

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH J.
TARANTINO

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize Joseph J. Tarantino, recipient of this year's Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, for his numerous years of service to our community.

Joseph J. Tarantino is the President of Continental Realty Company Incorporated, based in East Norriton, Pennsylvania. He oversees fifty employees and agents and all seven of Continental Realty's divisions, which include professional services in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, insurance, relocation, appraisals, new construction, property management and advertising & marketing.

In addition to his official capacity at Continental Realty, Mr. Tarantino has served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Real Estate Commission, President of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Board of Realtors, and Federal District Coordinator of the National Association of Realtors. He has also maintained several community affiliations such as Chairman of the Borough of Bridgeport Revitalization Committee, President of the National Italian Political Action Committee, Chairman of the Central Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Director of the American Heart Association and Director of the Pathway Schools.

Joseph Tarantino has been recognized on several occasions by his business peers as well as those in the community. He has been a recipient of the Realtors Active in Politics Award, the Central Montgomery County Board of Realtors Realtor of the Year Award and the Americans of Italian Heritage of Montgomery County Outstanding Citizen Award. All of the honors and awards he has received, as well as the positions of leadership Mr. Tarantino has held are a true testament to the hard work and dedication he has shown toward his profession and community. Joseph J. Tarantino is an exemplary citizen for which Montgomery County can be truly proud and I can not think of a more deserving individual to receive the Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me today in recognizing and honoring Joseph J. Tarantino for all that he has done over the years to make Montgomery County, Pennsylvania a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY J. BUTLER,
ESQUIRE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Johnny J. Butler, Esquire, recipient of the 2003 Laborers' Local Union 332 Outstanding Community Leader Award. It is a privilege to recognize a person whose commitment to community has enriched the lives of countless individuals.

Mr. Butler is an attorney with the law firm of Booth & Tucker, LLP of Philadelphia where he focuses on government relations, management consulting, and employment law. He is active in the many aspects of the community including the Prince Hall Masons & Shriners and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Mr. Butler sits on the Board of Trustees for both the Mother Bethel Foundation and the Drexel University College of Medicine, and is cochairman of the Scotland School for Veterans Children capital campaign.

In the past, Mr. Butler was Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Under his leadership, there was a statewide enhancement of workforce development programs and policies, a reform of the state's workers compensation system, and establishment of PennSafe, a workforce safety initiative. Mr. Butler also served as the acting General Counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Assistant Counsel with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and has taught both law and management courses at Howard University and Temple University, respectively.

Mr. Speaker, Johnny Butler is a model citizen. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Butler for his lifetime of service and dedication to labor and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA A. LEE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Patricia A. Lee for her achievement in expanding a local business, which has served the Brooklyn community for several years.

Patricia A. Lee was born in Magnolia, NC. She attended E.E. Smith High School in Keanansville, NC, and upon graduation, she continued her education at Norfolk State University. In 1970, she earned a B.S. degree in business administration.

Soon afterward, Patricia was employed by Allstate Insurance Company as an injury claims adjuster. After working for Allstate for two years, she joined her family's business,

the North Carolina Country Store, in Brooklyn, NY, as vice president of Marketing and Business Operations. Her hard work paid dividends, and in 1988, she expanded the business by opening a restaurant, The Carolina Country Kitchen, which has been in Brooklyn for 13 years. The restaurant is now located in the country store.

Patricia is an active member of New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Jamaica, NY. She has also been involved in numerous community efforts including her membership on the 73rd Community Council and the Bedford Stuyvesant Community Planning Board. Additionally, she is a contributor to several block associations and is very active in her community and neighborhood schools.

Mr. Speaker, Patricia A. Lee has made significant contributions to her community through her entrepreneurial and volunteer activities. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

HONORING SUFFOLK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2003 FIREFIGHTERS OF THE YEAR

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association 2003 "Firefighters of the Year."

This year, the Association is honoring 1st Asst. Chief James M. Cummings, Ex-Captain Robert Souhrada and Firefighter Daniel Boucher of the Bay Shore, NY Fire Department. The testimonial of Chief Michael K. Cummings demonstrates the commitment of these three brave men.

On March 19, 2002, at 18:31 hours the Bay Shore Fire Department was alerted and toned out for a structure fire (signal 13) at 103 Second Avenue. Immediately after going on the air, the Bay Shore base was informed by Suffolk County FireCom there was a child hanging out a window. At 18:33 hours, Engine 3-1-2 and 1st Asst. Chief James Cummings, 3-1-31, went (signal 2) enroute to the scene.

While the crew of 3-1-2 began preparing to enter the building with an attack line, 1st Asst. Chief (3-1-31) James Cummings arrived at the scene and realizing due to heavy smoke and intense flame that time was running out for the trapped victims elected to effect a rescue through the second story front window. As he entered the room, directly in front of the window was 3-year-old John Thomas. Chief Cummings immediately pulled him to his arms and proceeded to the window.

As Chief Cummings was affecting the first rescue, Firefighter Dan Boucher had completed his ascent of the stairs. Firefighter Boucher, unaware that anyone else was in the room, entered the front room. Both Cummings and Boucher arrived at the second

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victim simultaneously. Firefighter Boucher picked up the second child, 4-year-old Derek Wright and attempted to go back to the stairs.

He was immediately directed by Chief Cummings to take the victim to the window, where he passed the boy to Ex-Capt. Bob Souhrada with no protective gear waiting atop an aluminum ladder that was found on the side of the house.

As resuscitation, attempts were being made on the two youths on the front lawn, Chief Cummings continued to search on his hands and knees in the dense smoke for the third child. As Chief Cummings arrived at the base of a piece of furniture, he realized the piece of furniture was a crib, he felt around and located 8-month-old Starkeya Steeple.

He grabbed the infant and immediately passed her to Firefighter Souhrada on the ladder, where she was rushed to a waiting ambulance that was immediately put in route to Southside Hospital.

At 19:23 hours, the return to base (signal 5) was transmitted by the incident commander, Chief Michael K. Cummings. Thirteen pieces of apparatus and eighty-six firefighters responded to the scene.

Unfortunately, both John Thomas and Derek Wright had succumbed to their injuries on the day of the incident. Starkeya Steeple remained in critical condition after being airlifted to Nassau County Medical Center Burn Unit, where she remained until March 23, 2002, at which time she was pronounced dead, but not before her family was able to have her organs donated.

Without any regard for the grave risk to their personal safety, Asst. Chief James Cummings, Ex-Captain Robert Souhrada, and Firefighter Daniel Boucher displayed extraordinary bravery in rescuing these children without any protective streams or ventilation from the intense heat and consuming smoke of this alarm.

Therefore I respectfully request that these individuals be rewarded the appropriate grade of commendation of valor, for their actions above and beyond the call of duty.

AMERASIAN NATURALIZATION ACT OF 2003

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, in the 106th Congress, we passed the Child Citizenship Act to automatically confer U.S. citizenship on foreign born children adopted by U.S. citizens. Our immigration law has also long recognized that children born outside our country to an American father and a foreign national mother are citizens as long as their fathers take the steps necessary to achieve their child's citizenship.

Unfortunately, there remains a group of forgotten sons and daughters who, despite being born to American fathers, cannot take advantage of the Child Citizenship Act or other existing provisions of law.

These are children born in Vietnam to American servicemen and Vietnamese women during the Vietnam War. They have lived through devastation during the Vietnam War, have been mistreated by the Vietnamese government because of their mixed race, and many now live in the United States, but only as legal permanent residents.

There is no doubt that they are the sons and daughters of American fathers. We al-

ready made that determination when we admitted them to the United States as legal permanent residents.

