and families who, despite their best efforts, are struggling to meet their basic needs and to achieve economic stability. To many of those we assist, the lack of affordable housing presents a considerable obstacle, and the Section 8 voucher program offers in turn a critical form of assistance. Through our work, we are witness to the important role that housing vouchers play in preventing homelessness, and in helping low-income individuals and families to make progress towards economic stability.

Congress has for many years expressed a strong commitment to the Section 8 voucher program, consistently voting to increase the number of vouchers authorized and to fully fund all authorized vouchers. This commitment has been important, as the need for housing assistance has continued to expand. In most communities, there are long waiting lists for Section 8 vouchers, and it is estimated that only one third of eligible households receive voucher assistance.

To our disappointment, however, Congress appears to be retreating from this commitment. In the appropriations law for 2003, Congress failed, for the first time in recent memory, to include funding for incremental Section 8 vouchers. This week, the House Appropriations Committee reported out a VA-HUD appropriations bill for 2004 that would, by its own estimate, fund only 96 percent of authorized Section 8 vouchers, and again includes no funding for incremental vouchers.

Moreover, while we appreciate that the House Appropriations Committee has made a sincere effort to improve on the President's budget request for the voucher program, and we recognize that estimating future voucher costs is difficult, there is reason to believe that the Committee's estimate is overly optimistic. Recent analyses performed independently by the Congressional Budget Office and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) suggest that the Committee's estimate is based on voucher cost assumptions that are too low. For example, in an analysis of the most recent voucher cost data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CBPP estimates that the Section 8 appropriation in the House bill would be sufficient to renew only 91 percent of authorized vouchers, and is approximately \$580 million short of the funding that will be necessary to fully renew vouchers leased in 2004. A shortfall of this magnitude would have a destructive impact on thousands of vulnerable households—85,000 households, by CBPP's estimate—the great majority of which are working families, elderly, or disabled.

We therefore urge you to renew Congress' commitment to fully fund the Section 8 voucher program. Specifically, we ask that you increase the Section 8 appropriation sufficiently to ensure that all authorized vouchers will be funded, and to make certain that no households using vouchers in the coming year will be denied funding.

As faith-based organizations, we are committed to strengthening our communities by assisting those who are the most vulnerable, and we believe that our work is not simply a matter of charity, but of responsibility, righteousness, and justice. We urge you to assist us in our work by renewing Congress' commitment to fully fund and expand the Section 8 voucher program.

Sincerely,

American Baptist Churches USA; Call to Renewal; Catholic Charities USA; The Episcopal Church, USA; McAuley Institute; NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Washington Office; United Jewish Communities; Volunteers of America.

HONORING ESPERANZA MARRERO

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to Esperanza Marrero—a resident on the Lower East Side of my New York City Congressional District.

Esperanza is the oldest person in New York State at 110 years old and 4 and 1/2 months. She has lived through two World Wars, and has seen the changes in culture and life in Puerto Rico—and in New York City—over the decades.

Born in 1893 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Esperanza is the proud grandmother of 15 and has dozens of great grandchildren. She credits her long life to getting a strong start growing up in Puerto Rico.

Like her grandmother before her who lived to be 120, Esperanza continues to live a full life, playing bingo at the Lillian Wald Senior Center, shopping on 14th Street, or watching the boats on the East River. Her companion is a dog named Benji, who is said to have saved her life many times.

Esperanza, which means "hope" in Spanish, was named appropriately—her life and her story are truly inspirational.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Esperanza Marrero, and join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize her extraordinary life.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT INGRAM

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a versatile and committed public servant in my District, the Rev. Dr. Robert Ingram. This honor has long been in coming for his service to our community in various capacities. Among the roles he has held was that of Chief of Police, City Manager and subsequently Mayor of the City of Opa-Locka. His current elected position as Vice-Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the fourth largest school system in the nation with some 370,000 students, is what occupies his waking hours as he doggedly tackles the awesome task of balancing the learning needs of students amidst the dwindling education dollars that now fund our schools.

In its most recent article entitled: "Robert Ingram: The Ascension of an Ex-Miami Cop," the FLAVOUR Black Florida Life & Style Magazine succinctly quoted the City of Miami's first Black Police Chief Clarence Dickson when he described Dr. Ingram's service record thus: ". . . his life is legend and is about as close to the impossible dream as I have witnessed . . . not in my wildest dreams would I have predicted the accomplishments, the challenges, the risk, the courage, the sacrifices, the victories and the successes this man would achieve though all of the evidence was there in those early days."

He has spoken clearly on such issues as money, reparations, black-on-black crime, affordable housing, civil rights, love, equal rights

amendment, rap music, etc. and all the implications inherent in these core issues that now crowd the African-American community's agenda. Dr. Ingram exudes the preeminence of a noble gentleman, as well as the virtues of a lucid scholar as he is wont to expound during School Board meetings his unwavering positions on equal educational opportunities for minorities, the controversial incongruence of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), along with his unconditional passion for justice and equal rights for all.

Ever since I have known Dr. Ingram, he has always been at the forefront of ensuring equal participation in the shared duties and responsibilities on the part of Miami-Dade County's citizenry. At the same time, his forceful advocacy in adhering to the tenets of equal treatment under the law not only in the halls of academia—but also in every segment of our government agencies has become legendary. In fact, countless others have been touched by his genuine commitment, especially towards those who could least fend for themselves.

Dr. Ingram is the consummate public servant and community activist who abides by the dictum that those who have less in life through no fault of their own should be helped by the government—regardless of race or creed, gender or class. The numerous accolades with which he has been honored by various organizations and agencies at the local, state and national levels attest to an unequivocal testimony of the utmost respect he enjoys.

Blessed with a down-to-earth common sense and yet consecrated by his religious calling to serve the “. . . least of these,” he is also imbued with the rare wisdom of recognizing both the strengths and limitations of those empowered by the electorate to govern. This unique leadership is being tested to the hilt during School Board meetings as he draws attention to the basic purpose of our public schools—that of maximizing the learning potential of every student and that the success of any school is genuinely measured by how well it is reaching out even to those students who are being left behind.

Dr. Ingram thoroughly understands the accoutrements of power and leadership, and he is wisely exercising them alongside the mandate of his conviction and the call of his conscience as he engages all their energies toward advancing the good of the community he has learned to love and care for so deeply. He exudes the kind of genuine faith and anchors his hope in the God-given abilities of the students attending the Miami-Dade County Public Schools when he stated that “. . . I firmly and passionately believe that all our kids have what it takes to succeed. The challenge is for us to reach this generation by motivating them instead of frustrating them. Children often turned off school by simple things because they are sensitive beings that we do not always respond to.”

Dr. Robert Ingram truly exemplifies a unique and responsive leadership whose courageous vision and wisdom appeals to our noble character as a caring Nation. At the risk of being presumptuous, I honor him and I want to extend to him the utmost gratitude of the Miami-Dade County community that he and I are privileged to serve.

HONORING ROBERT G. HOWELL

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mr. Robert G. Howell, of Mineola, New York for his thirty-five years of distinguished service in the Nassau County Police Department. His retirement this year marks the end of an extraordinary career. As a Patrolman and then a Detective, Mr. Howell has worked diligently for the security and safety of our communities. He has put his life on the line everyday for the protection of others. The courage and bravery he has shown is to be commended.

A former United States Air Force officer, Mr. Howell is a proud American. Mr. Howell is also a lifelong athlete, played softball, basketball, and lacrosse everywhere from Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Nassau County, New York as a member of the Nassau County Police Department County team. A dedicated community member, Mr. Howell recognized the need for strong, positive role models. Since 1976, he has taught children the importance of teamwork, leadership, and perseverance as a soccer, baseball, and lacrosse coach. As a Detective, a Coach, and a loving father and husband, Mr. Howell's commitment to serving his community is unparalleled. This is not the first time Mr. Howell has been recognized for his efforts. A committed member of the Detectives Association Incorporated, where he served as President for seventeen years, he was named Law Enforcement Man of the Year in 1986. He also received acknowledgment for Excellent Police Duty twice, a Meritorious Award, and a Congressional Special Recognition Award. Now it's my turn to say thanks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me to express our gratitude to my friend, Mr. Howell for his exemplary work and dedication to the safety and protection of his fellow Americans. His many accomplishments in his thirty-five years of service have helped make Nassau County a safe place for all.

H.R. 2971

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. SHAW Mr. Speaker, I would like to have it noted that Mr. CARDIN of Maryland should be considered as an original cosponsor of H.R. 2971, Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2003. Mr. CARDIN's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of original cosponsors at the time the bill was introduced. Mr. CARDIN has long supported efforts to protect the privacy of Social Security numbers and prevent identity theft and I am pleased to have his support on this important legislation.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF PEABODY, MA, ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 20TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 14, the City of Peabody, Massachusetts, will celebrate its Twentieth Annual International Festival, and I will be among the more than 65,000 people who will stroll around Peabody Square enjoying the vibrant array of arts, entertainment and foods of the diverse ethnic groups that enliven civic life in Peabody today.

The International Festival was envisioned by former Mayor Peter Torigian, who initiated and continued the event as a way to celebrate the ethnic and cultural diversity of the city known historically for its important role in the leather tanning industry that was so much a part of the 19th and early 20th century economic history of our region. Under Mayor Torigian's hands-on leadership, the Festival grew exponentially over the years and has now been warmly embraced and fostered by current Mayor Michael Bonfanti, who serves as the International Festival's Honorary Chairman.

Throughout these two decades of growth and change in Peabody, there has been one very constant presence involved in the International Festival—City Councilor Judy Selesnick, who has served with great skill and enthusiasm as Chairwoman and number one volunteer for the International Festival since its beginning. This Twentieth Anniversary year will be Judy's last at the helm; she has decided to retire from the chairmanship, though few doubt that she will continue to cheer from the sidelines as each year's festivities unfold.

To Judy Selesnick, Mayor Bonfanti and Mayor Torigian, and to all of the citizens of Peabody who celebrate their diversity on this day and every day, my congratulations and best wishes for a most successful International Festival this year and my thanks to you all for your dedication to Peabody's rich heritage and hopeful future.

NOTING THE OPENING OF A CZECH REPUBLIC REGIONAL CONSUL'S OFFICE IN KANSAS CITY

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the House's attention the opening of a regional consul's office for the Czech Republic in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Events are being planned from September 24 to 26 to celebrate this opening, including a visit from the Czech Republic's ambassador to the United States, Martin Palouš, to Kansas City.

For centuries, thousands of Czechs and Slovaks have immigrated to Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. These naturalized Americans and their descendants have formed a vibrant part of America's rich cultural tapestry. Now, after only a decade since becoming a free and autonomous nation, the Czech Republic's

amazing progress toward democratization has created a unique opportunity to further strengthen the ties between Eastern Europe and America's heartland. I believe this new local consul's office can be the catalyst for further interaction, understanding and mutual appreciation.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Sharon K. Valášek, the honorary consul of the Czech Republic to Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, for helping to establish an official Consulate of the Czech Republic in Kansas City.

I also wish to thank the distinguished ambassador from the Czech Republic, Mr. Martin Palouš, and welcome him to Kansas City. I hope that our two nations can continue to cooperate and thrive while strengthening our bonds of friendship and commerce.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
JAMES P. CZEKANSKI

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to our country and the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. This country has been fortunate to have dedicated individuals who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make this country a safer and better place to live. Major General James P. Czekanski is one of these individuals. On Saturday, August 23, 2003, he will be honored as he departs from March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, California.

In 1968, Major General Czekanski, after receiving his Bachelor's Degree in history from the University of Massachusetts, attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona. After completing school he attended Sewart Air Force Base in Tennessee for C-130 combat crew training and then became a tactical airlift pilot for three years at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina in 1969. He served at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand as an AC-130A Gunship aircraft commander from 1972 to 1974 at which time he attended Squadron Officer School. Over the next 4 years he would serve in various positions before obtaining his Master's degree in counseling and human development from Troy State University. In 1981 he completed Air War College.

Over the next 20 years Major General Czekanski served in numerous commands throughout the country as Chief of Tactical Airlift Operations, Commander, Vice Commander and Senior Air Reserve Technician, Inspector General, and Director of Operations. In August of 2000 he was assigned to March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, California as Commander of the 4th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command. He has accumulated more than 7,500 hours of flight time and has flown numerous aircraft including the C-5A, C-141A/B/E/H, AC-130A, HC-130H/N/P, and KC135R.

Throughout his distinguished career Major General Czekanski has received over 20 major awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters;

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; National Defense Service Medal with service star; Vietnam Service Medal; and Kuwait Liberation Medal from both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. In addition to his dedication to his military career, Major General Czekanski is a member of the Air Force Association, the Reserve Officer Association, the Order of the Daedalians and the Airlift and Tanker Association.

Major General Czekanski's tireless passion for service to country and community has contributed immensely to the betterment of our nation and to the community of Riverside, California. I am honored and proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF INSPECTOR
HENRY KADEN ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE UNION CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Inspector Henry Kaden on his retirement from the Union City Police Department after 27 years of serving and protecting the public.

Inspector Kaden began his career with the Union City Police Department in 1976. In 1984, he was promoted to detective in the Crime Prevention Bureau, where he served until he became sergeant in 1985. In 1988, Inspector Kaden became commander of the Crime Prevention Unit, and, in 1989, he was promoted to lieutenant. After serving as lieutenant for eight years, he was promoted to captain in 1998, and finally, earned the rank of inspector in July, 2002.

Before his service with the Department, Inspector Kaden served in the United States Army from December 1966 to December 1968. From May 1967 until May 1968, during the Tet Offensive, Henry Kaden served in Vietnam.

Inspector Kaden has been the recipient of a number of awards and recognitions for his outstanding service to the public. In 1989, he received the McGruff Award for the National Night Out Program; in 1990, he was named Police Officer of the Year by the Knights of Columbus; in 1991, he was named a National Night Out "All Star"; and, from 1991 to 1993, his National Night Out Committee was awarded National Honors for representing a top state in the country for neighborhood safety.

Inspector Kaden has received four Medals of Valor and two Life Saving Awards from the Union City Police Department; seven Excellent Police Service Awards; two Honorable Service Awards; a Wound Medal, and two Unit Citations for his work on the Crime Prevention Bureau and as Detective Bureau Commander. The State of New Jersey awarded him with a Distinguished Service Medal and the Vietnam 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal in 2002.

Inspector Kaden is a graduate of Emerson High School in Union City, New Jersey.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Inspector Henry Kaden for his 27

years of service with the Union City Police Department.

RECOGNITION OF THE 13TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF
THE AMERICANS WITH DISABIL-
ITIES ACT INTO LAW

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a landmark civil rights anniversary in American history, which passed after we had adjourned for the District Work Period in July. Thirteen years ago, the first President Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law, launching a new era in our nation's everlasting journey towards equal opportunity for all.

This long-overdue legislation finally breathed life into the principle that every American has the right to be a full and equal participant in our society.

As Florida's Secretary of State, I was blessed to have the opportunity to apply the mission of the ADA to the cause of election reform. Beginning with my appointment of a Select Task Force in 2001, we worked to remove the obstacles that prevented persons with disabilities in Florida from enjoying the sanctity of the secret ballot and the civic majesty of going to the polls on Election Day.

Thanks to powerful advocates from Florida's disabilities community like Pam Dorwarth, Doug Towne, and Richard LaBelle as well as the skilled leadership of Colonel Charley Price in mobilizing our veterans with disabilities, Florida became the first state in the nation to pass wide-ranging legislation vindicating the voting rights of persons with disabilities.

As we celebrate how far we have come, we must not forget how many miles we still must travel to truly secure for every American the rights and privileges that most of us take for granted.

SARGE FRYE OBITUARY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today many South Carolinians mourn the loss of Sarge Frye, who died yesterday of heart failure at the age of 90. I ask that his obituary be included in the RECORD, as printed today in the State newspaper.