To correct this unfair inequality in our law, I have introduced the Amerasian Naturalization Act of 2003 to ensure that Amerasians are accorded U.S. citizenship just like the offspring of other American fathers are.

I hope this Congress will act swiftly and pass the Amerasian Naturalization Act. It is time for us to finally close a chapter in our history that has too long denied Amerasians the opportunity to become citizens and be recognized as the Americans that they are.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCILMAN JOHN TABOR

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and recognize Charlotte City Councilman John Tabor. On October 28, 2003, John will be receiving the Leadership Charlotte Schley R. Lyons Circle of Excellence Award. This award recognizes a Leadership Charlotte graduate who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities, and whose ideals are in line with that of Leadership Charlotte.

The award John is to receive is truly deserved. For over a decade he has served the Charlotte community as a long-standing member and Chairman of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission, on the Leadership Charlotte and Chamber of Commerce Leadership board, and as a member of the American Institute of Architects. He also sits on different committees for the North Carolina and Charlotte American Institute(s), and he is involved in many regional and local architectural projects, most notably the Blumenthal Arts Center. Currently, he serves as a Charlotte City Councilman and represents District 6.

I commend John for his service to the Charlotte community, and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award. His wife, Lee, and his children, Allie and John Paul, are also to be commended on their great sacrifices so that John can work to make Charlotte a better place to live and work.

HONORING THE NATIONAL TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZING NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Gale Cincotta 30 years ago had a vision that led to the founding of the National Training and Information Center (NTIC) for neighborhood residents to become experts on identifying and resolving the issues on mortgage and insurance redlining, HUD/FHA abuses and community-level drug problems in the inner city.

President Carter appointed Ms. Cincotta to the National Commission on Neighborhoods where she chaired the Reinvestment Task Force. In 1990, NTIC's work, along with that of 9 local organizations, on community-based anti-drug initiatives was recognized by President Bush senior at a White House luncheon. Ms. Cincotta served on the National Commission on Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing, established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and she was a member of the Community Investment Advisory Council of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

Ms. Cincotta and the National Training and Information Center established a multi-ethnic, multi-racial coalition of community organizations whose mission is to build grassroots leadership and strengthen neighborhoods through issue-based community organizing. NTIC helps build organizations with the resources and capacity to: (1) identify local issues that impact the urban areas, (2) develop effective strategies to address the root causes of issues, and (3) create opportunities for the organizational leadership to negotiate with business decision-makers. NTIC's primary focus is to provide training and technical assistance to a wide range of groups who are willing to promote and foster community organizing as goals for obtaining affordable housing for families, establishing drug prevention programs for the sick and assist in the fostering of neighborhood and community investments to improve better living conditions for people.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the efforts and achievements of Gale Cincotta and the National Training and Information Center for their 30th anniversary for empowering the people to organize to bring about change and progress in improving the lives of people from all walks of life.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE RE- GARDING MAN-MADE FAMINE THAT OCCURRED IN UKRAINE IN 1932-1933

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that millions of Ukrainians, who were deliberately and systematically starved in the early 1930's, should be remembered and honored today. To properly commemorate Ukrainians who starved at the hand of Joseph Stalin, we must first acknowledge that this genocide was not only ignored but was also concealed and perpetuated under Stalin's regime.

In its darkest hour, Ukraine was viewed by Stalin as a source of dissent against the Soviet Union. Its rich tradition of open political discourse and cultural splendor were threats to his tyrannical and oppressive regime. To preempt Ukrainian opposition, Stalin wielded a heavy hand in enforcing an ironclad policy of collectivization, in which peasant farmers were forced to turn over the grain they produced. Any man, woman or child caught with even a handful of grain from a collectivized farm

would be swiftly executed or deported. Stalin's policy resulted in the one of the worst episodes of genocide in the history of the world as an estimated 7 to 10 millions Ukrainians perished in the course of just a single year.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 4,300 constituents of Ukrainian descent, I offer my solemn remembrance to the victims and people of Ukraine. In tribute to the millions who witnessed their family members perish before succumbing to their own starvation, we must always remember and honor the victims of genocide so that mankind never again turns an unseeing eye or an unfeeling heart. I join my colleagues in Congress in remembering this tragic chapter of human history.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST LIEUTENANT
THOMAS FORSBERG

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to First Lieutenant Thomas A. Forsberg for his faithful service of 26 years to the Michigan State Police Department.

Thomas began his career in 1977 with the Michigan State Police Department after graduating from the 90th Recruit School. Throughout his career, First Lieutenant Forsberg served in uniform positions at the Bridgeport, Detroit, Flint, and Bay City posts, the Criminal Investigation Division—BAYANET Unit in Saginaw, and the Fire Marshal Division at the Third District Headquarters in Saginaw. He achieved the ranks of Trooper, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, Detective Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant. Today, First Lieutenant Forsberg retires as the commanding officer of the Uniform Services Division at the Bridgeport Post. He is greatly appreciated by his co-workers and community, and he will be dearly missed.

I am honored today to recognize First Lieutenant Thomas A. Forsberg for his auspicious dedication to serving the State of Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO TIM JENKINS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tim Jenkins, who passed away unexpectedly on October 2, 2003. He served as one of my campaign staffers when I originally ran for the California State Assembly many years ago, and will be sorely missed. He is survived by his mother, Doris Jenkins, and his son, Nolan Jenkins.

Tim Jenkins was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts, but had lived in California for much of his life, and made Santa Cruz his home for nearly thirty years. He transferred to UC Santa Cruz in 1974 as a psychology major, but he is best known on the Central Coast for his political activism. In addition to the effort he put in to my campaign for the State Assembly, he also worked as a campaign strategist for, among others, County Supervisor Mardi Wormhoudt and Santa Cruz City Council

member Mike Rotkin and Emily Reilly, the current mayor. Without the hard work and dedication to progressive politics that Tim embodied, Santa Cruz would not be the way it is today.

His friends and family have established "The Tim Jenkins Scholarship Fund" in his memory, which will help support future UC Santa Cruz student activists. The annual scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates a notable commitment to practical, progressive politics and academic excellence. For Tim, politics was about more than running for office; it was a lifelong commitment to changing society for the better. His passion for politics that people could believe in was an inspiration to everyone who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Tim Jenkins' achievements and accomplishments. Throughout his life he demonstrated an outstanding commitment to our community through his political work. His character and dedication have made lasting impacts on our community and the people with whom he worked, myself included. I join the County of Santa Cruz, and friends and family in honoring this truly commendable man and all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL STATEN, JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Samuel Staten, Jr. Mr. Staten has been honored by our fellow Philadelphians by receiving the 2003 Laborers' Local Union 332 Outstanding Labor Leader Award.

Mr. Staten joined Laborers' Local 332 in 1972 and became a Field Representative seven years later. In 1986, he became the Local's Recording Secretary followed by Secretary-Treasurer in 1988. Mr. Staten currently holds the title of Assistant Business Manager and President of the Laborers' Local 332.

In the past, Mr. Staten has served as the Secretary of the Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustments, of which he is still a member, and was the President of the Happy Hollow Recreation Center Advisory Council, a non-profit organization which provides social services to youth and senior citizens.

Aside from his positions within the Laborers' Local 332, Mr. Staten is involved in other aspects of the community. Some of his commitments include serving as a Board Member of Camp William Penn, Chairman of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Legal Fund, Delegate to the AFL-CIO, and Executive Board Member of Community Assistance for Prisoners, a non-profit organization which assist ex-offenders through educational opportunities and job training.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment to his community has enriched the lives of countless individuals. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Staten for his lifetime of service and dedication to the Laborers' Local 332 and Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL A.
OLMEDA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Michael A. Olmeda for his commitment to serving his community through active civic participation.

Since 1990, Michael has been a social and policy advocate in the Brooklyn community, focusing on issues of substance abuse prevention, housing development, and senior citizen advocacy. As a member of prominent local and citywide organizations, he has taken an active role in raising community awareness about the problems facing our community as well as working to solve those problems.

For several years, Michael has worked as Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Darryl C. Towns. Serving as a key member of the Assemblyman's staff, he has played an integral role in implementing many of the Assemblyman's annual community service programs, such as the senior conference, the community service awards program, the turkey drive, and the annual toy drive.

As a child, Michael grew up around politics in the Bronx, with his mother's active involvement in Community Schools District 9 politics. As a teenager, he worked with a local group called the National Association for Puerto Rican Affairs (NAPRA), where he learned his way around campaigns, stuffing envelopes, working poll sites, and getting to know the political structure of the Bronx. After a brief tour of service with the U.S. Army, Mike came back to the Bronx to work as a butcher. Realizing this was not his professional calling, he moved to the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, where he met Senator Ada L. Smith. Involved with politics again, Mike's first Brooklyn campaign was with Councilman Martin Malave Dilan.

Since then, he has continued to grow within the political community, managing campaigns for many prominent local and statewide officials. Most recently, he worked on the McCall for Governor and the Fernando Ferrer for Mayor campaign. A recent graduate of Long Island University, Mike hopes one day to work with local community based organizations, implementing programs that demonstrate the importance of computer literacy in our community. Michael has been married to his wife Cecelia for the past 20 years and they have four beautiful children Steven, Racquel, Travis, and Mikey.

Mr. Speaker, Michael A. Olmeda has served his community admirably through both his professional life and volunteer activities. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

WARTIME LETTERS A LIFETIME
BOND

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the touching story of

Fred Amore, Commander of the Suffolk County Veterans of Foreign Wars and Dorothy Holland. Mrs. Holland and Commander Amore were pen-pals while he was serving in the Vietnam War. They remain close friends today.

WARTIME LETTERS A LIFETIME BOND
DETENTION OFFICER, VIETNAM SOLDIER HAVE
FORGED LASTING RELATIONSHIP
(By Rob Morrison)

When Fred Amore, Commander of Suffolk County Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), looked into the crowd during the Cow Harbor Day Parade last weekend, he was searching for the face of a friend who has stood by him through years of war and peace.

As she does every year, Dorothy Holland, 75, of East Northport stood along the parade route waiting to catch a glimpse of Commander Amore, 55, also of East Northport, marching along. Seeing him brought back many memories of her years working for the Northport-East Northport School District and the year-long period she and Commander Amore were pen pals while he was serving in the Vietnam War.

The two met in 1965. Mrs. Holland had just begun her tenure at the old Northport High School building on Middleville Road as the detention officer. It was during the spring of that year when Commander Amore, then only a teenager, was given detention for cutting class with his high school sweetheart.

"From that day on Fred and I were friends," Mrs. Holland told *The Observer* during an interview in her home Tuesday.

While the two remained friends, Commander Amore graduated the next year, in 1966, and attended Suffolk Community College. But in the spring of 1967 Commander Amore received his draft notice. On June 13, 1967, he went into the United States Army as an Infantryman. Before he left, she went to all the boys "who were leaving," Mrs. Holland said. "I had tears in my eyes and I said 'I will write to you but you have to write to me.'"

Commander Amore returned home from boot camp for Thanksgiving in 1967, then he left for Vietnam December 10 of that year. That Christmas, knowing he would not have a tree of his own, Mrs. Holland sent Commander Amore a photograph of herself in front of her Christmas tree. It was not until January 1968 that Commander Amore said he wrote his first letter to Mrs. Holland.

"I remember saying to Walter, my husband, 'Oh, he'll never write,'" Mrs. Holland said.

But Commander Amore said he became very homesick during his time in Vietnam, especially during the holidays. Commander Amore wrote as often as he could from his military post in Soc Trang on the Me Kong Delta.

"He only said 'I'm so lonely' and 'It is a horrible war,'" Mrs. Holland said. "That's when I started getting worried."

But her fears of the worst became stronger when she stopped getting letters from him. It was February 1968 and Commander Amore was in the thick of battle, attempting to hold off the North Vietnamese during the Tet Offensive. Commander Amore said the three-month ordeal mostly took place at night and forced him and his fellow servicemen and women to live in their foxholes.

"We knew it was coming," Commander Amore said. "It was all over the constantly being bombarded by mortar attacks. The South Vietnamese military was supposed to be protecting the base and the members of the 1st Aviation Battalion, of which he was a part. When the North Vietnamese attacked, however, the South Vietnamese dropped their weapons and fled, leaving Com-

mander Amore and his colleagues stranded. He had been on base for 90 days and still did not have a weapon.

"I had to wait for someone to leave or die to get a weapon," Commander Amore said.

While many soldiers on base were killed during the offensive, Commander Amore said all of the 25 men in his unit survived.

Commander Amore spent several months hoping he would live to see his home again. In the meantime, Mrs. Holland waited to hear news from Commander Amore and the rest of the Northport High School graduates she knew were in Vietnam.

"My heart went out to all the boys," she said. "The stories were just horrible [in their letters]. They knew they weren't accepted back home. That was the worst for them."

After coming out of Vietnam unscathed, Commander Amore was disturbed to hear the negative public opinion of the Vietnam War.

"I knew the feeling of the people before I left and I knew the feeling when I came back," he said. "I didn't want to talk about it."

It was not until 1991 when Commander Amore decided to get involved in veterans activities and build up pride for his service during the war. He joined VFW Post 9263 in Elwood and Commack. In June, he was appointed commander of the Suffolk County VFW after serving as commander of his own post for five years.

"I had no intention of joining the VFW when I got out," he said. "I didn't want any part of it for a lot of reasons."

He always remembered, however, the letters of support that Mrs. Holland wrote him. Despite the nationwide disdain for the war, Mrs. Holland was a proud supporter of the boys who left high school to fight in Vietnam.

"The letters would pick you up," Commander Amore said. "That would get you to the next mail call. I really figured when I went into the service I wouldn't hear from her again. She knew how to keep your morale up and keep you going."

"While working at the high school I met the greatest students," Mrs. Holland said. "I haven't forgotten them and they haven't forgotten me. That school was the happiest part of my life."

THE UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN
CHILD PROTECTION ACT OF 2003

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, imagine being a 9-year-old girl trying to escape abusive parents that eventually abandon you. Imagine having no choice but to escape to America with relatives who eventually get angry and turn you over to the immigration authorities at the age of 14. Then imagine being detained for over 6 months in a juvenile jail as you are represented by an unscrupulous attorney who doesn't even care to show up to your immigration hearing, leaving you to defend yourself with no knowledge of the law or any adult guidance. Then imagine finding out that the immigration judge orders you to leave the country and you have nowhere to go, nobody to help you, and through it all, you're all alone. This was the plight of Esther—a Honduran victim of abuse, abandoned by her parents and relatives, and left to face a complex immigration system at the tender age of 14.

The sad reality is that Esther is not the only child that has suffered this terrible fate. This is

the plight of many young girls and boys who travel hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles alone in seek of refuge in the United States. Some of these children are treated in a manner that our country usually reserves for criminals, not helpless victims, like fourteen-year-old Esther.

It is true that Congress last year transferred care, custody, and placement of unaccompanied alien children from the Department of Justice to the Department of Health and Human Services to improve the treatment children receive when encountered at our borders. This is certainly a big step in the right direction and I commend the Department of Health and Human Services for taking important steps to improve the care and custody of these vulnerable children. Unfortunately, Health and Human Services inherited a system that relied upon a variety of detention facilities to house children and was given little legislative direction to implement their new responsibilities. As a result, some children from repressive regimes or abusive families continue to fend for themselves in a complex legal and sometimes punitive system, without knowledge of the English language, with no adult guidance, and with no legal counsel.