[From the State, Sept. 4, 2003]

COLUMBIA.—Mr. Frye died Wednesday, September 3, 2003. Born in Medon, Tennessee, he was a son of the late Leonard A. Frye and Pearl Daniel Frye Allin. A combat veteran of World War II and Korea, he landed at Utah Beach on D-Day. He was decorated with two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and Combat Infantry Badge. He retired in 1953 as a master sergeant after 23 years of service in the U.S. Army. While serving in the Armed Forces, Sarge was an outstanding athlete, participating in basketball, baseball, softball and track as a player and coach. He met his wife, Ruby, while stationed in Alabama. The

family later moved to Columbia's Fort Jackson, where he was responsible for athletic facilities. Mrs. Frye died in 1997.

It was in 1953 that he came to work for the University of South Carolina and was placed in charge of athletic facilities. His duties were expanded to include supervision of grounds for the entire university. South Carolina named its baseball facility, "Sarge Frye Field" in 1980 to honor its groundskeeper. The American Baseball Coaches Association named Frye National Groundskeeper of the Year in 1993. Sarge retired in 1977, but continued to supervise operations through mid-1997. In addition to groundskeeping and landscaping duties, Sarge operated the game clock for men's and women's basketball games at the Carolina Coliseum for many years.

Sarge Frye was inducted into the USC Athletic Hall of Fame and the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame. He was an honorary member of the USC Association of Lettermen and the USC Alumni Association.

Surviving are his daughter, Nancy Frye Stiehr of Columbia; son, Jerry L. Frye and his wife, Jayne, of Greenville; sister, Norma Pope of Dallas, Texas; brothers, Kenneth Frye of Jackson, Tenn., Huey Frye of Florida, and Martin Allin of Bolivar, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Jay L. Frye and his wife, Kim, of Columbia, Mamie Frye Clayton and her husband, Richard, of Columbia, Debbie Stiehr Smith and her husband, Allen, of Charlotte, and Eric Stiehr and his wife, Marianne, of Columbia; and five great-grandchildren, Cole and Tucker Smith, Mary-Riley, Heyward and Emma Clayton. He was predeceased by a son-in-law, Pete Stiehr.

A TRIBUTE TO GEOFFREY ARONOW—OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, in February of this year, I joined with individuals from the President's Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union of the National Capital Area for dinner at the home of two of its members, Charlie Cerf and Cynthia Dunbar.

On that occasion, I learned a great deal about the activities of this particular Affiliate of the National ACLU, and I met and talked with its President, Geoffrey Aronow. I found him to be a person who is very committed to preserving and protecting civil liberties. I understand that Mr. Aronow recently retired from his position as President, and I believe it is important that we pause, acknowledge his dedicated service and thank him for his untiring and selfless work in behalf of the cause of defending our Constitution.

These are indeed difficult times, times that challenge us in many ways, puzzling and unpredictable times. Mr. Aronow's presidency spanned the months and now years since the events of September 11th, 2001. I have come to learn that, through it all, he has been steadfast, unwavering, unequivocal and unambiguous in his words as well as his deeds when matters of the Bill of Rights are at stake. He appreciates that the legal experience in America is enriched and venerated by citizens and non-citizens alike because our history is one

of fierce defense of the liberties guaranteed by the first Ten Amendments.

Mr. Speaker, America is not great due to our advanced technology, our many resources or our military might. Those things make us strong. They do not make us great. America is great because of citizens like Geoffrey Aronow, the best and the brightest we have to offer, the most noble, those of unparalleled integrity. He deserves our appreciation for a job well done.

NWOKOMA SAMPSON AND THE MICROSOFT/AAPD FEDERAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention and to the attention of my colleagues the outstanding summer internship program that has been implemented by the American Association of People with Disabilities [AAPD] and Microsoft Corporation. This Federal Internship Program provides ten college students—including Nwokoma Sampson, of Merriam, Kansas, which is in my congressional district—with paid summer internships this year working in information technology for one of several participating agencies of the U.S. government.

Nwokoma Sampson attended California State University at Northridge [CSUN], where he was the first black deaf student to graduate with a computer science degree. This internship gave him a means to expand upon the experience he gained in previous internships and on his general technology experience. I am confident that the internship has also afforded him the chance to become familiar with the federal government's working environment and to obtain knowledge that will be an invaluable tool for his evaluation when applying for permanent federal positions. I am including with this statement an article about Nwokoma's experiences that was recently published in the Kansas City Star.

As Mariana Nork with the American Association of People with Disabilities has described their joint effort with Microsoft, "This is a unique program because it's focused on people with disabilities. This program provides opportunities for the interns, but it is also a great chance for the participating public agencies to learn more about people with disabilities and to realize that there's a wide pool of untapped talent in the disabled community." Microsoft and AAPD developed a two-year program to provide 25 paid information technology internships to college students with disabilities in ten different federal agencies, with Microsoft providing \$325,000 to fund the program and AAPD overseeing the program's administration. The grant provides each student with a stipend, free accessible housing and transportation, and any costs related to arranging special worksite accommodations that may be necessary. The program is open to any college or university student who has a disability and has demonstrated an interest in a career in information technology. Participating agencies have included the Social Security Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Established in 1995, the AAPD is the largest cross-disability membership organization in the United States, with over 40,000 members. AAPD's mission is the political and economic empowerment of the more than 56 million people in the United States living with disabilities. I commend AAPD and Microsoft for their joint effort to develop and implement this important federal internship program, which has enhanced opportunities for several disabled individuals, including my constituent, Nwokoma Sampson.

[From the Kansas City Star, July 30, 2003]
STUBBORNLY SEEKING SUCCESS: MERRIAM MAN HASN'T LET DEAFNESS OR HIS START IN WEST AFRICAN POVERTY STOP HIM

(By Kati Jividen)

Call him Nwokoma Sampson or Oma Sampson. He is both. A hearing man. A deaf man. That's according to his resumes.

"I did get some response from the one I posted using Oma without indicating that I am deaf," the 34-year-old Merriam man wrote in an online chat. "But whenever I reply to the recruiter seeking to do an interview, and I tell them I am deaf, I hardly hear from them again." It's discouraging—Sampson won't lie. But, like everything else that has happened in his life, he is not going to sit back and be a quiet observer. He'll let someone else do that.

"When I was at CSUN (California State University-Northridge), deaf students who were enrolled in computer science program with me dropped out," he wrote. "By the time we reached our second year, I found myself all alone and struggling to the end. I guess that is why my parents believe that I am stubborn, but I need to be stubborn with my problems in order to overcome them." Sampson, who was born in the jungle of West Africa, grew up in poverty. After earning a graphic design diploma in Lagos, Nigeria, he put everything behind him and moved to America "in search of the American dream or rather the proverbial golden fleece," he wrote.

In Nigeria, Sampson was the first deaf student to attend the Yaba College of Technology. He also is the first black deaf student to graduate with a degree in computer science from Cal-State-Northridge. Plus, he wrote, English is his third language behind sign language and Igbo, a language spoken by the Igbo tribe of Nigeria. "Nigeria had little opportunity for me," wrote Sampson, who shares his home with his wife of almost one year, Mei Yuk Maggie Sampson, a counselor at Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe.

"Actually, I wanted to study medicine, but Nigeria university at that time did not accept deaf students. Neither do they provide interpreters for deaf students at the university level. I had to choose graphic design, which depends more on vision, so that I could teach myself and survive in the class without too much trouble."

He found himself in the same predicament at Cal-State where he recently graduated with a computer science degree and \$50,000 in debt. "I could not work and go to school because I had to teach myself everything and even study during summer breaks in advance for the classes I am going to enroll in the following semester," Sampson wrote. But now that Sampson has earned his degree (six years in the making) he is able to spend this summer on an information technology internship in Washington, D.C. He is living in a dorm room at George Washington University, working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He has helped with the agency's transition to the Department of Homeland Security.

Asked if he enjoys the job, he responded: "It is not whether I am enjoying myself or not. It is about networking." His boss, the assistant to the chief information officer of FEMA, speaks to Sampson in sign language. Since his arrival, her signing has improved. "Now she has improved her sign language while I get to know her better in order to establish a connection," he said. "It is this connection that I am looking for, which may one way or the other help me in the future."

Sampson—and nine other students with disabilities—are the first to partake in these competitive information technology internships, said Mariana Nork, senior vice president at the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). The advocacy group coordinated the internships, which are funded by a two-year \$325,000 grant from Microsoft. Transportation and lodging is provided, and each intern is given a \$4,500 stipend. All of the interns are top in their respective classes, and all are seeking a career in information technology. "The disability community has continued to see a high unemployment rate in this country. Our goal is to make that change," Nork said.

"That is a multi-tiered task, but at the basis of it all is education. We must educate people with disabilities about job opportunities available to them in all of the careers. The other side of the coin is educating the potential employer." Seminars, such as one taught last week by Microsoft, teach the interns how to correctly apply for a job with a disability, said Sarah Meyer, senior manager in Microsoft's community affairs department. "To say this is successful is an understatement," Nork said of the internship program. "We are delighted, the interns are delighted and the agencies are delighted."

Sampson would be delighted to have a job. He spent five months looking for a job in Kansas, to no avail. When he heard about the AAPD internships, he applied and waited. "I post it and that was it," he wrote. "I do not like to be too anxious about anything. I just let tomorrow take care of itself."

Sampson said his ideal job is to work as a software engineer, programmer, application developer—anything that comes with some element of programming so he can help teach other deaf students. He may even start his own software engineering business "if I keep getting discriminated (against) when it comes to hiring by private companies," he wrote. Plans are already under way for him to go back to school at the University of Maryland-Adelphi to get a master's degree in computer science or software engineering. Eventually he would like a doctorate. His success has led to advice for other struggling students: "Never give up as a deaf person. Where there is a will, there is a way, and what you sow, you will reap the fruit eventually."

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF BOB BRISON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Mira Loma were exceptional. Mira Loma has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Bob was one of these individuals. On

August 13, 2003, Bob passed away and the community of Mira Loma had to say good-bye to a man who forever changed their way of life.

Bob was a pillar of his community, having served as the President of the Mira Loma Chamber of Commerce for 8 years. As President, he worked relentlessly to promote small business and enrich the business environment of Mira Loma. Bob was also extremely supportive of Riverside County veterans and actively participated in Jurupa VFW events such as the annual golf tournament. The owner of a concrete placement and finishing company, he donated his time and materials to paving the driveway of the VFW at Glen Avon. His compassion and ability to give saw no bounds.

Bob was also passionate about 4-H and the Future Farmers of America. He worked to ensure that the kids were successful and enjoyed their experiences while participating in the organizations. He often organized pancake breakfasts for charity and founded the Community Citizens on Patrol. The citizens' group patrols Mira Loma and supports law enforcement and code enforcement agencies in Riverside County. His commitment to various groups throughout the community immeasurably improved the quality of life of the residents of Mira Loma.

As dedicated as Bob was to the community, Bob was also a devoted husband and father. His wife Gina and two daughters, Mary and Michelle, were the joy of his life. My thoughts are with them during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, looking back at Bob Brison's life, we see a man dedicated to his family, community, and country. Bob's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Mira Loma, California. Bob has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I was proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. For all he has done and given over his lifetime, honoring his memory is our duty and privilege.

IN HONOR OF CARMEN VALENTI

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carmen Valenti for his years of dedication and service to the citizens of New Jersey as a tireless housing advocate. He was honored on August 20, 2003 at a luncheon at Don Pepe Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey.

As the Director of the New Jersey Office of Public Housing for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the last twelve years, Mr. Valenti has worked relentlessly to implement public housing programs, and has fought for adequate and affordable housing for New Jersey residents across the state.

Mr. Valenti first came to New Jersey in 1973, where he began working with the Somerset Department of Planning. In 1978 he began working as a planner for HUD in the Newark's Community Development Office and served in that capacity for thirteen years until becoming Director in 1991.

Originally from Utica, New York, Mr. Valenti earned his bachelor's degree in History and

Sociology from Concord College in West Virginia, and his master's degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He also holds a master's degree in Urban Planning from New York University.

From 1969 to 1973, Mr. Valenti served in the intelligence division of the United States Air Force. He earned the rank of staff Sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1973.

A true public servant, Mr. Valenti's efforts to provide better housing for New Jersey residents have improved the lives of many across the state. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carmen Valenti for his tireless advocacy and dedication to serving the public.

TRIBUTE TO SAM T. HART

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding leader in Michigan's labor community on the occasion of his retirement after over 30 years of service. Sam Hart, Business Manager, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324, is an operating engineer through and through. Starting as a pipe liner in Michigan, he rose through the ranks to distinguish himself within the state and the nation as a thoughtful and effective labor leader.

Mr. Hart was initiated in the International Union of Operating Engineers in 1959. He was appointed the Business Representative for Local 324 in 1971 and was first elected to the Executive Board in 1977. His leadership in organizing members in the Operating Engineers and on issues of health care and retirement security, so vital to the working men and women he represents, catapulted him to the highest tier of leadership and gained the local union a reputation throughout the state and nation.

Local 324 is considered one of the strongest local unions in Michigan, with the largest percentage of its workers organized throughout the skilled trades. Local 324 is consistently listed as one of the top 25 locals in the State.

Sam Hart's good work has called him into numerous positions of service. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the North and Central States Conference in 1990, the largest conference of operating engineers in the United States. He served on the negotiating Committee for the National Pipe Line Agreement for the entire U.S. and Canada. He served as President of the Michigan State Building Trades and on the Detroit AFL-CIO Executive Board. He was elected as a General Vice President to the International Union of Operating Engineers beginning in 1994 and was appointed Chairman of the General Pension in 2000.

I have been honored to know Sam Hart as a friend over so many of these years. What friends say about Sam Hart is probably most telling about the man whose career will be honored on Saturday, September 6, 2003. He is "thoughtful," "level-headed," "decent," a "gentleman" and a "family man to the core." I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the work of Sam Hart and to wish him, his wife, Darlene, and their entire family health and happiness in the years ahead.

WELCOMING THE ROLLING
RAINFOREST TO SAN FRANCISCO

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues a wonderful exhibit, the Rolling Rainforest, as it comes to San Francisco on its maiden journey across America.

The Rolling Rainforest is a classroom on wheels. Inside a 53-foot tractor-trailer, the magic of a rainforest environment is reproduced as a mobile museum, transporting the message of environmental stewardship to underserved schoolchildren.

It has traveled from the nation's capital to the Golden State to participate in the 150th anniversary celebration of the California Academy of Sciences. During its visit to San Francisco, the Rolling Rainforest will reach out to the Leonard R. Flynn Elementary School in San Francisco, Lincoln School in Vallejo, and the Golden Gate Elementary School in Oakland.

Since it was first launched in Washington, D.C. last October, the Rolling Rainforest has had more than 25,000 visitors come to experience the sights, sounds and smells of a rainforest. Inside the exhibit, children are introduced to a sloth hiding in the forest canopy, beautiful butterflies, and exotic birds line the explorer's path to the scientist's hut where experiments are conducted using rainforest products—chocolate, vanilla and coffee. It is an enchanted trail that leads children on a new discovery.

Mr. Speaker, rainforests are a precious gift. About 25 percent of the world's forests are rainforests, and they are home to one half of the earth's plant and animal species. Rainforests possess an ecosystem that is based on a complex interdependence of plants and animals. One of the critical lessons derived from the exhibit is the essential relationship of the rainforest to our surroundings and daily lives.

These lessons are conveyed in the environmental education message from the Rolling Rainforest exhibit, and they are developed and delivered in a manner that reaches younger generations. The exhibit teaches young people the importance of environmental stewardship in their communities and prepares them to be good stewards of the earth's natural environment.

Congratulations to the Discovery Creek Children's Museum on its San Francisco debut of the Rolling Rainforest.