Now is the time for new legislation to complete the positive steps we have already taken to ensure that unaccompanied alien minors are not locked up without any legal help or adult guidance. This is why I have introduced the Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act of 2003. It will ensure minimum standards for the care and custody of unaccompanied children and require a smooth transfer of minors from the Department of Homeland Security to the Department of Health and Human Services. It will also ensure that children receive adult and legal guidance as they navigate through our immigration system.

Mr. Speaker, no child should be left to fend for herself in a complex immigration system that even you and I would fear. We need to pass the Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act. I urge this body to swiftly consider this important legislation.

FAREWELL TO CHARLIE "CHOO-
CHOO" JUSTICE

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay respect to one of the most distinguished athletes in North Carolina's history. Last Friday morning, October 17, 2003, North Carolina bid farewell to Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice, who passed away at the age of 79.

The people of North Carolina remember Charlie from his days of playing football at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1946–1949. In his four seasons Charlie scored 234 points, accounted for 64 touchdowns, and rushed for 2,634 yards. In 1948, and 1949, Justice was runner up for the Heisman Trophy, which recognizes the best college football player in America. Many people who saw Charlie play say that he was the most exciting football player they have ever seen.

After college, Charlie went on to play professional football from 1950–1954 with the

Washington Redskins. Although he only played for a short time, his retirement from football brought him many honors. In 2002, he was selected as one of the Redskins 70 greatest players of all time. He was also bestowed with the great honor of being the first athlete inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame where greats such as Michael Jordan are now honored.

Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice will be remembered long after his death for his talents and skills on the football field. However, the people who knew him in his hometown of Cherryville, NC will remember him for his commitment to improving the community, helping others, and his love for his family.

NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY
DURING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the National Mammography Day during this month of National Breast Cancer Awareness. In 1993 President Clinton proclaimed the 3rd Friday in October of every year as National Mammography Day. Our Celebration of this day and month is a step forward in finding a cure for Breast Cancer in the United States and the world as a whole.

National Mammography Day is a day for many people in the United States who have not had mammogram screenings or do not have the opportunity to get the screening, to get them free or at a discount price at different participating facilities in their areas. This day gives hope to people in the United States who may have or are at risk of getting breast cancer. Studies have shown that having mammogram screening helps with early detection and treatment, thereby saving the lives of many people. Between 1989 and 1995 there was a significant decline in the death rate from breast cancer, where it dropped by 1.4 percent each year, and between 1995 and 1998 the decrease accelerated to a decline of 3.2 percent annually. Studies have shown that these improvements are due to early detection and improved treatment, which would not have been possible without mammogram screening.

Many people are becoming aware of the importance of mammogram screening including Congress. In 1992, Congress established the Mammography Quality Standards Act, requiring all mammography facilities to meet quality criteria in order to operate. Federal funding for breast cancer research has grown 600 percent, from \$92.7 million in 1991 to \$660 million in 1999. States also understand the need for health insurance coverage for mammogram screening. In 1985, Illinois the state I represent and Virginia required that health insurers cover the cost of mammogram screenings. As of 2002, 46 other states have followed suit by requiring insurance coverage for mammogram screenings.

We need to continue to make people aware of the importance of early detection and that it helps to save and prolong life, and one way to do this is via mammogram screening. People need to be aware that breast cancer does not discriminate based on sex; both women

and men are at risk of getting breast cancer. Breast cancer does not discriminate based on color or ethnicity, Caucasian-Americans, African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, American Indians, Native Hawaiians and Alaska Natives are all susceptible to breast cancer. Breast cancer also does not discriminate based on age, people as young as 20 years old and as old as 80 years old are at risk for breast cancer.

Mr. Speaker, progress is being made in finding a cure for the disease and we should not give up hope. I have hope that we will find a cure soon for breast cancer. I want to commend those who have been doing research in finding a cure for the disease, providing emotional and financial support and treatment for people with the disease. Mr. Speaker, we should continue to recognize the importance of this day and month because the battle in finding a cure for breast cancer is not over, there is much work to be done.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II'S
ASCENSION TO THE PAPACY

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 400 to honor the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II.

Karol Józef Wojtyła, known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, is one of the most famous and beloved people on Earth. Inspiring hundreds of millions of people including those beyond the Catholic faith to strive for world peace and prosperity, John Paul II has counseled religious and world leaders during 38 official visits and 700 audiences held with Heads of State.

The hallmark of John Paul II's leadership has been his message of hope, reconciliation and redemption. His indelible mark on the world is an unshakable faith in human goodness and benevolence, and the advancement of peace, forgiveness and human rights for people of all faiths.

In his book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," John Paul II wrote that "Man affirms himself most completely by giving of himself. This is the fulfillment of the commandment of love." His constant and selfless commitment to peace and dedication to all mankind during his extraordinary 25 year papacy is why we should honor him as a living example of "the commandment of love."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, including 112,000 Polish Americans and 131,000 Catholics in the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to Pope John Paul II.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DE-
FENSE AND FOR THE RECON-
STRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AF-
GHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 16, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 3289. It has been 6 months since American forces toppled Saddam Hussein's regime, but there are still traces in Iraq of what one author referred to as a "psychopathic crime family", a family that terrorized its own people and stood as a daily threat to the region and the world.

I supported President Bush's request because it is vital to our own national security; it is an exit strategy; and it will help establish a safe and secure Iraq and prevent the region from becoming an incubator for would-be terrorists.

This funding is an investment in our lasting security, and comparatively it is a fraction of what we spent in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. It will go where it is needed most: getting our troops the supplies they need and rebuilding the critical infrastructure depleted by 3 decades of a dictatorial regime.

Our troops have succeeded on every front. They have secured the air, the land and the surrounding water. They have served our Nation well, and once again stand as liberating heroes to an entire people.

Yet, with the cost of the wars in Iraq and against terrorism continuing to rise, many are now wondering: should we send additional support? Are we really safer today than yesterday? Is the price tag worth it? The answer on all fronts is "yes."

If you have doubts, just think for a moment about the cost of inaction, the cost of turning back now.

Chief weapons inspector Dr. David Kay recently delivered an update to Congress and stated that Iraq had a secret network of biological laboratories, live botulinum toxin, and an advanced program for prohibited long-range missiles. This is just what we have found at the halfway point of his investigation.

The positive difference for the United States is clear. No longer does the Iraqi government harbor, support or sponsor known terrorists. The country that once housed individuals like Palestine Liberation Front leader Abu Abbas, whose organization committed the 1985 hijacking of the cruise ship Achille Lauro, is now charting a new course—a course less threatening to the safety and stability of the world.

While the coalition has accomplished much in the last 6 months, we are still building upon that foundation. We must not falter in our response; we must not rest until our families are safe and secure. This funding is critical to our success in the war against terrorism and preserving our freedom here at home.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY BRICKLEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Terry Brickley, who passed away from pneumonia on October 6, 2003. Throughout his life, Terry was an exceptional community activist and a tireless crusader of rights for the disabled, himself a sufferer from multiple sclerosis. He is survived by his life partner of thirteen years, Sally Jorgensen, his daughter, Tori Bradford, and her husband and son.

A native Californian, Terry lived in Santa Cruz for the past thirty-seven years and has played an important role in this community during that time. He played a vital role in making public spaces handicap accessible, including making the transit district in Santa Cruz the first in the country to have fully accessible buses, long before the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed. In addition to his amazing work as an activist, Terry also founded, headed, and sat on the boards of several organizations dedicated to improving the lives of the disabled, including Adaptability Unlimited; a San Francisco chapter of the California Association for Physically Handicapped which is now the Californians for Disability Rights; and the Stroke Center at Cabrillo College.

I had personal contact with him while serving in the California Assembly, as we worked together to pass a bill that would allow people eager to return to work to remain on Disability Insurance until their new job insurance came into effect. With the passage of this bill, it made it possible for more people to return to work and once again participate in their community. He has shown it is possible for one person to make a difference in the lives of so many people, not only in his local community but across the state, in starting a movement that works to guarantee equal rights for all Americans. Terry was an inspiration to me and his legacy will not easily be forgotten. He was a true friend and will be missed by many.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Terry Brickley's achievements and accomplishments. Throughout his life he demonstrated an outstanding commitment to this community and to equal rights nationwide that should serve as an inspiration to everyone. His service is admirable and his character and dedication have made lasting impacts on our community and the people with whom he worked, myself included. I join the County of Santa Cruz, and friends and family in honoring this truly commendable man and all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD FELTSCHER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifelong service of Donald Feldscher. Mr. Feldscher has been a dedicated civil service employee who has worked with the City of Philadelphia for the past twenty-five years. His years of service are indicative of an unwavering commitment to his community and to the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Feldscher has led an exemplary life of service. He maintained a position evaluating property for the City of Philadelphia until the age of seventy-five. His hard work throughout the years has been an inspiration to his co-workers and the community.

Mr. Feldscher will retire from the City of Philadelphia on October 31, 2003. In recognition of his years of service to the people of the Philadelphia community, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate him on his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO LEWIS A. WATKINS, SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Lewis A. Watkins, Sr. for his dedication to serving his community and the City of New York.

For almost 30 years, Lewis has worked for the City of New York in a variety of administrative positions. During most of that time, he has also dedicated himself to serving Community Planning Board #3 in Bedford Stuyvesant, which represents the largest African-American community in New York City.

Educated, diligent and committed, he was promoted from Youth Coordinator for the district to District Manager of Community Board #3. Mr. Watkins' primary role is to coordinate the delivery of city services and to advise a Board of 50 members who are appointed by the Brooklyn Borough President and City Council Members. In this capacity, he works with residents, block associations, community-based and civic organizations, businesses, and churches in order to best serve the neighborhood. For issues in Bedford Stuyvesant relating to housing, seniors, health care, parks, child welfare, day care, education, transportation, police, fire, environmental protection and economic development, Lewis is the main source of information for the City and plays a key role in solving problems for the community related to these areas.

Lewis received his Master of Science Degree in Secondary Education with a Minor in Urban Policy Science from State University of New York at Stony Brook University. He taught high school for several years but realizes now that city government has been his true calling.

In retrospect, he also realizes that his inspiration for community services came from his role models, his mother, Bernice Watkins and his maternal grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, Lewis A. Watkins has been a dedicated public servant to his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

TESTIMONY OF MICHELE DE JESU

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the testimony of

Michele De Jesu from a hearing in regards to Long Island's statistical status, as designated by the Office of Management and Budget. This testimony was given at the Alfonso M. D'Amato United States Courthouse on June 20, 2003.

I am Michele De Jesu, and I am thankful to learn from this hearing.

I know that the Census Bureau has had a tremendous job in counting populations. Now I am learning that the Bureau can make conclusive definitions as to what to call those populous areas.

We can all agree on one thing: Every individual is entitled to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness under the Constitution.

If Nassau County is not counted as an entity; if Suffolk County is not counted as an entity;

If that be the case, where does it lead each and every impoverished homeless person, too numerous to count? I wonder if they are seen in the census books.

Please help the housing agencies that serve the homeless, poor and mentally challenged, agencies like HALI (Hands Across Long Island) and count us so that our government can represent us too.

Please redefine your definitions rather than depersonalize whole counties and thus each individual.

Please reevaluate and reconsider, and may the OMB not deny us of our unalienable rights.

VICTOR GARZA HONORED FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Victor Garza and would like to recognize his extraordinary and tireless service to the people of Santa Clara County.

Victor, who has been called the "Latino Voice of San Jose," retired last month after 26 years as a Veteran Services Officer for the County of Santa Clara.

Victor has served on numerous boards of directors and community committees related to education, youth and health, including his current role as chairman of the La Raza Roundtable, boardmember for the Center for Training and Careers, and as a leader in the American G.I. Forum.

Victor is a former Navy mechanic who served in the Korean war, and has been an outspoken advocate for veterans throughout Santa Clara County, fighting for access to services and recognition for our veterans.

Originally from Eagle Pass, TX, Victor came to San Jose in 1971 when, after leaving the Navy and farm work, Garza enrolled at San Jose State University. At 34, the man who never graduated from high school worked full-time as a foreman at a bus manufacturing company in Hayward while taking a full load of classes at night. He graduated with a master's degree in public affairs.

Throughout his career, he has also organized Latino job fairs, boycotted against job discrimination and founded an organization to send Latinos to college.

Victor has devoted his life to enrich and advance his community, and his contributions

deserve to be honored to serve as an inspiration for our youth, veterans and for the residents of Santa Clara County.

I wish to thank Victor Garza for his tireless service to the County and wish him the best in his future endeavors. Furthermore, he has my personal thanks for our years of friendship. Though we will all miss his compassion, expertise and commitment, his dedication has left its mark on Santa Clara County.

TRIBUTE TO MS. VIVIAN WILLIE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a respected member of the Philadelphia community. Ms. Vivian Willie is turning 100 years young.

Ms. Willie will celebrate her 100th birthday this October 26, 2003. She selflessly helped the community working for many years at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Ms. Willie continued to serve the people of Philadelphia outside of the hospital working for the anti-poverty program from which she retired.

Along with her son, 22 grandchildren, and over 40 great grandchildren, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Vivian Willie during her 100th birthday celebration.

A TRIBUTE TO DARLENE MEALY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Darlene Mealy for her commitment to public service and dedication to serving her community.

Darlene Mealy was one of eight children born to Edward and Louise Mealy, in Detroit, MI. She was raised in Brooklyn, NY, and would later attend school at Manhattan Borough Community College. While living on Herkimer St. in 1987, she formed a softball team named the "Bullets," which won three straight championships. Since then, Darlene decided she wanted to be in a position where she would be able to give back to the community that gave her so much.

She is the founder and president of FARR (Fulton St./Atlantic Ave./Ralph/Rochester Ave.) Community Association, Inc. FARR has helped forge tighter community bonds and a stronger voice. FARR's successes include removing drug dealers from street corners, beautifying the neighborhood, and saving eight members' homes from demolition, which was planned for by the Fulton Park Urban Renewal Plan. Under her leadership, FARR also has been credited with programs for our youth, such as boys' and girls' basketball and girls' step teams, which she has coached for three years.

Her community involvement also extends to her service on the executive board of the Bishop Henry B. Hucles Episcopal Nursing Home, providing an essential service to frail, elderly and physically challenged community

residents. She is the corresponding secretary for the 81st Precinct Community Council and a member of the Christ Memorial Church in Brooklyn. She was the former secretary of Unity Democratic Club as well. She credits her mother as her role model in learning values that she lives by today.

Professionally, Darlene has worked for the New York City Transit for 13 years. She now works in the Department of Buses and Technical Services. She is on the executive board of Neighborhood Housing Services that gives homeowners low and moderate loans to improve their homes.