CONGRESSIONAL PAY

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, this body must understand that by giving itself a pay hike today, it sends a message to the American people that the Congress is woefully out of touch. In my state, the economy has serious problems. People are losing their jobs. Families are too worried about whether there's

going to be another paycheck at all to even think about when a raise might be coming. This pay boost is a terrible idea, it's irresponsible, and it's a slap in the face of taxpayers during this very tough time.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND MONSIGNOR
EDWARD F. WOJTYCHA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Monsignor Edward F. Wojtycha for his 65 years of service to the people of New Jersey and to the Catholic Church.

A native of Jersey City, New Jersey, Reverend Monsignor Wojtycha has dedicated his life and work to helping the people of Jersey City and Bayonne. The Reverend Monsignor began his career in 1938 as a priest at St. Vincent's Church in Bayonne. During his 25 years at St. Vincent's, he served as administrator for 7 years and oversaw the ordination of 20 new priests. In 1963, he was appointed pastor of the newly-formed Our Lady of Mercy Church in Jersey City, where he helped build a new church facility, school, and convent. He then served as pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Bayonne until 1970. Reverend Monsignor Wojtycha retired in 1985. Since 1990, he has continued his service by volunteering at the Most Precious Blood Church in Monmouth Beach. He was honored on June 11, 2003 by the Catholic Community of St. Andrew's Church to mark the 65th anniversary of his priesthood.

Reverend Monsignor Wojtycha continues to be a great inspiration to the people and the cities he has served. He was a founder of the St. Vincent's Drum and Bugle Corps, which has won 10 National Championships, 22 State Championships and had the honor of marching in all presidential inaugurations from Truman to Kennedy.

The Reverend Monsignor has been named "Man of the Year" by the State and National Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, the Disabled War Veterans, the American Legion, and others. He was a recipient of the Governor's Award and the VFW National Youth Award, and is in the National Drum Corps Hall of Fame and the New Jersey Drum Corps Hall of Fame. There are two streets named after the Reverend Monsignor, one in Jersey City and one in Bayonne.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Monsignor Edward F. Wojtycha for his exceptional service and dedication to the people of New Jersey.

CALLING FOR TAIWANESE REPRESENTATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for representation for Taiwan at the United

Nations. During the October, 1971 debate on admitting the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, George H.W. Bush, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, worked hard to implement the United States' official policy: dual representation which would allow both Beijing and Taipei to be represented in that body. The father of today's president suggested that China take the seat in the UN Security Council and that Taiwan take a seat in the General Assembly.

But George H.W. Bush's efforts at the time were undercut both by Henry Kissinger and Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek. Kissinger did not support dual representation for China and Taiwan. He happened to be on his second visit to Beijing preparing for President Nixon's trip while the debate was underway. Ambassador Bush noted later that the Kissinger trip swayed some votes against the American position.

Chiang Kai-shek, then President of the Republic of China, himself did not support dual representation, clinging to the absurd position that he and his Kuomintang government were the sole legal government of all the Chinese people. The UN vote to seat the People's Republic of China righted the obvious injustice that had meant 1 billion people were not represented in the UN.

But the vote also created a major injustice, leaving the people of Taiwan unrepresented.

Chiang and his obdurate KMT position are now history. Taiwan's government no longer makes this ridiculous claim. Moreover, Taiwan has moved from the autocratic days of Chiang's martial law to full-fledged democracy.

I call upon President George W. Bush to implement the same policy his father fought for—dual representation for both Beijing and Taipei in the UN, participation by Taiwan in all international fora, and full diplomatic recognition of Taiwan by the United States.

The brave citizens of Taiwan deserve nothing less and the global community striving to defeat terrorism will be strengthened by Taiwan's recognition and participation.

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP'S 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on its 125th Anniversary.

In 1682, William Penn purchased the land that would become Limerick Township from the Lenni Lenape Indians of the Delaware Tribe. His purchase paved the way for the area's first settlers who, in the Township's infancy, were mostly Welsh, Germans, Holland Dutch and French Huguenots. An official petition to form "Lymmerick Township" was filed in Philadelphia in March of 1726 and the original document remains in City Hall, Philadelphia, to this day.

Manatawny Road, which we know today as Ridge Road, was the name given to the main road through the Township from Trappe to Pottstown and was built in 1718. The area's first schools were started by parents and were usually part of the neighborhood churches with

instruction focusing on religion, reading, writing and arithmetic. Limerick hired its very first law enforcement officer, a constable, in 1767, before organized police protection began in 1961. For the first 250 years of Limerick Township's history, all public records were kept in individual homes until the municipal building was erected in 1973, with a ceremony and dedication in 1974. In 1968, the Philadelphia Electric Company selected a site within the Township for construction of two nuclear power generating units and, by 1986, the plant was fully operational. Today there are four elementary schools that serve the Township's children, two fire companies, an airport and numerous churches—just a few more indications of how the community has grown through the years.

Flourishing Limerick Township, however, saw an acceleration of growth particularly after the opening of the Pottstown Expressway (Rt. 422) in 1985, which connects the Limerick area to King of Prussia as well as nearby Philadelphia. Since its completion, the Township has seen skyrocketing residential and commercial growth resulting in many new businesses and residents who call Limerick Township home. Today, Limerick Township, one of the oldest townships in Pennsylvania, is considered one of the most desirable and respected communities in the Philadelphia region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Limerick Township for 125 years of history, heritage and service. I also recognize the fine citizens and officials of Limerick Township, including Township Supervisors Thomas J. DiBello, Kenneth W. Sperring Jr., Francis T. Grant, Frederick L. Fidler and Joseph T. Greco, for making Limerick Township the wonderful community it is today.

HONORING WARREN WILSON

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Warren Wilson, a former constituent and friend whose short life touched those with whom he came into contact.

Warren Wilson was, more than anything else, generous. I have met few people in my life whose generosity and charity exceeded Warren's. He willingly gave his time, energy, and money to help those in need. He performed free legal work for those who could not afford it. He raised money for charitable organizations that helped the poor and down-trodden. He volunteered to serve on the boards of local community and service organizations.

Warren Wilson was, however, more than just an asset to our community. He was a loving husband to his wonderful wife, Beth. He was a devoted father to his fine son, Scott. And he was a mentor to my children, especially to my son Gus, who runs the law practice that I started before I came to Congress.

Warren also was my friend. He was someone with whom I could watch a baseball game, someone with whom I could discuss the issues we debate in this hallowed chamber, and someone with whom I could talk

about life and our roles in it. One of my proudest and most gratifying moments in Congress came when I was able to appoint his son to serve as a congressional page. Warren was so proud of Scott, as was I for the outstanding job he did during his time in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I was blessed to know Warren Wilson and to have had him as a friend. And the world is a much better place for having had him in it. I know that, although his earthly life has passed, his impact will be felt by those he touched for many, many years to come.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION HONORING CELIA CRUZ BY AWARDING HER THE CONGRES- SIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer legislation to honor my great friend, the music icon, Celia Cruz, who lost her courageous battle with cancer on July 17, 2003.

Last night, during the Latin Grammy's, Americans were mesmerized by an emotional and wonderful tribute to the great Celia Cruz. Today, in the People's House, I am joined by my colleague, Representative ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, to introduce legislation that will posthumously award Celia Cruz the Congressional Gold Medal.

Celia de la Caridad Cruz Alonso was born on October 21, 1924, in Havana, Cuba. Her career blossomed when she left Cuba for the United States in 1960, where she eventually made Fort Lee, New Jersey her home.

Over a five decade career as an entertainer, Celia Cruz became known as the "Queen of Salsa," and claimed the calling card cry of "Azuuuucar!" Celia's passion, boundless energy, and charisma transfixed generations of salsa fans and musicians. She recorded more than 70 albums and her collaborative efforts with other performers including the legendary salsa artist Tito Puente, pop star David Byrne, and hip-hop producer Wyclef Jean helped break down ethnic and cultural barriers. She was one of the few bridges that crossed cultural and racial divides.

Celia's musical talent earned her hundreds of awards worldwide, including five Grammy's, two Latin Grammy's, and the National Medal of Arts, the highest honor bestowed on an artist in the United States. She was a Hispanic Heritage Awards Lifetime Achievement recipient, and has a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. Her music was a unifying force, and her passion for a free Cuba was evidenced in both her music and her words.

Celia touched the lives of millions. More than 100,000 individuals mourned her loss at her wake in Miami, Florida and 75,000 people lined the streets of Manhattan to pay their respects as her funeral procession made its way through the streets of New York City.

Celia Cruz made countless contributions to American society and the world as an entertainer, and she was an ambassador of Latino culture and a voice of freedom. Her music, her words, and her love of freedom live on. This legislation would make Celia the first Latina to receive the Congressional Gold Medal.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I urge the leadership to bring it swiftly to the floor for a vote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAX BURNS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to provide an explanation for my absence during three votes yesterday evening.

During yesterday's votes of roll Nos. 460, 461, and 462, I was en route to the Capitol from Savannah due to weather delays in the Washington area. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative for each.

RECOGNITION OF THE 13TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABIL- ITIES ACT INTO LAW

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a landmark civil rights anniversary in American history, which passed after we had adjourned for the District Work Period in July. Thirteen years ago, the first President Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law, launching a new era in our nation's everlasting journey towards equal opportunity for all.

This long-overdue legislation finally breathed life into the principal that every American has the right to be a full and equal participant in our society.

As Florida's Secretary of State, I was blessed to have the opportunity to apply the mission of the ADA to the cause of election reform. Beginning with my appointment of a Select Task Force in 2001, we worked to remove the obstacles that prevented persons with disabilities in Florida from enjoying the sanctity of the secret ballot and the civic majesty of going to the polls on Election Day.

Thanks to powerful advocates from Florida's disabilities community like Pam Dorwarth, Doug Towne, and Richard LaBelle as well as the skilled leadership of Colonel Charley Price in mobilizing our veterans with disabilities, Florida became the first state in the nation to pass wide-ranging legislation vindicating the voting rights of persons with disabilities.

As we celebrate how far we have come, we must not forget how many miles we still must travel to truly secure for every American the rights and privileges that most of us take for granted.

AMERICA HAS LOST A GREAT WARRIOR AND HERO: GENERAL RAY DAVIS

HON. JOHN LINDER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I mourn the loss of retired U.S. Marine Corps General Raymond G. Davis, who passed away yesterday in Atlanta, Georgia.

With his birth on January 13, 1915, in Fitzgerald, Georgia, Raymond Gilbert Davis began a life of service to his fellow Americans. His military career, for which he is best known, commenced after his graduation from the Georgia School of Technology in 1933, where he participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit. In 1938, General Davis resigned his commission with the U.S. Army Infantry Reserve to accept an appointment as a U.S. Marine Corps second lieutenant.

It was General Davis' bravery while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps that proves how this ordinary man was truly one of America's extraordinary heroes. During the Korean War, then Lt. Col. Davis gave this country his most famous demonstration of his unparalleled leadership during the 1st Marine Division's historic break out of the Chosin Reservoir area. During that campaign, in the face of treacherous weather conditions and overwhelming enemy numbers, he led a battalion of Marines to prevent the annihilation of a beleaguered Marine rifle company and secured a mountain pass for the safe deployment of two additional Marine regiments while keeping his own forces intact.

Following this act of bravery, President Truman, who presented the Medal of Honor to Lt. Col. Davis on November 24, 1952, wrote, "his valiant devotion to duty and unyielding fighting spirit in the face of almost insurmountable odds enhance and sustain the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service."

General Davis once jokingly told me that was the biggest mistake he ever made because every time Marines were trapped they sent for him. He, of course, was pleased to do whatever his country asked him to do.

General Davis, who also served in World War II and the Vietnam War, culminated his service with an appointment as the Assistant Commandant to the Marine Corps. Following his service in this capacity, General Davis retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1972, and became America's most highly decorated living veteran. His decorations include: the Medal of Honor; the Navy Cross; the Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star in lieu of a second award; the Silver Star Medal with Gold Star in lieu of a second award; the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of a second award; the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; the Purple Heart; the Presidential Unit Citation with four bronze stars indicative of second through fifth awards; the Navy Unit Commendation; the American Defense Service Medal with Fleet clasp; the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one silver star in lieu of five bronze stars; the World War II Victory Medal; the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star; the Korean Service Medal with four bronze stars; the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars; the National Order of Vietnam, 4th Class; the National Order of Vietnam, 5th Class; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with three Palms; two Korean Presidential Unit Citations; the United Nations Service Medal; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

General Davis' devotion to his fellow Americans did not end with his retirement. General Davis was instrumental in the design, funding and construction of the U.S. Korean War Memorial located here in Washington, DC. I was there on the day it was opened. I was as proud of my friend on this occasion as I have

ever been. It struck me that while he was a genuine hero as a military leader, his greatest contributions to his nation may have been what he did over the last 31 years for his fellow veterans. He loved them for their service and they revered him for his leadership.

Then, General Davis played a crucial role in creating U.S.-Korea 2000, an organization that reached out to almost 40,000 veterans of the Korean War in order to allow them to participate in ceremonies associated with the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. In my home state of Georgia, he devoted his time and energy to the construction of the Georgia War Veterans Memorial Park in Rockdale County.

Through the years I have known Ray Davis, not only as a fellow veteran, but also as a friend. His courageous devotion to his comrades, his unyielding fight for the American veteran, and his love for and service to the United States itself are all examples of what it truly means to be an American.

While his military service was exemplary, his post military service deserved just as many medals. I generally open a speech with the request for all veterans in the audience to stand. When they do, they are met, without exception, with the grateful applause of the rest in attendance. Ray Davis taught me that.

When I am in a campaign I always target veterans since, as Ray always reminded me, I should be proud that I am one and should share that fact.

When the Republican Party is in a presidential race, whether 1988, 1992, 1996, or 2000, I could always expect Ray Davis to be escorting our candidate around veterans groups. Indeed, there was no military leader, with the possible exception of Omar Bradley, more revered by the troops, than my friend Ray Davis.

Let me hasten to add that he was never satisfied with our efforts. I was the proud recipient of many letters and phone calls from this American hero reminding me of how many veterans there were and what patriots they were and how little we were doing to appreciate them. I may have disagreed with him once or twice, but I do not recall it. My prayers go to Willa and the family.

America has lost a great warrior and hero. And I have lost a great friend. I shall miss him.

MOTHER TERESA: A MODEL FOR
US ALL

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, in 1948, Mother Teresa came across a half-dead woman lying in front of a Calcutta hospital. She stayed with the woman until she died. From that point on, she dedicated the majority of her life to helping the poorest of the poor in India. If everyone in the world able to help the poor would donate a small fraction of their time in the spirit of Mother Teresa, the world would be a much better place.

It takes an extraordinary person to "see God in every human being." Almost 50 years later, her Missionaries of Charity has grown from 12 sisters in India to over 3,000 in 517 missions throughout 100 countries worldwide. For 50 years, this remarkable woman has

touched the lives of so many that were in dire need of help.

As we members of Congress go about our daily routines, we would be well served to use Mother Teresa as an example of how we should conduct ourselves. Our duty is public service, and there was no greater servant to mankind than Mother Teresa.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALBERT G.
HORTON, JR. OF CHESAPEAKE, VA

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Mr. Albert G. Horton, Jr. of Chesapeake, VA for his seemingly endless dedication to the veterans of Virginia.

On September 8, 2003, we will break ground in Suffolk, VA to establish a new National Veterans Cemetery, due largely to the perseverance of Al Horton. In 1996, as a Virginia State Delegate, I created the Virginia Veterans Liaison Committee in an effort to bring veterans together and to give a unified voice to their issues. Al Horton was a member of that committee and that is how I first came to know Al.