Mr. Speaker, Darlene Mealy's commitment, leadership, innovation, and motivation have brought about a positive change in the neighborhood and community she serves diligently. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

ON THE YANKEES ALCS VICTORY
OVER THE RED SOX

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise and congratulate the New York Yankees for their stirring come-from-behind last night against the Boston Red Sox in the 7th and final game of the American League Championship Series—proving, once again, that the greatest rivalry in professional sports is between the Yankees and the Red Sox.

Roger Clemens pitching against Pedro Martinez—two of the greatest pitchers of all-time, one pitching what was potentially his final game against his former team, the other pitching what until the 8th inning was nothing less than a masterpiece. The first two Cy Young award winners ever to face each other in a Game 7.

Despite an early deficit, the Yankees refused to give up. Two home runs from a struggling Jason Giambi. 3 runs in the 8th. And of course, the winning homer by Aaron Boone in the bottom of the 11th. This is how baseball is supposed to be played: with emotion, honor, grit—and plenty of drama.

And that was only the 7th game. The six other games included so many gutsy performances by series MVP Mariano Rivera, two tough victories by knuckleballer Tim Wakefield and clutch hit after clutch hit by Jorge Posada and Hideki Matsui. It was in every respect a series for the ages.

I would be remiss if I did not say a word for the fans of the Boston Red Sox, especially my friends Congressman MICHAEL CAPUANO, Congressman JOHN LARSON and Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD, who once again saw victory snatched from the jaws of defeat. As heart-breaking as this game is for them, what makes these fans special is that every year, hope springs eternal for them and the rivalry begins anew. They are one big reason this match up is so extraordinary year after year.

So let me again congratulate Joe Torre and his New York Yankees, as they prepare to take on the Florida Marlins in the 2003 World Series. On behalf of tens of thousands of Con-

necticut Yankee fans, you have again made the entire Tri-State area so proud. Go Yankees!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 20, I was in Somerset, Kentucky, tending to official business, and was not present for rollcall votes #563–565. The votes were on House Resolutions 356, 400, and on H.R. 3288. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all measures.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. RUPPERSBURGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 565, I was unavoidably detained because of a meeting I had with the Mayor of Baltimore. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS
PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of the California Missions Preservation Act of 2003, H.R. 1446.

This important bill would grant funding to restore and repair the twenty-one California missions and their artifacts by providing a grant program under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with a matching fund requirement for the California Missions Foundation.

As a California native, I cherish these beautiful missions, which represent our past, our history and our founding. It is important to preserve these monuments and museums as they serve as part of our cultural heritage.

Near my district in California is one of these missions, San Juan Capistrano, which served as the birthplace of Orange County.

Founded more than 200 years ago on 10 acres of beautiful gardens and fountains, San Juan Capistrano served as a community for Spanish Padres and Indians. It was a thriving center for agriculture, education and religion.

Today, the mission's visitors can see Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage in the mission's architecture and artifacts. Every year, millions of visitors and school children come to these missions to learn about California and our history. Indeed they are living classrooms of our past.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bill, not only for the sake of preserving California's history, but for our nation's history as well.

HONORING HERB ALSUP'S 25
YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS
CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Herb Alsup for his 25 years of ministering the Woodbury Church of Christ. On Sunday, October 26, the church will celebrate Family Day, a day to celebrate Herb's service and for the church to open its new addition.

I've known Herb and his family most of my life. He is the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. For example, Herb's brother, Lynn, was serving in Vietnam and had to send Herb and his wife, Ann, some money. But Herb didn't need the money for himself or his wife. He needed the money before payday to buy clothes for a family he knew was in need.

Herschel Mullins, Herb's uncle, remembers him as "an unusually good boy, always real sociable with people, even when he was a kid." Herb used to visit Herschel for Sunday dinners and family reunions. Herschel recalls, "It was always a joy to have him in my home. He's always been one of my favorite nephews." Herschel also notes that the Woodbury Church of Christ grew considerably during Herb's tenure.

Herb was born in Blackman, TN, just outside of my hometown of Murfreesboro. While we were growing up, Herb excelled in the classroom and on the playing field. While attending David Lipscomb University, he played baseball and was considered a fantastic tennis player. Herb's enthusiasm for life has been and continues to be a positive influence and an inspiration to his family and friends. Herb, thank you for your service to the Woodbury Church of Christ and to everyone in the community.

HONORING RUTHERFORD
COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 200th birthday of Rutherford County, Tennessee. Rutherford County is located in the heart of Middle Tennessee, and I am proud to call this beautiful county my home.

The people of Rutherford County are truly blessed to live in a region with such rich history and such a promising future. Murfreesboro, now the county seat, served as the capital of Tennessee from 1819 to 1826. Nearly 40 years later, Union and Confederate soldiers fought and died on the county's soil during the Civil War. Stones River National Battlefield is a solemn memorial to those who lost their lives during the battle.

Today, residents and visitors can catch a glimpse of the county's promising future by looking to the county's successful industrial areas, quality schools and beautiful parks.

It is easy to see why Rutherford County is the fastest growing county in the state and

one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. The warmth of its residents and beauty of its landscapes will continue to attract new members to the community. And those new residents will have the opportunity to visit numerous historic sites, purchase a variety of quality goods manufactured in the county, and enjoy leisurely drives through the scenic countryside.

The residents of Rutherford County have much to be proud of. I congratulate the county on its success, and I am sure the next 200 years will be just as steeped in friendship and tradition as the first 200 years.

AMENDING TITLE XXI OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3288 is a technical corrections bill that will allow New Mexico to use \$14 million of its unused State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) funds for low-income children's health. Currently New Mexico has approximately \$70 million in unused SCHIP funds which the state cannot access. This bill will allow New Mexico to use 20 percent of these funds, or \$14 million, on low-income children in the Medicaid program. This bill keeps these vital health care dollars in New Mexico. It also assures that these dollars are used for children's health, for which they were originally intended.

Earlier this year we passed a similar bill signed into law that would allow states, like New Mexico, who had expanded their Medicaid programs for children before the passage of the SCHIP program to use some SCHIP dollars on low-income children eligible for Medicaid. The prior policy essentially penalized states that had done the right thing by expanding coverage for children under Medicaid.

Because of a miscalculation in the legislation passed earlier this year, New Mexico may be ineligible to use the SCHIP funds in the manner intended. This bill would correct that mistake and allow low-income children in New Mexico access to important health care dollars they deserve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes and would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 562—"no"; rollcall No. 563—"yes"; rollcall No. 564—"yes"; rollcall No. 565—"yes."

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL
MEN'S GOLF TEAM, 2003

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my alma mater Detroit Catholic Central Men's Golf Team, the 2003 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I Champions.

In conditions unfavorable to competitive golf, Catholic Central fired a two-round total of 636, six shots ahead of their nearest competitor.

Led by seniors Chris Eliason, Mike King, and Jimmy Burns sophomores David Denyer and Adam Hogue, and Coach Bill Hayes, the Shamrocks easily captured the Catholic League Championship and State Regional Championship while posting an 11-1 dual meet record.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Shamrocks of Detroit Catholic Central for capturing the MHSAA Golf Championship.

FOUR OUTSTANDING SENIORS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, you know, Texas is home to great schools, great teachers, and great students.

Today I would like to spotlight four outstanding seniors from Plano Independent School District who made perfect scores on their college entrance exams.

It is estimated that they are in the top one-tenth of the highest one percent of all of the students taking these exams.

Brent Flynn of the Plano Star Courier detailed these amazing students in the September 29, 2003 edition.

Greg Bussell of Plano East Senior High School, Jennifer Wu of Plano West Senior High School, and Brian Young of Plano Senior High School all scored 1600 on their S.A.T.'s, while Jeffrey Lin of Plano West Senior High School received a 36, the highest possible on the A.C.T.