In 1997, Al contacted me and asked me to introduce legislation to have a National Veterans Cemetery constructed in the Hampton Roads area. Thus, I began a long fulfilling relationship with this very special man.

During 1998, as a result of a bill I introduced as a member of the Virginia General Assembly, a study was conducted to establish if there was a need for a new National Cemetery within the region. The study concluded there were 173,700 veterans living in the Hampton Roads area who would benefit from such a cemetery. The distance to the closest alternative cemetery site in Amelia is two and a half hours away, and the study concluded that this distance had been a deterrent to veterans' families who wanted to be able to visit the gravesites of their loved ones.

Based upon that study, I worked with Al in his new role as Chairman of the Hampton Roads Veterans' Cemetery Committee to find a site to serve as a final resting place for our nation's veterans. An area in Suffolk, VA was selected and \$650,000 in state-appropriated monies was used to secure purchase of the land. Additional money was appropriated for the design and engineering of the cemetery, but all those funds were to be reimbursed by the federal government through the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the form of a short-term Treasury loan. The effect of these actions would therefore result in a Veterans' Cemetery for Virginia Veterans that would cost approximately \$8 million with Virginia only paying approximately \$650,000.

Al Horton worked tirelessly, with the help of veterans around the state, organizing, leading and overcoming many hurdles to make his vision of a veterans' cemetery in Hampton Roads a reality. He even wrote a book, "Grass Roots Politics, If You Don't Like It—Change It!!!" which details his experience as an ordinary citizen accomplishing the goal of getting something as great as the Veterans Cemetery at Hampton Roads accomplished.

I only wish Al was still with us to see the result of all his hard work. He passed away on

October 17, 2002, in Chesapeake, VA. When Al died, he was at his computer rallying his fellow veterans in an effort to ensure the cemetery would be built. We were talking with Al on an almost daily basis. That was part of Al's essence—never giving up and always going the extra mile to make a difference in other people's lives. His dedication to the veterans and the State of Virginia will never be forgotten.

Al Horton was a dedicated husband and father. In his will, he stipulated that he and his beloved wife, Evelyn, who preceded him in death, should be buried in the unfinished cemetery. It gives me great peace to know that in the near future Al's wishes will be honored.

While Al Horton cannot be with us on September 8, 2003, when we dedicate the cemetery he worked so hard to create, I know that he will be smiling as he looks down. Al Horton understood that the recognition and proper burial of our veterans is an integral part of our national heritage and an important way for a grateful nation to say "Thank you". Our veterans have continuously defended and renewed America's promise through their efforts. It is only fitting that we honor them in their final resting place.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask that we take this opportunity to recognize Al Horton for his passion, his commitment, and his love for his country. Al was a veteran, an advocate, an author, and a friend to all who knew him. I hold Al Horton in high esteem and have nothing but respect and affection for this wonderful man. I know my life is changed for having met him, because he was willing to make a difference for those who fought to preserve our freedom and asked for nothing more than a place to rest in eternal peace.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT W.
CULLEY OF HILL CITY, KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who had a positive effect on the lives of many people in Northwest Kansas and across the state. We mourn the death of Mr. Robert W. Culley of Hill City, Kansas.

A life-long Kansan, Mr. Culley never hesitated to answer the call to serve his family, community, state and country. He lived a life guided by the morals and values we hold dear in rural America: strong beliefs, faithful service and absolute integrity.

Shortly after his graduation from college, Bob volunteered for the Navy in June of 1942. After basic training in Rhode Island, Bob was assigned to the 60th Construction Battalion and was sent to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific to build an airfield for future operations against Japan. Bob continued his military service, graduating from the Supply School at Harvard and then serving aboard the battleship USS *Texas* until the end of World War II.

Bob returned to his hometown of Mullinville, Kansas, where he spent twenty years farming and ranching. Bob started a new career when he accepted an offer to become the President of the Consolidated State Bank in Hill City.

It was during his tenure at the bank that I was fortunate to have the opportunity and pleasure to work with Mr. Culley. As a recent college graduate, I quickly came to admire his intelligence, integrity and dignity. Working for Bob taught me a great deal about banking, but even more about being a good person. I know that I am better for having known him and worked with him.

He contributed an endless amount of time in making his community a better place to do business and raise a family.

Most important to Bob was his family. Over the course of 61 years together, he and his wife Catherine raised a son and daughter, Tom and Sara, and devoted endless love and attention to his two grandchildren.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Hill City Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, the South Solomon Shrine Club, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Hill City Elks Lodge, the Graham County Historical Society, the Graham County Community Foundation and the Graham County Hospital Board.

Bob also served on the Fort Hays State University Endowment Board and was a past president. He was involved in the David and Mary Rush Scholarship Trust, where he and other trustees awarded scholarships to Graham County High School graduates.

Through his kindness and service, Robert Culley made his community, state, and nation a better place. I join his many friends and admirers in extending my deepest sympathies to Catherine and her family during their time of loss.

TRIBUTE TO RUSH-MILLER
FOUNDATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize a charitable organization that works to improve the lives of blind or visually impaired children throughout the United States. The Rush-Miller Foundation raises money to donate bicycles to visually impaired children in ten different states across the country. The foundation works to inspire confidence and a more active lifestyle in children who are visually impaired.

The Rush-Miller foundation was formed in 2001 in recognition of the benefits that the initial project had conferred upon Garrett Rush-Miller. Garrett had been an outgoing, active child until a malignant brain tumor inhibited his usual activities and he stopped playing outside. With the hope that a tandem bicycle could improve Garrett's outlook, his parents were able to obtain a bicycle through the charitable contributions of many friends and sponsors. Now, the Rush-Miller foundation aspires to help other children like Garrett by donating bicycles to help restore their active lifestyles.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Rush-Miller Foundation for their philanthropic work. I commend the foundation for its noble objective and congratulate everyone involved on their tremendous success. I wish the foundation all the best in the years to come.

HONORING MR. XIA CHIA XIONG

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Mr. Xia Chia Xiong for all of his service to the Lao community in Merced, California. As the first President of the Merced Lao Family Community, Inc. he touched many lives.

Born in 1940 in Laos, Mr. Xiong dedicated his life to helping the Lao community. From 1957–1961, he was an assistant to the Chief of Nam Chanh District, City of Mong Pheng, Vangvieng Province, in Laos. During the Vietnam War, he worked for the United States Central Intelligence Agency and was bestowed the rank of major. With the fall of Laos in 1975, he led a group of Hmong refugees to take refuge in Thailand and served these refugees until he immigrated to the United States in 1980.

In the United States, Mr. Xiong served the first President of the Merced Lao Family Community, Inc. for 4 years. He then served as their Project Director for 2 years. His work in the community is recognized by many. It is my honor to also recognize his achievements.

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD C. EATON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harold C. Eaton, a leader in the field of civil rights in both his community and the nation as a whole. His tenure as the Mobile District Corps of Engineers Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, which was marked with numerous accomplishments, has truly earned him the honor of being inducted into the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.

Mr. Eaton served his country through Federal service for 44 years, beginning with his assignment at Brookley Air Force Base in 1956. Following the closing of the base in 1967, Mr. Eaton transferred to the Mobile District Personnel Office and was later appointed to the position of District Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (EEO) in 1974.

The advancements made by Mr. Eaton during his time as EEO Officer were nothing short of outstanding. Facing the issue of equal opportunity during one of the most tumultuous times in the nation's history, Mr. Eaton's career was marked with a number of challenges. The most serious of these challenges was the court-ordered Consent Decree, a class action lawsuit outlining affirmative action goals for black employment in the Mobile District. Mr. Eaton worked diligently and effectively to solve the problems faced by the community in the field of equal opportunity and was successful in having the Decree lifted in 1987. Through his work in the community, Mr. Eaton became a recognized leader on the local and Federal level in the field of affirmative action.

A second major challenge Mr. Eaton faced during his tenure as EEO Officer dealt with private contracting for the Tennessee-

Tombigbee Waterway project. Through the system Mr. Eaton developed, the Corps was able to guarantee equal opportunity for both employment and contracting. The idea of private contracting was revolutionary for the Corps of Engineers and is a program which is still in use today.

Mr. Harold Eaton has made many outstanding contributions throughout his life to the advancement of equal rights. His devotion and innovation resulted in major accomplishments on the local and Federal level. It is my honor to recognize the achievements of a man so devoted to the causes of equality and justice, both of which we hold so dear in our Nation. For his tireless work for the betterment of his community, Mr. Eaton truly deserves induction into the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA MADRID

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize one of the most inspiring and remarkable Latino leaders in the United States. Patricia Madrid is New Mexico's first woman and the nation's first Latina attorney general.

Since taking the oath to office in November 1998, Ms. Madrid triumphed at protecting the lives of New Mexicans against all levels of violent crimes. She spearheaded initiatives that continue to provide assistance for district attorneys in the prosecution of criminals in New Mexico. In addition, her actions also established strict provisions that protect her state's environmental resources. Through her leadership, the people of New Mexico are not only safer from crime but the state's wildlife, agriculture, and water quality have thrived too.

Throughout her legal career, Ms. Madrid received numerous awards for her political achievements. She was awarded the Latina Lawyer of the Year Award in 2001 by the Hispanic National Bar Association. She received the First Annual Elected Official Award for Work on Behalf of Crime Victims from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. In 1999, the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women honored her with the Trailblazer Award. In 1994, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a national organization, recognized her for her outstanding service to the Hispanic community. With all these remarkable accomplishments, her commitment to serve the people of New Mexico and the Latino community nationwide continues undeterred.

Ms. Madrid's ventures as New Mexico's attorney general has dismantled barriers and paved the way for other women and minorities who aspire to reach such feats. I am privileged to recognize her as the perfect example of today's exceptional leader.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
SERGEANT DALE GILLETTE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Sergeant Dale Gillette has sworn to serve and protect the people of Ross County; and

Whereas, on a daily basis Sergeant Gillette has upheld his oath with an honor and conviction far above the call of duty; and

Whereas, Sergeant Gillette has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with dedication, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Sergeant Gillette has been decorated with an honorable mention award from TOP COPS Awards because of his devotion to people of the Ross County;

Therefore, I join with the residents of Ross County and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Sergeant Dale Gillette as he receives his TOP COPS award.

TRIBUTE TO CODY SHIRA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to Cody Shira, a courageous young man from Grand Junction, Colorado. Cody recently woke up his parents during the middle of the night when he discovered their house was on fire. The actions of this brave seven year old are truly remarkable, and I am proud to recognize him here today.

While fast asleep, Cody was awakened to the smoke and flames set by an outdoor grill. The grill set fire to a bench, which helped spread the fire into the house through a window. Thanks to Cody's quick reaction, most of the bedrooms in the apartment were spared, helping to save many important belongings and memories. While the Shiras will have to rebuild the bottom level of the apartment, they thank Cody for helping to save not only their bedrooms, but also their lives.

Mr. Speaker, Cody Shira is a true hero. His courageous and quick reaction helped save the lives of his family and much of his home. I am proud to gather with my fellow colleagues and speak of Cody's accomplishments, as his actions are truly remarkable. Good luck, Cody. I wish you the best with all of your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO HILLSIDES HOME
FOR CHILDREN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hillside Home for Children in Pasadena. On October 5, 2003, Hillside Home will celebrate its ninetieth anniversary with a carnival

to honor the achievements of those who have devoted countless hours to Hillside Home, as well as to celebrate the children who have been greatly helped by the home.

Hillside Home opened its doors in 1913 as an Episcopal Orphanage known as The Church Home for Children. Deaconess Evelyn Wile formulated the agency's mission of loving care, therapeutic healing, special education, family crisis intervention and children's rights advocacy. This vision continues to be the focus of Hillside Home over ninety years later. Today, Hillside Home is a private non-profit treatment center, but it is considered an official institution of the Los Angeles Diocese of the Episcopal Church.

While Hillside Home began its journey solely as an orphanage, the agency has since branched off into several other areas. For children suffering from abuse and mental illness, Hillside Home provides them with a safe place that they can call home. The main campus contains six residential cottages for emotionally disturbed children ranging in age from seven to thirteen. On the campus, Hillside Home provides a home and intensive treatment services geared to healing and redirecting kids who have experienced traumatic upbringings. In addition to the on-campus housing, there are two off-campus group homes which house twelve teenagers. These off-campus facilities provide residential treatment, mental health care, and practical skills training for independent living after the youth leave Hillside Home for Children.

Hillside Home has also responded to the need for counseling at-risk families to prevent abuse before it starts, and in 1996, the family center was opened. This center provides a broad range of programs from counseling services to classes designed to strengthen families and protect children. Clearly, Hillside Home acts as a voice for children through advocacy.

I am proud to recognize Hillside Home for Children as an integral component of our community by providing a safe haven for children, strengthening families and advocating for children's rights.

It is for these extraordinary achievements that I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Hillside Home for Children for their ninety years of remarkable work.

IN HONOR OF TERRY MARBURGER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true community servant as well as an accomplished business owner, Mrs. Terry Marburger. Terry retired on August 1, 2003 after providing 18 years of dedicated service to the community of San Juan Bautista.

Terry was born in New York City and has been a resident of San Juan Bautista for the past 34 years, where she has been a contributor to the community and to the welfare of the small Mission town. She is married to Mr. Larry Marburger and together they raised their two children, Sully and Anthony Anastasia. Currently, they have five grandchildren.

In addition to having worked in the private sector before owning her own business, Terry is a member of several community organizations such as the Ambassador's Club, the San

Benito Tourism Council, the United Way of Hollister and the San Juan Bautista Historic Planning Committee.

I first met Terry in April of 2002 when she accepted my request to assist with the planning of California's 17th Congressional District's 2002 Naturalization Ceremony. Without her tireless help, we would not have been able to convene so many community leaders in such a short amount of time. That ceremony was a very special day for the participating new citizens, and it is one that many members of San Benito County will remember for a long time to come. It wouldn't have been possible, had it not been for Terry's ambitious fundraising and vision for that day.

Terry will be moving to the Sonora area in the Sierra foothills, and I would like to say that she will be missed by the community of San Juan Bautista, and San Benito County.

Because of her enormous sense of dedicated community service and love for the City of San Juan Bautista, Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Terry Marburger and her valuable contributions to our community.

HONORING FRANK JOHNSON

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Johnson, who has delighted the community of Modesto as a ticket taker for the Modesto A's Baseball Club, Inc. for 31 years. As one of the most well known and popular members of the Modesto A's staff, Mr. Johnson has become an endeared friend to all of the team's fans.

Mr. Johnson began working in Modesto baseball in 1958 when he worked in the concession stand for the Modesto Reds at Del Webb Field. Since that time he witnessed five different minor league professional baseball teams call Modesto home. From the New York Yankees to the Oakland Athletics, Mr. Johnson is a testament not only to baseball, but to the many changes the City of Modesto has experienced.

As a constant face to all of the attendees at the Modesto A's games, Mr. Johnson has become a part of local history. He is a reminder of all of the good things about baseball and youth. It is my honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Johnson's 50 years of commitment to our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GENE OWENS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MOBILE REGISTER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize and salute my friend, Gene Owens, on the occasion of his retirement from "active duty" with the Mobile Register, Alabama's oldest newspaper.

For 9 years, Gene has provided consistent, quality reporting to readers along the Gulf

Coast and throughout Alabama, first as the paper's political editor and in recent years, as the Register's popular metro columnist.

Prior to moving to Alabama, Gene worked at newspapers in other areas of the country, devoting much of that time to reporting jobs in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Upon moving to the Gulf Coast in 1994, Gene became a familiar face to those of us in public service during his stint as the Register's political editor. In so doing, he shared with the people of south Alabama the talents and personal integrity upon which he built his reputation as a journalist.