In addition to smarts and savvy, they all shine outside the classroom. Both Jennifer and Jeffrey play the violin in the orchestra. Greg stars in a school play and Brian's on the school's academic decathlon team.

Each principal had wonderful words for these students.

Plano Senior High principal Dr. Doyle Dean said, "Brian Young is an outstanding student. We at Plano Senior High are very proud of his many academic and personal accomplishments, including his perfect score on the S.A.T."

"These are among some of the most extraordinary students in our State," said Dr. Michael McClellan, principal at Plano East Senior High.

Phil Saviano, principal for Plano West Senior High School stated, "It's an exceptional achievement. It's rewarding to see their hard work pay off after their amazing public school careers."

These students are shining examples of the best and brightest in Texas and America. They deserve a Lone Star size applause. Congratulations. We are proud of you.

COMMEMORATING THE INTRODUCTION OF "MEDAL OF HONOR"

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the upcoming introduction of the book, "Medal of Honor," at the National Boy Scout Museum in Irving, Texas. The book honors the more than 3,400 Medal of Honor recipients that have served our Nation so valiantly in time of war or crisis and will be introduced on November 8, 2003. Mr. Speaker, this event is being coordinated by the North Trail District of the Boy Scouts of America under the direction of Chairman Gary V. Hill and Mr. Rob Kyker, the Friends of Scouting Chairman and host of this event.

Mr. Speaker, during the introduction of the book, seven (7) of the living 138 Medal of Honor recipients will be presented and honored along with Mr. Michael E. Thornton, U.S. Navy—retired, who is the spokesman for all Medal of Honor recipients. These individuals embody the virtues of sacrifice, courage, and leadership, which the Boy Scouts work to instill. Since 1861, the Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded to our Nation's bravest Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen. This book, by Mr. Peter Collier, honors them for their courage, character, and leadership and will serve as a wonderful example to future generations, especially the Boy Scouts of the future.

The introduction of this book, affords a new generation the opportunity to once again learn of the leadership and courage of those service men and women who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor. This presentation at the Boy Scout National Museum is a great moment to honor and remember all the Medal of Honor recipients and I count it an honor to be involved and to be present at this wonderful ceremony.

AMENDING TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for passage of H.R. 3288, but do so with disappointment that the House did not take up S. 1547, thereby failing to expedite the process of ensuring that New Mexico does not lose their unused SCHIP funds.

My New Mexico delegation colleagues in the other chamber were able to secure passage of S. 1547 on July 31, 2003 by unanimous consent. This legislation allows states, including New Mexico, to keep unused allotments under the SCHIP Program.

Prior to recessing for the August District Work Period, we in the House passed H.R.

2854—what was supposed to be a final compromise covering \$2.7 billion in SCHIP funds, about half of which technically expired September 30, 2002, and the rest of which was scheduled to expire September 30, 2003. Without this action, the funds would have reverted back to the Federal treasury, consequently depriving New Mexico and other states of sorely needed health care funds.

However, because of a technical error in H.R. 2854 that excluded New Mexico from retaining their SCHIP funds, S. 1547 was passed to ensure that New Mexico was rightfully included. Now, with passage of this legislation today, New Mexico and other states will again be required to wait for their much-needed SCHIP funds since this bill will now have to be referred back to the Senate, passed once again, and then sent to the President for his signature.

While I by no means seek to diminish the importance of the other states now included under H.R. 3822 for a similar fix that was required for New Mexico, I am nevertheless disappointed that S. 1547 could not be passed as a lean technical fix to expedite New Mexico's funds. New Mexico is ranked second in the Nation for uninsured individuals, which makes the SCHIP program that much more important so that children can have health coverage.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3288, but do so in the hope that this legislation can be expeditiously passed in the other chamber. The sooner we can get this legislation into law, the sooner the funding can go to its intended purpose—providing health insurance coverage for the children in our respective states.

FIVE TRUE HEROES IN AMERICAN LIFE

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, if we were to believe the television and radio and even the newspapers, we would think that the most important figures in America are professional athletes, movie stars, rock performers, and financial tycoons.

But we all know that this is not true. There are millions of Americans who do heroic work every day. Some are teachers, some nurses, some work in day care. Some prepare meals for the elderly; others take care of their elderly parents or of spouses or children who are ill or disabled. Men and women all over America go off to work each day, sometimes at two or even three jobs, to make sure that there is food on the table for their families, and money to send their children to college.

Today, I want to recognize five citizens of Vermont who are heroes: Mary Jean Inglee, Emma Katherine Ely, Bev Priest, Theresa Emmons, and Christina Crawford. They come from every corner of Vermont, and each has been tireless in advocating for the needs of the low-income citizens of our state.

Mary Jean Inglee was born in Whitehall, New York and raised in an Irish Catholic Democratic family. She graduated from Whitehall High School, Class of 1968, and married Harold Inglee in November of that same year.

She and her husband now live in Rutland; they have two daughters and three granddaughters.

Mary Jean Inglee's interest in low-income issues started when she was a child, when a poor family lived in a shack on the rocky area above her house. To Mary Jean's own family, it was a natural thing to share what they had with that family. Her parents provided them with rides to doctors and food and clothing whenever they could.

Mary Jean at times got in trouble at school because she believed it was her duty to advocate for classmates that were being treated unfairly. She remembers those classmates as the kids who experienced the cruel realities of poverty.

Mary Jean worked in the public school system for 10 years in a special education classroom. She had a first-hand look at how state systems worked—and how they didn't work for kids that had the least going for them. Once again some saw her as a troublemaker, for she took advocacy for families who needed extra consideration, very seriously. She says this kind of work brought her to know BROC (the community action agency in southern Vermont), which was a worksite for some of the students she worked with. Going there on a weekly basis, she was able to observe the difficult situation facing clients and workers.

Mary Jean has worked for the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation for the past 15 years, an agency charged with removing barriers to employment for people with disabilities. Most of the people she works with have no income or the minimal benefits of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability payments. This translates into poverty. She advocates every day for programs, training, and dollars to help people improve their lives.

A new opportunity to help came in 1992 when she was asked to join the BROC Board of Directors as a low-income representative. The timing was perfect for Mary Jean to be called into service. Her husband was ill and not able to work. This gave her an instant "reminder course" in what it was like to owe rent and wonder how it would be paid. In their 35 years together, they have been there a few times, but unlike many of the people BROC serves, there was usually someone in the family who could help out.

Mary Jean has worked tirelessly for others, but she has also pursued a path of learning for herself. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services from Springfield College in 2002. She is currently a Masters Candidate and expects to receive her Masters in Human Services with a concentration in Community Psychology in the spring of 2004.

Emma Katherine Ely is another outstanding advocate for low-income people. During the past 15 years (and probably longer than that!) Ms. Ely has served the low-income community of northeastern Vermont. While being a parent in the program—she is the mother of ten children—Ms. Ely served on the Champlain Valley OEO Head Start Policy Council. That interest in parent advocacy led to seats on the New England Regional Head Start Board and also on the Vermont State Head Start Parents Association. For the past 10 years, Ms. Ely has played a central role organizing the Vermont Early Childhood Conference. In addition to this work, Ms. Ely has been active in many roles

at the King Street Youth Center in Burlington. She currently organizes the Holiday Program at that Center.

She represents the needs and interests of the whole community, not just of children. Ms. Ely has also been a member of the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf Advisory Board for the past 14 years. She is currently a low-income representative on the Champlain Valley OEO Board of Directors, and is at the present moment serving in her second term. She does all of these things as a dedicated, spirited advocate.