Elected officials, community representatives and concerned citizens alike could always rely on Gene to provide the best possible coverage of issues facing us in Alabama as well as topics of national interest. From covering local political debates to national party conventions, Gene could always be counted on to give you the complete story on the major issues of the day. While his readers—and those he reported on—did not always agree with him, we could always be assured there would be equal and fair treatment in his columns and stories, a statement which can not always be said about all journalists.

In recent years, Gene moved to cover more local issues, and his columns on more human interest stories won him an entirely new following. His humorous and often folksy manner of sharing local tales, from topics as diverse as an annual Texas State Fire Ant Festival to a discussion on the finer points of the southern "take" on the English language, could always be counted upon to inform, entertain and bring a smile to the faces of all his readers.

His readers, colleagues and fans never hesitated to share their opinions on and about Gene and his pontifications. Of all the comments the paper received during the past 9 years, the one that perhaps best sums up Gene's career and the public's feeling toward him was left on the Register's open comment line, "Sound Off," and was recently reprinted in a tribute column about Gene. Someone called in to say, "I hope God continues to watch over Gene Owens. The world is so in need of the humor and wisdom that he so richly shares with us all."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Gene Owens for his tremendous contributions to both the world of journalism and to his friends and neighbors along Alabama's Gulf Coast. Gene is indeed a genuine Alabama treasure who has freely shared both his wisdom and humor with all of us, and for nearly a decade I have been proud to call him my friend.

Along with his many friends and followers throughout South Alabama, "Pal Joey" wishes to extend to Gene Owens and his lovely wife, "Miss Peggy," all the best in the months and years ahead.

RECOGNIZING REV. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON JR.

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize one of the most inspiring and remarkable leaders in the United States,

Rev. James Morris Lawson Jr. Rev. Lawson Jr. is a minister and a civil rights leader who has worked hard to further the advancement of people of color.

Rev. Lawson was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in 1928. Since early on in his life, he has strongly advocated for nonviolent resistance to achieve political change, a philosophy he developed by studying Ghandian ethics and Methodist theology. A leader in the fight against racism, Rev. Lawson was instrumental in desegregating many of our Nation's societies, especially those in the southern States during the late 1950's and 1960's.

In 1957, Rev. Lawson worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and helped shape the Southern Christian Leadership Council, a national organization that dismantled barriers for black citizens in the segregated south. Rev. Lawson helped organize students in southern universities to perform nonviolent demonstrations to desegregate restaurants and drug stores in Nashville, Tennessee. His actions influenced others in Historically Black Colleges and Universities to protest, eventually helping to end segregation throughout the South.

Admirably, Rev. Lawson's leadership not only helped black citizens achieve political change, but he also aided labor unions, women, gays and lesbians, and recently incarcerated individuals. With all these monumental accomplishments, Rev. Lawson continues to fight for social justice even in his mid-70's.

His accomplishments as a dignitary of civil rights have inspired other civil leaders, like me, to achieve political change. Therefore, I am privileged to recognize him as the perfect example of today's exceptional leader.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER TIMME

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a most remarkable individual from my district. Walter Timme of Pueblo, Colorado honorably served in the Army during World War II, leaving his motorcycle sales business to answer his country's call to duty. Walter's service to our country in its time of need is indicative of his commitment to our nation, which I would like to recognize here today.

Putting his passion for motorcycles on hold, Walt kissed his wife goodbye and shipped off to New Caledonia and Biak in the South Pacific. It was not long after they learned of his mechanical abilities that the Army put Walt to work as an aircraft engine repair technician. Walt's knowledge of engines, acquired from his fondness of motorcycles, provided him with an unparalleled skill for fixing planes. Our country owes Walt a debt of gratitude for his service during WWII.

Walt returned safely from the war and revisited his passion for motorcycles. Aside from his time spent serving the country during WWII, Walt has been selling motorcycles since 1938. Walt's entrepreneurial spirit and business savvy have provided his community with jobs and services for over six decades.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to stand before this body of Congress today and recognize the loyal service of Walt Timme to our nation.

Walt's wealth of knowledge regarding mechanics served as a tremendous resource to the Army in a time of need. Thank you Walt, and best of luck with your future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
GEORGE "GUS" WRIGHT AS HE
CELEBRATES HIS 80TH BIRTH-
DAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, George Wright was born in Flemington, West Virginia on September 7, 1923; and

Whereas, George Wright, a resident of Bel-
laire, Ohio is celebrating his 80th birthday
today; and

Whereas, George Wright has long been a
dedicated family man, being understanding
and caring. His personal sacrifices of time and
energy to family, friends and country stand as
a monument to a truly fine individual. For his
service to our Nation in the United States
Navy, we owe Mr. Wright a debt of gratitude.

Therefore, I join with the family and friends,
as well as the residents of the entire 18th
Congressional District of Ohio, in honoring
George "Gus" Wright as he celebrates his
80th birthday.

A TRIBUTE TO SCOTT UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
honor Scott United Methodist Church in Pasa-
dena, CA. On Saturday, September 20th,
Scott United Methodist Church will celebrate
100 years of dedicated service to the commu-
nity.

In its century of existence, the location of
Scott United Methodist Church, named for
Bishop Isaiah Benjamin Scott, has changed on
numerous occasions, but the benevolent spirit
of the church has remained a consistent pres-
ence in the community. After its first humble
meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.W.
Harris in 1903, the church assembled in a se-
ries of buildings for short periods until 1930
when the congregation settled into the church
building at 55 Mary Street for the next 43
years. Scott United Methodist Church then
held services at First United Methodist Church
on Colorado Boulevard for 2 years before ar-
riving at the current site on Orange Grove
Boulevard.

Despite the many moves in its history, Scott
United Methodist Church, acting on its motto,
"the church at the heart of the community with
the community at heart," continually dedicated
itself in service to the people of Pasadena.
That commitment remains to this day. The As-
pires West-Pasadena Program supports at-risk
youth in the Pasadena area, and the "Clothe
the Pasadena Unified School District School
Children" project provides school wardrobes
for children from low-income families. Scott

United Methodist Church also provides assist-
ance to the needy with its rent relief and holi-
day food programs.

I consider it a great privilege to recognize
Scott United Methodist Church for its 100
years of service to the people of the San Ga-
briel Valley. I ask all Members to join me in
wishing Scott United Methodist Church many
more fruitful years of service to the commu-
nity.

TRIBUTE TO LEONE "LEE"
CHAMBERLIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
honor Leone "Lee" Chamberlin who passed
away on Thursday, July 3, 2003. During her
lifetime Mrs. Chamberlin was an active com-
munity member, dedicated to serving others
by leading such organizations as the Girl
Scouts of America, Soroptimists International
and the Salvation Army. She will be dearly
missed by her family of four nieces Patricia
Minor, Carole Sobel, Mary Menke and Barbara
Elgen; and two nephews Rocky Phillips and
Ron Elgen; as well as countless friends.

Leone Chamberlin was born in Fargo, ND
and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical
engineering from the University of Minnesota.
She headed the Siems Drake Mechanical En-
gineering Department at Puget Sound in Se-
attle, and became at the time one of just 10
women members of the American Association
of Mechanical engineers. Her community serv-
ice began when she moved to Whidbey Island
Naval Air Station in Oak Harbor with her hus-
band Walter Chamberlin. There she counseled
teenage girls and organized the Girl Scout
Council of Whidbey Island.

She later moved to Fairbanks, AK where
she worked as the chief of preliminary engi-
neering and drafting departments for the Army
Corps of Engineers. While in Alaska she also
served as the president for the Farthest North
Girl Scout Council and began her work with
Soroptimists International. After her husband's
death Mrs. Chamberlin moved to Seattle and
became the financial adviser on the national
staff of the Girl Scouts of America. When she
moved to Monterey County she furthered her
work with the Girl Scouts by organizing the
Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey County
Girl Scout Councils into the single Girl Scouts
of Monterey Bay Council, serving as executive
director for several years.

Leone Chamberlin remained active after her
retirement, serving as the executive director of
the Carmel Business Association, the presi-
dent of the Monterey Peninsula Soroptimists
Club, and board member and president of the
Salvation Army. As an ever involved member
of the local community she served as a mem-
ber of the board for numerous committees
such as Monterey County Economic Develop-
ment Committee Monterey County Symphony,
Monterey History and Art Association, Carmel
Women's Republican Club, Monterey County
Council of Chambers of Commerce and Re-
gional Advisory Council for the Salvation
Army.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to add my appreciation
and recognition of Leone Chamberlin's whose

countless achievements have been recognized
by numerous awards such as the Congres-
sional Recognition award from Leon Panetta,
the Soroptimists' Women of Distinction award,
and several Thanks Badges from the Girl
Scouts. I join Leone Chamberlin's countless
friends and family in honoring her truly com-
mendable life and achievements.

HONORING GREGORY HINES

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay
tribute to Gregory Hines, whose limitless
grace, style and talent brought international at-
tention to the art of tap dancing.

Gregory Hines set a high standard of excel-
lence and dedication in the realm of entertain-
ment, whether it was singing, dancing, acting,
directing, or creating new choreography. He
starred in many tap dancing movies and also
created, produced and supported many pro-
ductions, such as Tap City with Tony Waag
and Hoagy Bix Carmicheal. Through his art
form, he mentored young talent, and today,
tap dance is performed in festivals in as many
as 40 nations and has been adapted to di-
verse cultural rhythms throughout the world.

Mr. Hines not only contributed greatly to the
arts, but his dedication to the community has
been truly selfless. As a board member of
several non-profit organizations, including the
American Tap Dance Foundation, Mr. Hines
was the tap dance community's chief ambas-
sador, dedicated to the preservation and per-
petuation of history, education, and presen-
tation of tap dance. Regardless of the numer-
ous credits to his name, Mr. Hines would al-
ways say he considered himself first and fore-
most a tap dancer.

Gregory Hines will be truly missed as a role
model who has taught us how to join together
and celebrate the diversity that makes our na-
tion great. His dedication to the community
transcended the stage and productions and
will be a model for future generations.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
CHIEF MICHAEL MAGUSCHAK

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Chief Michael Maguschak has
dedicated his life to serving and protecting the
residents of Mingo Junction; and

Whereas, on a daily basis Chief Maguschak
has upheld his oath with an honor and convic-
tion far above the call of duty; and

Whereas, Chief Maguschak has dem-
onstrated a commitment to meet challenges
with dedication, confidence and outstanding
service; and

Whereas, Chief Maguschak should be con-
gratulated on his retirement after 29 years in
the police force;

Therefore, I join with the residents of Mingo
Junction in congratulating Chief Michael
Maguschak on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO NANETTE LEBORGNE
AND BRENDA RICE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize and honor two remarkable women from my district. Nanette LeBorgne of Rifle, Colorado and Brenda Rice of Parachute have defied the odds and prevailed in the fight against cancer. Today, they fight a new battle, helping raise money for cancer research and assisting other cancer victims with their recovery efforts. I am honored to recognize these two brave women who now devote their lives to helping others conquer this deadly disease.

Nanette and Brenda have developed a close relationship, not only with each other, but also with other cancer survivors in their community. Both women understand the array of emotions one undergoes when first being diagnosed with the disease. They can also relate to the triumphant feeling of victory upon overcoming their struggles.

Brenda volunteers her time to share advice with other cancer sufferers on how she was able to cope with the disease, in addition to simply providing them with someone to talk to and identify with their ordeal. Nanette is a Team Captain for the Relay for Life in Rifle, a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. This year her team will donate over \$1000 to the organization.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Nanette LeBorgne and Brenda Rice for their courage and contributions to cancer research. Their spirit of community service and altruistic dedication to the welfare of other cancer victims is truly commendable. Their stories of recovery and survival are an inspiration to us all.

A TRIBUTE TO ERNESTINE L.
MOORE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. I rise today to honor an outstanding citizen of California's 29th Congressional District: Ms. Ernestine L. Moore. Though Ms. Moore has served Pasadena City College for 32 years, she has been a positive force in the community for much longer.

Before coming home to Pasadena, Ms. Moore studied and worked across the nation. She began her academic journey at Virginia State University where she obtained both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Psychology. She later completed graduate work at the University of Santa Clara, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and the University of California Los Angeles. Ms. Moore began her career as a Psychologist in Norfolk, working for the Virginia City school system. From there she traveled westward to San Jose City College where she worked as a counselor, then moved on to take the title of Supervisor of Counseling for the Los Angeles Urban League's MDTA/OJT program.

Ms. Moore first came to Pasadena City College in 1971 as a counselor. She was pro-

moted to dean of counseling in 1977, became the dean of Student Services in 1984, and reached her current position as Vice President of Student Learning and Services in 1997.

Ernestine showed her commitment to her students and her community when she helped to initiate the African-American High School Day. She has chaired committees that worked to diversify Pasadena City College's student body through recruiting and working to retain the minority groups on campus. Currently, she serves as President Elect of the California Community Colleges Chief Student Service Officers Association.

Ms. Moore continues to add to the list of her services to the community. She serves as the chairperson of the City of Pasadena's Human Services Commission and as President of the Board of the Urban Revitalization Development Corporation. She is an appointee to the City of Pasadena's Utility Advisory Commission, was on the Board of Directors of Women at Work and is a member of ZONTA. She is also Treasurer of the Gamma Lambda Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Incorporated, which is an organization of African-American women in education.

Ernestine has been awarded the Young Women Christian Association's Second Century Award, was honored as Woman of the Year by Pasadena City College, and was also the recipient of the Sojourner Truth Award from First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

I ask all of the members to join me in congratulating Ms. Moore for the tireless work she has done for the community and join me in wishing her prosperity and happiness in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS SCOTT
LINDSAY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Scott Lindsay, who passed away at his home on July 19, 2003. A long-time activist and advocate, Tom committed his life to helping others and raising awareness about HIV/AIDS. Tom Lindsay was a native of Fort Wayne, IN and is survived by brothers Robert Lindsay, Jr. and John Lindsay both of Fort Wayne; and sisters Linda Holt of Oakland and Laura Smart of Pleasant Lake, IN.

Tom came to Santa Cruz in February of this year to work as Executive Director for the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Although, his time with this organization was limited, his commitment and passion to its cause touched many lives. Tom's leadership, wisdom and vision greatly impacted the AIDS Project; and his compassion, generosity and humility affected everyone around him.

Over the 18 years the AIDS Project has provided support to those in the community of Santa Cruz affected by HIV/AIDS. As an organization, the AIDS Project has exemplified the compassionate spirit of its past leader. Tom's dedication to this community has had an invaluable impact by helping many in dealing with the AIDS epidemic.

Before coming to the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, Tom lived in Sonoma and served as

the Executive Director of Face to Face, Sonoma County's AIDS Service Organization. Tom recently served as the Community Co-Chair of the HIV Services Consortium of Sonoma County.

Tom's admirable service, strong character, and exemplary dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and everyone whose lives he touched. It is an honor to recognize the life and achievements of Thomas Scott Lindsay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 4, 2003, I was unavoidably delayed and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, and 468. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on No. 463, "yea" on No. 464, "yea" on No. 465, "nay" on No. 466, "nay" on No. 467, and "nay" on No. 468.

TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
PROFESSOR EMERITUS G.
BAILEY PRICE

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Professor Emeritus G. Bailey Price of the University of Kansas.

The recent dedication of the Robert J. Dole Center for Public Policy at the University of Kansas has renewed attention upon the millions of Americans who made possible this nation's victory during World War II. One of many Americans who were essential to that war effort, G. Bailey Price, is now 98 years old, residing in Lawrence, Kansas.

Professor Price, a mathematics scholar and instructor at the University of Kansas, was called upon in 1943 to serve our nation as a civilian attached to the U.S. Army's Eighth Air Force Operational Research Section in High Wycombe, England. Professor Price served with them until 1945. It was through the work of statisticians like Professor Price that the Army Air Force was able to apply scientific algorithms to help bomber pilots improve their accuracy and to help impede the assault over England by German V-1 and V-2 bombers. The work of this group was documented in the report, "Air Force Operations Analysis Section"; Professor Price authored the section of the report entitled, "Gremlin Hunting in the Eighth Air Force European Theater of Operations, 1943-45".

After World War II, Professor Price remained with the University of Kansas, helping to build one of the most outstanding mathematics departments of any American university. He was named "Mathematician of the Year" by the National Academy of Sciences on more than one occasion. I welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to a valuable and important American; we share the pride of all Kansans in his outstanding achievements and

include in the RECORD a recent article from the Lawrence Journal-World detailing his essential contributions to our war effort.

[From the Lawrence Journal-World, Sept. 33, 2002]

WORLD WAR II TOOK MATHEMATICIAN FROM
CHALKBOARD TO DRAWING BOARD

(By Dave Ranney)

World War II was—among other things—a math problem.

And Lawrence resident G. Baley Rice helped solve it.

Today, Price is leaving for England to help dedicate a museum that pays tribute to U.S. airpower in World War II and to the men and women who made it effective.

A Harvard-educated mathematician, Price had been teaching at Kansas University about five years when he got the call in 1943 from then-Chancellor Deane Malott.

"The war was on, but I had a deferment—I was teaching men in uniform," Price recalled.

But Malott told Price the U.S. Army Air Corps was putting together special problem-solving units of mathematicians, physicists, engineers and architects. Price, then 38, was a prime candidate.

"They wanted me to go to the South Pacific," he said. "And then as soon as everything was formalized and I'd said I'd go, they said, 'Fine, we're sending you to England.'"

Price spent the next two years—from 1943 to 1945—in England, helping bomber pilots improve their accuracy. Or, as he explained: "It didn't do much good to drop a bomb on a cabbage field."

SOLE SURVIVOR?

Now, Price is 97 years old. He's fairly certain he's the sole surviving member of the U.S. Army Eighth Air Force Operational Research Section.

It's both a distinction and an obligation, he said.

"I feel I should do what I can do to honor those who lost their lives," Price said.

He's leaving today for Washington, D.C., where he'll join his son, Griffith B. Price, and grandson, Andrew Price, on a flight to England. There, he'll attend dedication ceremonies at the American Air Museum near Cambridge.

Former President George Bush is scheduled to address the gathering. More than 4,000 U.S. veterans and family members are expected to attend.

"Last week, this nation was up in arms—rightfully so—over the events of Sept. 11 in which almost 3,000 people were killed. It was a great tragedy, and I will take nothing away from that," Price said recently. "But 30,000 members of the Eighth Air Force lost their lives during the war. That, too, was a tragedy."

Price said he's not worried about today's flight.

"At my age, I feel like I have to go."

The 70,000-square-foot museum features an extensive collection of World War II aircraft including a B-52 Stratofortress, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-29 Superfortress and a P-51 Mustang.

HIS CONTRIBUTION

Price prefers not to dwell on his contribution to the war effort.

For starters, he filed a report with the Air Force back in 1943. And it doesn't seem right to call attention to a civilian mathematician's tasks while others lost their lives.

But when pressed, price said he helped figure out plane formations and drop procedures that improved bombing accuracy.

"We found that smaller, tighter (formations) and dropping (bombs) simultaneously improved accuracy," he said.

Ted Wilson, a KU history professor who has studied World War II, said Price underestimated the section's contribution.

"They played a very important role," he said, noting that efforts to improve bombing accuracy played a key role in the military's efforts to cripple the German economy by bombing key factories.

After the war, Price returned to KU, where he later served as chairman of the mathematics department for 19 years. He retired in 1975.

Price and his wife, Cora Lee Beers Price, a longtime assistant professor of classic literature at KU, have six children. She is 93.

Earlier this year, the Prices donated a collection of their papers, books and photographs to the Kenneth Spencer Research Library at KU.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN
WALKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero. John Walker of Pagosa Springs, Colorado is a World War II veteran and a survivor of the Bataan Death March. John recently received the Purple Heart and the Prisoner of War Medal. I am pleased to share his story here today.

John, like so many of his generation, heeded the call of his country and fought for the United States during World War II. He was captured by the Japanese and survived the brutality of the Bataan Death March and three and a half years in prison camps, including Camp O'Donnell. John has a strong will to survive and made it through the terrifying ordeal to return home safely.

John could have easily become consumed by hatred over the way he and his fellow servicemen were treated, but rather John triumphed over that hatred and learned to forgive his former captors. John has even gone to Japan four times to help build churches there.

Mr. Speaker, on August 26th, John Walker was awarded the Purple Heart and the Prisoner of War Medal. These awards are certainly well deserved, and I join with my colleagues in saluting him. John, your bravery and dedication are an inspiration. Thank you, and congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM
ANTHONY CARNAZZO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. William Anthony Carnazzo who passed away on June 19, 2003 after having led a long life of dedicated service to his community. During his lifetime, Dr. Carnazzo not

only served his country in the U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division for three years during World War II, where he earned a Bronze Star for his bravery, but also provided the County of Monterey with the invaluable commitment and service of a talented physician. Most importantly, however, he was a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, Gerald Carnazzo of Coral de Tierra and William Carnazzo, Jr. of New Castle; two daughters, Gigi Knudtson and Carol Brown, both of Granite Bay; and two stepsons, Chip Worthington of Rohnert Park and Greg Worthington of Zion, Utah. Sadly, Dr. Bill's first wife, Carmel Carnazzo, passed away in 1974 after decades of love and friendship together. However, on a cruise ship the following year, Dr. Bill met and later married Betty, with whom he spent the rest of his life, becoming one of the few lucky people to find their true love twice in one lifetime!

"Doctor Bill," as his many friends knew him, lived in Monterey for 64 years. He was born in Carlentini, Sicily on May 23, 1915. Soon after his birth, his mother, Josephine Carnazzo, brought him to Omaha, Nebraska to join his father, Salvatore Carnazzo. Bill attended elementary and high school in Omaha and excelled in both academics and sports, particularly wrestling and football. In 1931, Dr. Bill entered Creighton University's premedical program and subsequently graduated with honors. He then entered the Creighton University School of Medicine, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1938.

On June 12, 1939, he and Carmel Ann Circo were married in Omaha. While on their honeymoon in Monterey, they were convinced by friends in the area that it would be a great place to start a practice and family. After seeing the beautiful landscape of Monterey, they agreed and later that same year they relocated to Monterey. In 1972, Dr. Bill's son, Dr. Jerry Carnazzo, joined the family practice. After 55 years of medicine, Dr. Bill retired in 1990. Oddly enough, his practice began and ended with the same patient and friend Ted Melicia, but such long-term care and attention was his calling card.

Dr. Bill's life was one of great service and commitment. He spent seven years on the board of what was then Monterey Unified School District. In 1946, he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the middle of a heated controversy regarding building a community college in Monterey. Two years later, Dr. Bill cast the deciding vote that resulted in the creation of Monterey Peninsula College, which has become a landmark educational institution for the residents of Monterey and the surrounding area. His work will continue on as he left a permanent mark in many facets of life for the Monterey Peninsula, especially education.

Dr. Bill's gentle, kind, humble and generous spirit touched both young and old in his private life and professional medical life. He was known and well respected for his selflessness and his ability to instill others with optimism and confidence. Dr. Bill's service is admirable and his character and dedication have made lasting impacts on our community and the people with whom he worked. It is an honor for me to pay tribute to the rich life and work of Dr. William Carnazzo.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,
AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Cooper-DeLauro-Kilpatrick amendment to H.R. 2989. This amendment would transfer \$75 million from the Internal Revenue Service's EITC enforcement initiative. The money would instead be used to audit large and medium-sized corporations.

In former IRS Commissioner Rossotti's end-of-term report, the IRS lacks the resources to address 28% of the mid and large corporation workload that should be accomplished each year. This lack of enforcement translates into the government losing \$6.5 billion in direct tax revenues on an annual basis, according to the GAO.

The \$75 million provided under the Cooper-DeLauro-Kilpatrick amendment would give the IRS just over half of the \$180 million that the IRS needs to conduct nearly 7,000 more mid and large corporations audits.

Given that the IRS lacks adequate resources to perform audits and investigations, I cannot understand why the IRS has recently launched a new program to overhaul the EITC program.

As you know, the EITC is the government's primary assistance program for low-income working families. Last year, about 19 million taxpayers claimed more than \$32 billion in EITC benefits. This money can be the determining factor for whether a low-income worker's family will live above the poverty line. This is a vulnerable population.

Mr. Chairman, I can tell you that many of my constituents who are eligible for the EITC are already deterred from claiming the credit because of existing filing requirements. I fear that forcing them to submit a new form will only increase the likelihood that eligible low-income parents will be further dissuaded from claiming the credit.

That would be a terrible shame.

Mr. Chairman, as I said before, given the IRS' limited resources, I cannot, for the life of me, understand the rationale behind spending \$75 million on overhauling EITC procedures especially since EITC overclaims account for less than 3 percent of the estimated total taxes that go uncollected. Why hasn't the IRS made a similar commitment to capturing the \$40 billion that the GAO says that businesses underreport on an annual basis?

Finally, Mr. Chairman, as a matter of fairness, the IRS should not require low-income Americans to meet a higher standard than every other taxpayer, while at the same time they fail to crack down on fraud in business and higher income taxpayers.

I call on my colleagues to join me in support of the Cooper-DeLauro-Kilpatrick amendment.

HONORING DR. LOUISE R.
D'OLIVEIRA

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doctor Louise R. D'Oliveira, a talented and caring constituent of mine who recently passed away.

Dr. D'Oliveira, a native of Louisiana who came to the United States from South Africa in 1980, was an ordained Methodist minister and devoted her life to helping those less fortunate than herself. She directed the Women's Christian Center in Tampa and was an advisory board member of Everybody's Tabernacle-Homeless Emergency Project in Clearwater. This organization helps hungry and homeless individuals who have nowhere else to turn in their greatest times of need.

Louise also was considered one of the world's foremost adult literacy experts. She chaired the African Division of Laubach Literacy and also founded and directed Operation Upgrade South Africa, programs which helped untold numbers of adults worldwide learn to read. She also authored several books about Africa and her native Louisiana. In addition, she was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Speaker, the world lost a wonderful woman and dedicated advocate for learning when Louise D'Oliveira's earthly life ended. However, I am certain that, wherever she is today, she is sharing her wisdom and knowledge with whomever she encounters.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND EUGENE
FENTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen and a devoted spiritual leader. Reverend Eugene Fenton of La Junta, Colorado has served as a minister for twenty-five years. Before joining the ministry, Eugene worked for twenty-five years as a plant manager and industrial engineer. His devotion, hard work, and humility inspire those around him, and his dedication to his career shows a spirit of loyalty all too rare in today's society. I rise to honor his service here today.

Eugene is the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in La Junta. He has served all across this country as a pastor, teacher, coach, and counselor. He came to La Junta after trying to retire and finding that he still wanted to work. His parishioners refer to him as a "God send" whose tireless work has strengthened and uplifted their church.

Eugene's remarkable loyalty is shown not only by the twenty-five years he has devoted to the ministry, but also by the twenty-five years he devoted to his career as a plant manager and industrial engineer before he took up his pastoral studies. Eugene leads by example and often draws on his experiences to better relate to his parishioners.

Mr. Speaker, Eugene Fenton is the kind of devoted leader our community looks to for

guidance and inspiration. He has devoted twenty-five years to his chosen career guiding his parishioners. I am honored to join with his colleagues today to thank him for his tireless work and to wish him the best of luck as he continues to serve the community that he loves so much.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall votes 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, and 468. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 463. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 464. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 465. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 466, 467, and 468.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MYSAZAK

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Myszak, a teacher of 39 years, who passed away Tuesday, July 8th of cancer at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. During his lifetime Mr. Myszak was an outstanding member of the local community. He will be sorely missed by his wife of twenty years, Martha Myszak; two daughters Stephanie Hulse and Donna Wenger; three stepdaughters, Vauncia Parker, Valeria Alexander and Marsheila DeVan; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. John Myszak was born on October 6th, 1934 in Flint, Michigan. He earned a bachelor's degree from California State University at Hayward and a master's degree in education from San Jose State University. He served in the United States Marine Corps and taught in the Pacific Grove Unified School District for twenty-one years, in addition to working part time as an instructor at Monterey Peninsula College.

During his twenty-eight years living in Seaside, he served as a member of the California Teacher's Association, the National Teacher's Association and the CSU-Monterey Bay Teacher Education Committee. As well as being involved with local education issues, Mr. Myszak was a member of St. John's Episcopal Chapel, John Paul II Foundation of Monterey, Friendship Circle and the Parade of Nations. In his free time he enjoyed his work as a docent for the Monterey History and Arts Association, gardening, writing and ballroom dancing.

Mr. Speaker, today I wish to join the local community and Mr. John Myszak's family and friends in honoring the life of such a commendable teacher, father and citizen.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DURAND UNION STATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Durand Union Station as October 4, 2003 will mark its historic birthday. In the last century, Durand Union Station has survived fire, neglect, dilapidation, and even the wrecking ball. Over the years, the proud citizens of my district have banded together to restore and preserve this local treasure.

In 1903, construction began on Durand Union Station, at a cost of \$60,000 the rail depot was an architectural marvel. The Chateau Romanesque style depot was constructed of Missouri granite brick with an interior of oak woodwork and wainscoting of Tennessee marble. However, just eighteen months after its construction, fire tore through the boiler room of the station in April of 1905. Firefighters had the blaze contained until the Eastbound train forced the firefighters to pull their hoses back across the tracks and allow the train to pass. The fire of 1905 destroyed nearly all of Durand Union Station.

After being rebuilt, Durand Union Station served the people of Michigan until 1974. Unfortunately, the struggling railroad industry forced Grand Trunk Western Railroad to completely abandon the building in 1974. Consequently, Durand Union Station was stripped, gutted, vandalized and ready for demolition. But, state and local officials along with the citizens of Durand determined to restore the building were able to save Durand Union Station at the demolition zero hour.

Today, Durand Union Station has been preserved and restored by Durand Union Station, Inc., a nonprofit corporation founded to manage the historic building. The Michigan Legislature has designated Durand Union Station as the natural site for the Michigan Railroad History Museum and Information Center. Under the leadership of Durand Union Station Inc., the station is slated to undergo nearly \$4 million in improvements and expansion.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the one hundredth birthday of Durand Union Station. Over the past one hundred years, the station has become a monument to the American spirit. The people of Durand, Michigan have overcome numerous setbacks in their quest to preserve this wonderful Michigan landmark.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, September 4, I was unable to cast my vote on two recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 474—"yes," and rollcall vote No. 475—"yes."

REMEMBERING SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on August 19, 2003, Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, lost a trusted envoy and the world lost a skilled peacemaker. Sergio Vieira de Mello was killed in the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad. Among his dying words was a plea that the United Nations mission there go on.

Sergio Vieira de Mello was a native of Brazil but a citizen of the world. From Bangladesh to Sudan to Cyprus, from Mozambique to Lebanon to Bosnia and Kosovo, to East Timor, and finally to Iraq, Mr. de Mello's resume reads like an atlas of some of the world's most troubled and dangerous places. It is also a list of accomplishment and achievement.

As the Secretary-General's special envoy to Iraq, on leave from his position as U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. de Mello saw his role as helping to return the governing of Iraq to the hands of its people.

At his funeral, Secretary-General Annan bade Mr. de Mello a fitting tribute as he said goodbye: "Sergio, my friend, you have entered the pantheon of fallen heroes that the United Nations wishes it did not have. You will shine forever among our brightest stars. May you rest in peace."

TRIBUTE TO RAY MACHT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today to recognize the life and passing of one of my district's most prominent and accomplished ranchers. Ray Macht was a lifelong community leader in Archuleta County and is credited with founding the Archuleta County Fair. In addition to having a wealth of agricultural knowledge, Ray's reputation preceded him throughout the county as a kind and honest man. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ray for the contributions that he made to the State of Colorado.

Ray's ancestors have lived in the Pagosa Springs area since 1883, when his grandmother first brought the family across the Continental Divide. Ray stayed close to his family after graduating from Pagosa Springs High School and subsequently attending Fort Lewis College, where he met his future wife, Genelle. The two were married in 1933. Ray and Genelle maintained their involvement in the Archuleta County community by serving as 4-H leaders for 25 years, as well as serving on numerous local boards and organizations. 4-H awarded Ray their "Western Heritage" honor in 1999 in recognition of his expertise and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize the lifelong contributions that Ray Macht made to my district. Ray will be remembered for his devotion to his community, a legacy

that will live on through the Archuleta County Fair. While he will be dearly missed, we can all take solace in the knowledge that Ray's spirit lives on through those whom he has touched.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VINCENT A. BRUNI

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before the House of Representatives today to honor the life of Vincent A. Bruni. As a prominent figure within the Rochester community, Mr. Bruni shared his vision and his love for music with others for over fifty years.

Mr. Bruni, more commonly known as "Mr. B," raised the drum and bugle corps movement in North America to new and exciting levels. The Bruni name is synonymous with modern-day drum corps, in part because Mr. Bruni dedicated his life to entertaining people all over the country and all over the globe.

Always one to give back to the community, Mr. Bruni led his national and world champion Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps in local parades, winter and spring concerts, and in efforts to support high school bands and other groups throughout Western New York. As a result of the heart and soul he demonstrated and instilled in others, the Empire Statesmen became the only corps in history to win the Triple Crown: the American Legion, Drum Corps Associates, and World Show Band championship titles all in one year.

For decades, Mr. Bruni represented the City of Rochester, New York proudly with his unfaltering commitment to teaching children and adults of all ages. His lessons were not simply about music, but about what it means to work hard as a team, have pride in what you do, and how to stand tall in the face of great adversity. Musicians, performers and fans of drum corps all around the world know "Mr. B" as a man of integrity, someone that others will continue to strive to be like even now that he is gone.

Vince Bruni will be remembered as a true patriot—someone who loved serving his country as a veteran of the United States Navy, as a schoolteacher, but most importantly as an entertainer. Mr. Bruni has done Rochester and America proud, and while he will be sorely missed, he will forever be remembered by the countless people whose lives he touched over his long and distinguished career.

HONORING DONNA AND GIOVANNI SCALA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize two extraordinary humanitarians from my congressional district whose philanthropic efforts will ensure that hundreds of individuals and families in our Napa Valley will not go to bed hungry tonight.

On September 6th, our community will be celebrating the 10th Annual Hands Across the

Valley benefit to raise critical funds for local safety net food programs. This extremely successful event which has meant the difference between food and hunger for many Napa County residents would not exist if it were not for the vision and hard work of Donna and Giovanni Scala. What began in their kitchen at their world-renowned restaurant Bistro Don Giovanni ten years ago has blossomed into a national role model that has raised over \$1.3 million for our community's most vulnerable members.

Donna and Giovanni have made countless contributions toward improving the community they are so much a part of and love. It seems that every time there is a need, they are there with a donation. None, however, have been as significant and far-reaching than their efforts regarding this annual event.

Mr. Speaker, I was honored to take part in the first Hands Across the Valley event in 1994 when we tossed pizzas in the Scala's kitchen for 500 guests and raised \$30,000. Thanks in large part to Donna and Giovanni's continued support, this year's event is expected to be bigger and more successful than ever before, with nearly 2,000 guests and volunteers working together to raise more than \$200,000 to ensure none of our neighbors are without food.

Donna and Giovanni Scala put their heart and soul into this event because they understand its importance. They know that not everyone has shared in our nation's prosperity. They understand that nearly half of those seeking assistance from Napa's food pantries and soup kitchens are children and that nearly one out of every three families seeking help does not have an oven or a refrigerator.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is fitting and appropriate to honor the commitment and integrity that Donna and Giovanni Scala have given our community for so many years. We are all better off because of their efforts.

AGAINST A CONGRESSIONAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to a cost-of-living increase for Members of Congress. Across our country, the struggling economy is hurting businesses and leaving many without jobs. Latest projections show the national debt climbing to an unprecedented level. We should set an example by voting against this pay increase. Fiscal discipline must start with Congress.

In addition, by not allowing a regular yes-or-no vote on this provision, we simply add to the impression that too many people have about Congress. If Congress is to vote itself a raise in pay, it should be done in full view of the American public, not through a quiet procedural motion.

This process needs to be reformed. Members of Congress should not be able to receive an automatic cost-of-living increase. Each of us should be on the record with the citizens of our districts whether we believe an increase to our own salaries is justified.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to voice my opposition to an increase in Member's of Congress salaries. During these difficult economic times at all levels of government and with increasing federal deficits, I believe we should not be raising our own salaries.

Yesterday the House considered the Rule for the Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2004. While this bill does not include any provision related to an increase in pay for Members of Congress (the Member COLA is automatic each year under existing law), by tradition when Congress has blocked the Member COLA, the blocking provision has been included in this bill.

Because blocking the Member COLA would constitute a change in existing law, an amendment to block the COLA would be subject to a point of order on the floor, and therefore not allowed. Since the Rule does not permit a waiver from the point of order for such an amendment, the House in recent years has taken a vote on the previous question on the Rule. Yesterday I voted "no" on the previous question in an attempt to defeat the measure so that an amendment to the Rule to block the Member cost-of-living allowance could receive an up or down vote.

Unfortunately, the measure passed and the rule was not therefore amendable. In light of various factors, most importantly a 4.1 percent pay raise for our civilian workforce and to remove Ghost Fleet ships in my District, I am left with no recourse except to vote for the final passage of the Transportation/Treasury Appropriations Act. If I had the opportunity to vote directly to eliminate this year's cost of living adjustments for Members, I would most certainly do so.

TRIBUTE TO MR. P. GREY CANE, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a good man, a proud American and a fine member of the South Alabama community, Mr. P. Grey Cane, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, August 9th, at his home in Fairhope, Alabama.

A solid businessman and a true community leader, Grey Cane was loved by his family and friends and respected by his peers.

Grey was known for his generosity, not only for those he knew well but also for those

whom he had never met. Throughout his life, Mr. Cane worked for the preservation of Alabama's treasured waterways which have for many years provided immense enjoyment to tens of thousands of residents and tourists. His love of the outdoors and his passion for preserving our waterways will never be forgotten.

As a young man, Grey founded KEMKO, Inc., a company providing construction, building, and roofing materials. His employees felt a strong loyalty to Mr. Cane and often spoke highly of his giving nature and attentiveness to their needs.

Mr. Cane also had a strong and independent spirit which made him both a tough negotiator and successful businessman. However, Grey Cane never allowed his many successes to be used simply for his own good.

At times, he used the KEMKO warehouses as depositories for extra building supplies and allowed those in need to take what was considered necessary from storage. In addition to his generosity, Grey Cane had a way that made everyone who came in contact with him feel special, a rare quality in today's times.

A sportsman at heart, Mr. Cane devoted tremendous amounts of time and energy to the establishment of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Alabama and, subsequently, the Eastern Shore chapter of the same organization. Those close to him note the zeal he had for the cause of environmental protection and the tenacity with which he fought for this worthy cause. Grey Cane realized the importance of preserving our natural habitats and continued fighting for this cause throughout his entire life. In recognition of his charitable gifts and his lifelong dedication to the cause of environmental conservation, the CCA recently honored Mr. Cane by renaming a thriving coastal reef in his honor.

Through his charitable contributions to society, his strong dedication to protecting and preserving Alabama's waterways, fisheries and natural resources, and his generosity to his friends, family, and coworkers, Mr. Cane leaves a lasting and memorable mark on all of Alabama's Gulf Coast region. I am proud to have called him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, P. Grey Cane, Jr., is survived by his wonderful wife of almost 50 years, Katchie, a son, Peter Grey Cane, III, a daughter, Laura Cane Armstrong, two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, one sister, an aunt and nieces, nephews and other relatives. May his family know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of many who loved and appreciated Grey Cane as they did.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVE HOART

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to honor the career of a great man from my district. After twenty years of service, Dave Hoart, of Texas Creek, Colorado, is retiring from his post at the Division of Wildlife. Dave's invaluable contributions to the community will be missed, and I stand before you here today to honor his service.

Dave began his position as the Custer County District Wildlife Manager in 1983. Selflessly, Dave attributes all of his success over

the years to the community and not to his own actions. He has seen a great deal of change in the region during his term, serving as the person residents call when they have a question about any new developments in wildlife patterns. During Dave's tenure, the area has been transformed from a primarily small agricultural community to a larger, less-rural community.

Mr. Speaker, it is people like Dave, and their willingness to dedicate so much of their lives to the betterment of the nation, that make America so great. His excellent rapport with the community and his expertise will be extremely difficult to replace. I wish him the best with all of his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 2003

HON. TOM OSBORNE

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the "Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003" to reauthorize the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program.

The CSBG is an anti-poverty block grant that funds a state-administered network of over 1,100 public and private community action agencies delivering social services to low-income Americans. The CSBG Act was established in 1981 in response to President Reagan's proposal to consolidate the Community Services Administration and 11 other anti-poverty programs.

Block grant funds may be used for a wide-range of anti-poverty activities to help families and individuals achieve self-sufficiency. Such activities may include providing assistance in finding and retaining employment, obtaining adequate housing, and providing emergency food services. The CSBG also includes funding for certain discretionary activities, including community economic development, rural community facilities improvement, the community food and nutrition assistance, and the national youth sports program. The CSBG program is an essential tool in meeting the unique needs of each area and serves as a conduit for community services.

The bill I am introducing today would build upon improvements made to the program during the last reauthorization. It would promote increased quality by requiring states to reevaluate whether the lowest performing grantees should continue to receive funding. It modifies the current grandfather provisions that are tied to the definition of eligibility that guarantee funding for current grantees to a provision giving all current grantees a priority for continued funding based on their ability to meet grantee determined goals.

This bill promotes increased accountability by ensuring that states are monitoring local grantees to ensure services are being provided in the most efficient manner and that services are reaching those with the greatest need. The bill also requires the development of local grantee determined goals that each local grantee is responsible for meeting.

The bill further encourages initiatives to improve economic conditions and mobilization of

new resources in rural areas to help eliminate obstacles to the self sufficiency of families and individuals in rural communities, and expands opportunities for providing youth mentoring services to encourage education, life skills training, and youth crime prevention.

Finally, the bill continues the CSBG grants and discretionary programs at current authorization levels and extends them through FY 2009.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to back this important legislation that supports improved services for low-income individuals and families.

TRIBUTE TO JACK POLLARD—A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an outstanding individual who has served this House for as long as I have—more than 26 years. Jack Pollard, who has worked on my personal staff and as a staff member on the House Armed Services Committee staff, recently retired from Federal service to pursue new opportunities in the private sector.

It's fair to say that I have known Jack for his entire life. Jack was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and grew up in Lexington, Missouri, which is also my hometown. Our fathers were great friends from way back, so the Pollard family has always been a part of my life.

Jack graduated from Lexington High School and attended the University of Missouri at Columbia where he earned A.B. and J.D. degrees. Following his graduation from Law School, he worked in Jefferson City as a research analyst and legislative counsel for the Missouri General Assembly's Committee on Legislative Research.

Jack served on active duty with the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970. His service included 13 months in Vietnam as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Bronze Star (Meritorious Service) during his Vietnam tour.

After I was elected to Congress in 1976, Jack came to Washington to work on my staff as legislative director, and he has been with me ever since. He was my longtime chief of staff and most recently served as Democratic counsel on the House Armed Services Committee.

I believe that I must be one of the most fortunate people ever to serve in the U.S. Congress because I have been blessed with a staff member and a friend like Jack—a man who is not only talented and hard working, but who has also demonstrated his extraordinary loyalty time and again through the years. I have come to rely upon his sound judgement, his policy recommendations, and his broad expertise on matters both large and small.

For me, Jack epitomizes all that is good about the thousands of Americans who dedicate their lives and their considerable talents to public service. I will miss his daily advice, counsel, and calm demeanor, but I wish him, as well as his wife Beth and children Leslie and Michael, the very best as Jack begins his next career. I know my colleagues join me in

thanking Jack for his years of distinguished service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. MARY OF THE SPRINGS ACADEMY ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNVEILING OF A HISTORICAL MARKER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to help recognize the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs Academy and the alumnae of the Academy.

Central Ohio takes pride in its history and appreciates the tremendous contribution to our community and nation by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs Academy through the education and development of our young people. Over a hundred and seventy years have passed since you began the effort to educate Ohio's youth, regardless of creed.

Your success in providing an outstanding academic foundation is personified in your illustrious alumna, Anne O'Hare McCormick. Her contributions to journalism testify to the quality scholarship demanded by the Dominican Sisters.

May this bicentennial plaque honoring the Academy's faculty and alumnae, living and deceased, and their outstanding fellow alumna Ms. McCormick stand as a reminder to all those who see it that our nation has always cherished the pursuit of educational excellence.

Congratulations on the installation of the historical marker.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2861) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I rise today with great disappointment in what occurred in the House today with regard to the veterans' budget.

Last spring, the original budget resolution passed in the House by a narrow vote reduced funding for veterans medical care by a total of \$28 billion over ten years, a far cry from what is needed for the health of our veterans today. After much debate about the veterans' budget, many members of this body—including every member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee—fought to increase the amount of funding for veterans in the budget resolution to at least the amount promised by the Senate. Thankfully, after a hard

fight, the budget resolution that eventually came out of conference increased mandatory funding, but left discretionary programs, such as medical care, subject to cuts in future years.

When the joint budget resolution came out of conference, those of us in the House who had been fighting against cuts for veterans health care were encouraged that by engaging in constructive dialogue with leaders of the House, we could come to a resolution that would not leave veterans out in the cold. Today, that sense of encouragement is gone.

Today, the House Rules Committee refused to even consider amendments that would have added veterans' health care funding to a seriously deficient VA-HUD Appropriations bill. I am baffled as to why the Committee would not even allow consideration of an amendment that would have brought funding to the previously promised amount. The amendment, offered by the Chairman and Ranking Democratic Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee with the support of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee's Health Subcommittee, was clearly bipartisan and would have added \$1.8 billion to veterans health care—the amount agreed to in our final budget resolution.

The President and some of the leaders of this House defend their poor records of veterans health care by claiming that they increased the funding, so that should be good enough. It doesn't take a professional policy degree to figure out that our veterans who served, and continue to serve our country so honorably, are aging. They need clinics. They need doctors. They need appointments to see those doctors soon, not in six months. The need is increasing, but the funding is not keeping up with it. We promised we would help them, and today, this grossly inadequate appropriations bill breaks that promise.

My vote against the VA-HUD Appropriations bill is not only a protest against this harmful cut in health care for our nation's bravest, but also a statement against the promises broken by this body. As my colleague, Representative ROBERT SIMMONS, on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee stated earlier, "an officer's word is his bond." It is a meaningful phrase to many veterans, and one that I hope the House of Representatives can live up to in the future when considering funding for the well being of our veterans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANK
EVANS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a great American and a former United States Representative for Colorado's Third District. Frank Evans of Beulah, Colorado will celebrate his eightieth birthday this Saturday, and I am pleased to join with my colleagues in wishing him well on this momentous occasion.

Frank was born in Pueblo back in 1923 and has lived a life devoted to serving others. Frank first answered the call to service when he bravely fought to uphold the cause of free-

dom as a Navy patrol pilot during World War II. After returning home, he practiced law in his native Pueblo. Drawn to a life of public service, Frank served in the Colorado State Legislature for four years and then went on to represent the Third Congressional District of the great State of Colorado in this prestigious body. Frank selflessly served the constituents of my district for fourteen years before choosing to leave the Congress. All told, Frank spent eighteen years faithfully representing his fellow citizens of the State of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, as Frank Evans prepares to celebrate his eightieth birthday, I am privileged to pay tribute to his remarkable life and numerous accomplishments. Frank dedicated many years of service to his friends and neighbors in Colorado. In both the Colorado State Legislature and in this body of Congress, Frank diligently served to meet the needs of his constituents. I am honored to join with my colleagues today in wishing Frank a happy birthday and many more great years ahead.

CONGRATULATING THE INTER-
NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF
TEAMSTERS

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker I would like to congratulate the International Brotherhood of Teamsters as they commemorate their 100th anniversary tomorrow, Saturday, September 6, 2003.

The issues the Teamsters have fought for and won over those 100 years are the issues that have strengthened America: equal rights for all workers, regardless of color, creed, or gender; a 40-hour work week; a pension for retirement; paid holidays; employer sponsored healthcare; equal pay for women.

As corporate raiders continue to turn a deaf ear to the needs of America's working families, the 1.4 million members of the Teamsters continue to ensure that the voices of American labor are heard.

I know that in the next 100 years, we can count on the Teamsters to continue their work against unfair trade commitments, from CAFTA to the WTO, that continue to hurt working families in the U.S. and abroad; to continue to protect our roadways from unsafe foreign trucks; to continue protecting the health and safety of America's workforce; and to fight against the current administration's attempts to disqualify hundreds of thousands of Americans from receiving the overtime benefits they fought so hard to gain.

The Teamsters are needed now more than ever as some corporations break labor laws and fight union organizing as they ship jobs out of this country by supporting trade agreements that exploit workers' rights across the globe.

I congratulate the Teamsters on their 100 years of commitment to America's working families, and wish them well in the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, a centennial is an occasion for celebration, in which spirit it is my pleasure to congratulate the International Brotherhood of Teamsters on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Founded on September 6, 1903, the Teamsters union has grown to become one of the largest and most diversified labor unions in the United States.

Originating as a group representing the men who drove horse-drawn wagons to deliver freight, the Teamsters have grown and changed with the times. In the early decades of the 20th Century, the Teamsters adapted by also representing the drivers of motor trucks. By the beginning of the 21st Century, the Teamsters had diversified to represent truckers, airline workers, building material and construction trades, dairy and food processing employees, parcel and small package workers, public employees working for local governments, and a variety of other workers. With a membership of 1.4 million, one out of every ten union members in the United States is a Teamster.

The Teamsters have served as a model for improving working conditions and wages for the American worker. In 1900, the typical Teamster worked 12 to 18 hours a day, 7 days a week, for an average wage of \$2.00 a day. Worker benefits that did not exist 100 years ago—the 40-hour work week, a retirement pension, paid holidays, and employer-sponsored healthcare—have become the norm for most of American labor, in large part because of the work of the Teamsters.

I congratulate the Teamsters organization on their 100-year long effort to continually improve the quality of life for millions of American workers. To each of their members and their General President, Jim Hoffa, I extend my thanks for their contributions to a strong and productive economy. The Teamsters have my best wishes for their second century.

INSTALLATION OF LOUISE "BEBE"
CANTER AS PRESIDENT OF THE
INDEPENDENT INSURANCE
AGENTS & BROKERS OF AMERICA

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Louise "Bebe" Canter, who will be installed as President of the nation's largest insurance association—the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIBA)—later this month in Las Vegas. Bebe is senior vice president of Patterson/Smith Associates in Falls Church, VA.

She has enjoyed a distinguished career as an independent insurance agent which has been highlighted by her tireless service and dedication to her clients, community, IIBA, the Metropolitan Washington Association of

Independent Insurance Agents (MWAIIA), and her colleagues across the country.

Bebe was elected to IIABA's Executive Committee in October 1998 and was honored by her peers when they named her President-elect last fall in New Orleans.

Bebe's service to her peers began with her involvement with the Metropolitan Washington Association. She served as MWAIIA's president and as the organization's representative to IIABA's National Board of State Directors. In recognition of her outstanding service, MWAIIA named her its 1991 Agent of the Year.

In addition to her position on the IIABA Executive Committee, Bebe also serves as a member of the Association's Large Agents & Brokers Roundtable.

Her other industry volunteer work includes service as a member of the D.C. Society of CPCU's Board of Directors and the Standard & Poor's Agent Advisory Council, and chairman of the CNA Branch PACER Agent Panel and the Southern Agents Conference.

Among Bebe's community involvement is service as a member of Howard University's Scholarship Committee.

I am proud of Bebe's professional and community service accomplishments and know she will serve her fellow agents with distinction and strong leadership to further the worthy and noble cause of independent insurance agents and brokers. I bid her a successful year as president of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America. I wish her all the best as IIABA President. Congratulations Bebe!

THE NATIONAL MINORITY MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES ACT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be joined by my colleague, JOHN CONYERS, Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, to introduce The National Minority Media Opportunities Act. And I want to thank Senator KENNEDY for his leadership on this issue and for introducing the companion bill in the Senate.

This bill would require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to hold public hearings, with notice and opportunity to comment, before approving the transfer of a license for a station serving a minority-language audience. It also requires the FCC to report to Congress on issues involving the concentration of ownership and control of minority-language broadcast media and the effects of excessive concentration on competition and diversity in these minority-language markets.

The need for this bill has become crystal clear as Chairman Powell continues to try to ram through a huge Spanish-language media merger between Univision and HBC, with no opportunity for public input, with no public deliberation, and with no regard for the impact this mega-merger will have on Hispanic consumers or the Spanish-language media market.

The Third Circuit Court of Appeals has stayed the FCC's new Media Ownership rules,

which Chairman Powell has espoused as providing more protection for minority consumers. So why is it that he is now ramming through a decision on the Univision/HBC merger under the old rules, with no public hearings, and without even a public vote? The only obvious explanation seems to lie in an analysis of political contributions filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC). Otherwise, there is simply no reason to rush this controversial merger through without adequate public review and without a public vote by the FCC.

The Congress has spoken on the Media Ownership rules, voting to repeal portions of the rule. And now the Congress has spoken on the process by which this ill-advised merger is being considered.

Chairman Powell and the Republican Commissioners owe us some explanations. They owe Congress an explanation of why they have disregarded our requests for openness and public accountability in their decision-making process. They owe the Hispanic community an explanation of why they insist on approving a mega-merger that could have serious consequences for the diversity of information they receive. And they owe the general public an explanation of why they have made the decisions they have made, without any opportunity for meaningful public input and without even a public vote on the issue.

Chairman Powell, you owe it to the Hispanic community to protect our interests. If you're not going to do that, then—at the very least—you owe us an explanation of why you've deserted us.

IN MEMORY OF MR. PAUL SHEPARD

HON. MARY BONO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a beloved member of the Palm Springs community and a dear friend, Mr. Paul Shepard.

This tragic, untimely and unexpected loss will impact not only those who knew and loved Paul, but also, the entire desert community. Paul was one of those rare and precious individuals who truly made a difference in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to meet him, and even some who never had that pleasure. He was a leader in the fight against AIDS, an accomplished real estate professional, a dedicated athlete and an active supporter of numerous charitable causes and service organizations.

Of course, words alone cannot describe the joy that one felt when sharing time with Paul. His warmth and encouraging nature were instantly conveyed when he would greet you with a smile and hug. A remarkably thoughtful person, Paul always seemed to make everyone feel that he was completely focused on their interests, whether in personal or business relationships.

As one of the Coachella Valley's most respected and successful Realtors, Paul Shepard achieved the kind of professional stature that many aspire to but few attain. During his career, he was selected by his peers to serve several times as Director and President of the Palm Springs Board of Realtors. In

addition, he was named "Realtor of the Year" and served also as the Director for the California Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

However, his business success was only one facet of this talented man. Paul used his abilities to help those in our community who were truly in need. He was an active member of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce for more than 25 years, served as a member of the City's Parks and Recreation Committee, and on the Steve Chase Humanitarian Awards Gala Committee, and was an integral part of the Steve Chase Program Committee's yearly success.

But, perhaps the one organization that was closest to his heart was the Desert AIDS Project in Palm Springs. Paul was a tireless and passionate advocate for this worthy organization that daily makes lives better for those afflicted with this most challenging disease. As a testament to his commitment to this organization, the Desert AIDS Project has established a special fund in his name. I can think of few tributes that would be more fitting.

I also want to express my condolences and recognize those that Paul loved; his life partner of 25 years, Daniel C. Hall, his mother, Jane Andrews, and sister, Jackie Cadell, and two brothers, Thom and Steve Shepard, along with his stepfather, Gordon Andrews.

Mr. Speaker, today I stand in honor of my friend Paul Shepard. The sadness I feel when I reflect on his passing is softened only by the great respect I have for the legacy he leaves after a life fully lived. I yield back the balance of my time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote 475. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONEL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM J. JEFFERSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. JEFFERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 25, 2003, I was unavoidably detained and missed Rollcall vote No. 445, final passage vote on H.R. 2427, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations for the reimportation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes. If I had voted, I would have voted "no."

AUTOMOBILE LEASE PROTECTIONS UNDER THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS CIVIL RELIEF ACT

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker. Today I am introducing legislation that will add automobile

leases to protections of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act. Earlier this year, the House passed a restatement of this important legislation. I believe my legislation adds an important provision that should not be left unaddressed.

I would like to share with you a story of a young Marine reservist, currently attending Emory Law School. He was called to active duty as part of the recent mobilization and was then forced to take a leave from school. He didn't have a problem with this, it was part of his duty. However, he was concerned that he was going to suffer a financial loss because of his car lease. Being unmarried, he would not need a vehicle while deployed, but because of his lease he would still have to pay a monthly payment. His other option was to buy the car from the credit company and then turn around and sell it, even though this would cause him to lose money. Because he knew that activated reservists could terminate an apartment lease, he contacted my subcommittee wanting to know if this applied to automobiles as well. Under current law it does not.

Although our estimates are that this probably only affected a couple of hundred service members during the most recent deployment, I think that is far too many. In an age when we have come to increasingly rely on our National Guard and Reserves, for them to be susceptible to this type of penalty is absurd. When we ask our men and women of the National Guard and Reserve Components to interrupt their lives go off to war, one thing they should not have to worry about is paying an additional price relating to an auto lease. I also want to thank the Auto Alliance for its input on and openness to this bill. As both a current member of the U.S. Army Reserves and Co-Chair of the National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus, I would like to invite my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

CHICAGO SPORTS HALL OF
FAMER—EDWARD A. SPRINKLE—
CELEBRATES HIS 80TH BIRTH-
DAY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to pay tribute to an outstanding member of my community, Edward A. Sprinkle, in honor of celebrating his 80th birthday on September 3, 2003.

Edward Sprinkle was born and raised in Bradshaw, Texas and attended Tuscola High School where he started his long career in one of nation's greatest pastimes, football. In 1943, Edward Sprinkle entered the United States Naval Academy; however in 1944, he was recruited by the hailed Chicago Bears.

From 1944 to 1956, Sprinkle entertained many with his talents on the football field. Sprinkle was honored with the NFL All League Award six times throughout his career, played in four pro bowls, has been honored as one of

the top 300 players in the NFL, and has also been inducted into the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame and the Helms Football Hall of Fame.

Besides his greatest achievements on the football field, Edward Sprinkle has many things to be thankful for off the field too. Edward Sprinkle was happily married to his lovely bride Marian Elizabeth Carlson for 57 years. Edward and Marian have three children, Edward Alan Sprinkle, Robert Steven Sprinkle and Susan Jane (Zima) Withers. They have five grandchildren: Steven, Alan, Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Paul, and two great-grandchildren: Steven and Jacob. Edward Sprinkle has worked for Inland Steel and owned his own company too, Ed Sprinkle Tile Company.

Mr. Speaker, I feel honored to be able to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Edward Sprinkle and his family as they celebrate Edward's 80th Birthday and continue to share in the many memories of football and wonderful family milestones.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2989, the Transportation-Treasury spending bill for fiscal year 2004. While there are several important provisions in this legislation that I support, the bill also includes a provision that encroaches on the jurisdiction of the Financial Services Committee and undermines the public policy goals of the landmark Gramm-Leach-Bliley financial modernization law.

Title I of Gramm-Leach-Bliley, which Congress approved in 1999, allows financial holding companies and banks to engage in a broad range of activities that are considered "financial in nature" or complementary to such financial activities. In addition, GLB grants the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury Department the ability to identify additional activities that they deem to be financial in nature or incidental to such activities, and therefore permissible for financial holding companies and financial subsidiaries.

Over two years ago, the Federal Reserve and the Treasury, acting under their grant of authority in GLB, issued a regulatory proposal to permit banks to conduct real estate brokerage and management activities. The National Association of Realtors, in an attempt to avoid a new source of competition and preserve their monopoly in the real estate brokerage business, launched a scorched earth lobbying campaign to derail the Fed-Treasury proposal. Bowing to this pressure, the Appropriations Committee has now adopted in two succes-

sive appropriations cycles language that prohibits the Federal Reserve and the Treasury from moving forward with their proposal, thereby denying consumers greater choices in obtaining real estate brokerage services and the benefits of increased market competition.

Legislative attempts to stymie the rule-making process—particularly as part of the appropriations process—are counterproductive and undermine the future of any legislation that relies on the expert judgment of regulators for its implementation. The amendment that the Appropriations Committee has chosen to include in this bill serves only to needlessly delay innovation in the financial services industry and runs contrary to the clear congressional intent of GLB, which was to encourage free market competition and increase consumer choice.

COMMEMORATING AND CONGRATULATING THE TEAMSTERS UNION ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it is more than appropriate on this Friday afternoon of Labor Day Week that we recognize the enduring relevance and enormous contributions of the Teamsters Union, which tomorrow—September 6, 2003—celebrates its 100th Anniversary. It is an historical imperative that every American committed to justice and fairness must acknowledge.

Allow me to congratulate General President James Hoffa and all the men and women of the Teamsters on this important occasion. For through their hard work, all of us have benefited.

The 40-hour work week that we take for granted far too often in this nation was not a gift bestowed on us by corporate chieftains. It was a hard-won victory secured by the men and women in the organized labor movement, including the Teamsters Union, who literally built this nation through their blood, sweat and tears.

Paid holidays, including the three-day Labor Day Weekend. Health and safety regulations. Employer-sponsored health care. And employer-sponsored pensions. These are just a few of the monumental benefits brought to you by the Teamsters and organized labor movement.

Ever since its founding, the Teamsters have been at the forefront of the labor movement to improve the lives of working men and women and their families. The Teamsters fought for equal rights for all workers, regardless of race, creed or gender. The Teamsters fought for African-Americans who sought jobs traditionally held by white men at the beginning of World War One. The Teamsters fought for a woman's right to equal pay before suffrage was popular.

Today, the Teamsters Union—with 1.4 million members—continues to fight for working families, who simply want and deserve justice, dignity and opportunity. Only the uninformed would fail to recognize that many of the gains secured by the Teamsters over the past 100 years are at grave risk today—from the assault on the right of workers to collectively bar-

gain, to attacks on overtime regulations, to the effort to gut compensatory time, to the failure to ensure that the minimum wage is fairly adjusted for inflation, and many more.

It's clear that, despite the Teamsters' great achievements over the last century, and all the advances that this great union is responsible for, its efforts on behalf of working American

families must go on. And I know that is precisely what the Teamsters—under the tremendous leadership of General President Hoffa—intend.

Again, I congratulate President Hoffa and all Teamsters on this 100th Anniversary. Your efforts not only make us proud, they make us a better nation.