Bev Priest is another dedicated advocate for low-income people. A resident of Jay, Vermont for over 25 years, she served as a low-income representative on the Northeast Kingdom Community Action Board of Directors for 10 years. During that time, she regularly attended the Low-Income Association meetings, Physically Disabled Association meetings, and other meetings in the state capital of Montpelier: at all of them she unstintingly shared with everyone her knowledge of what she learned.

Bev Priest opened a food shelf and clothing center in the Jay Town Clerk's building and provided many holiday baskets to the local families. During the Christmas season she often played Santa at the low-income children's Christmas parties; she herself acquired many of the gifts that were distributed. She has been a consistent advocate for people in crisis; she has assisted in any way she could in helping people in crisis locate the resources they needed. Bev would many times call the NEKCA office stating, "If I had transportation I would be on your desk right now." As one Vermonter in her community stated, "Bev promoted the continual awareness of others of the struggles that low-income families face by 'pointing out the squeaks in the wheel'."

Theresa Emmons has been involved with the Central Vermont Community Action Council for over 20 years. It is safe to say that without her influence, CVCAC would not have accomplished as much as it has. Theresa served on the Board of Directors as a representative of the town of Washington in Orange County. She also has the distinction of having the longest tenure on the CVCAC Board, which she has served in every possible way: as President, as Vice President, as Treasurer and as Secretary.

As if this weren't enough, she has also served on the Head Start Policy Council and has been a leader in the Vermont Head Start Parent's Association. She has been a long time volunteer for the USDA Commodity food distribution program and local food shelves; she was also involved in the conception and growth of the Vermont Food Bank. As far as Theresa is concerned, if people are in need they deserve to receive help. If there is a cause that will help someone in need, that cause deserves to be supported—and Theresa is always first in line to volunteer and to recruit others to volunteer.

Christina Crawford of Springfield, Vermont has been an outstanding example of persevering in the face of difficulties, and of triumphing over many of them.

It was seven years ago that Chris left an abusive relationship. She left with a broken foot, no transportation, four children and the clothes on her back. After three months of being homeless, she found a place to live. She studied for the GED and passed. She then began taking administrative classes at

the local high school as well as taking on a part-time job at an agency where she was given the opportunity to use the skills she was learning, although the job at the agency was temporary.

At the age of 30 Chris took driving lessons and eventually got her driver's license and a vehicle for the first time in her life. She then went to the Employment & Training agency in search of part-time, entry level work in the clerical field. She was offered an opportunity to enroll in an on-the-job training program and was placed at Southeastern Vermont Community Action. Chris has worked at SEVCA for nearly four years now as receptionist.

Three years ago, one of Chris's children was diagnosed as having an autistic disorder. She has since spent much of her time researching her daughter's disability and working tirelessly to put the needed supports in place for her daughter to be able to attend school. Chris is now in the process of trying to form a local support group for parents of special needs children.

Chris currently represents SEVCA and the southeastern part of Vermont on the Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council. She attended her first meeting in September and looks forward to attending as many as she can to use the opportunity to speak out about the struggles she has overcome and the struggles she has yet to face. She hopes to inspire other low-income people to speak out and create change.

In spite of the heavy load Chris continues to carry, she hopes that one day she will be able to go to college and obtain a degree in Human Services.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to an event in my district, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 563–565 on Monday, October 20, 2003. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 563, 564, and 565.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF THOMAS N. KUHN

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my respect and gratitude to Mr. Thomas N. Kuhn for 44 years of military and civilian service to his country.

Mr. Kuhn enlisted in the United States Army on July 22, 1959, and served on active duty for over 25 years, attaining the rank of Sergeant Major. While on active duty, he served overseas in Germany, Vietnam, Korea, and Italy, and in the United States at Fort Stewart, Georgia; Fort Monroe, Virginia; Fort Lee, Virginia; and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Mr. Kuhn retired from active duty in October 1984.

Upon retiring, he was appointed Deputy Director of the Field Artillery Proponency Office

at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he previously had served as Sergeant Major. In January 1986, Mr. Kuhn then joined the Department of the Army Personnel Command Task Force in Alexandria, Virginia. Next, he became Branch Chief of the Combat Service Support Branch of the Army Occupational Survey Division in the Soldier Support Center—National Capitol Region.

Mr. Kuhn continued civilian support for his country nearly 20 years, holding numerous leadership positions such as: Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command; Deputy Director, Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center; Adjutant General Directorate, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command; and Acting Director.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Kuhn has been recognized with both military and civilian honors. For his military service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal with Eight Awards. For his civilian service, he was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award and the Commanders Award.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor Mr. Kuhn's exceptional dedication to his country. I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Mr. Kuhn on 44 years of military and civilian service to the United States.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Chairman, when Mr. Bush told the American People he was against nation building, no one, including me, thought he was talking about America. Let me at the outset make clear my support for our valiant soldiers who are pursuing our enemies in Afghanistan, and who are securing the peace in Iraq. But the bill before us today, just as it ignites the Iraqi economy and keeps Iraqi kids out of more debt—it costs America's great great grandchildren more long term debt, while America herself crumbles.

Mr. Chairman, let us look at this bill's priorities and all of the unanswered questions it raises. There is plenty of money in here for Iraqi health care, but not one dime of the \$1.8 billion American Veterans need for their health care, which the majorities in this Congress seem hell bent on ignoring. Why is that? The White House won't fund the No Child Left Behind education initiative, but we're supposed to pay Iraqi teachers' salaries. Why is that? President Bush says he needs more than \$4 billion for water infrastructure when there are

people throughout rural America who lack public water service. Why is that? The President wants \$856 million to upgrade three Iraqi airports, a seaport and rail lines, while Amtrak is starved for funds and our ports remain vulnerable to attack. Why is that? The White House has a paltry underfunded proposal for road-building at home but wants to spend millions building roads and bridges elsewhere. Why is that? The President wiped out the COPS program at home, and now he wants to pay more than \$3 billion for Iraqi law enforcement. Why is that? The President is seeking \$5.7 billion to rebuild and expand Iraq's electric grid just as millions of Americans are regaining power lost to Hurricane Isabel, and Congress is grappling with the causes of August's blackout in the Northeast. Why is that?

The President needed the coalfields of West Virginia last election, but today his priorities lie in the oilfields of Iraq. If we can help Iraq pump oil, we sure ought to help America burn coal.

To those who would suggest we should rebuild Iraq at a time when we cannot rebuild America, I say that doing so costs our economy, costs us tax revenues in lost production, and costs American workers jobs as our infrastructure crumbles. The surest way to not be able to help Iraq, if that is the President's goal, is to further hurt America. To shortchange America's infrastructure. Meanwhile, by failing to win the support and aid of the world community, the task of rebuilding Iraq became America's responsibility alone.

And, who pays for these government contracts in Iraq? They are being paid for, by the working men and women in West Virginia, and throughout our Nation. Is that fair? President Bush's friends are getting a double-dip giveaway. First, they get huge tax giveaways, putting more of the tax burden on middle and low-income families like many of my constituents in West Virginia. Is that fair? Then, the President's friends and campaign supporters, such as Halliburton and Bechtel, strike it rich with no-bid contracts. Is that fair? There are, according to the Washington Post, currently more contractors in Iraq than there are soldiers from any force of our allies. Is that fair?

And where, oh where, have all our allies gone? Can this Administration not swallow its pride, can it not make a more conciliatory effort to enlist the World in the rebuilding of Iraq? Mr. Chairman, if we have to pay \$87 billion for Iraq, why don't we do the wise thing and roll back the colossal tax giveaway to America's richest 1%, those making over \$337,000? If we defer that giveaway to those making over \$337,000, we could pay for the entire \$87 billion. We have far too many unavoidable needs right here at home.

Several weeks ago, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) identified real shortcomings on a nationwide basis. The ASCE report said we are failing to maintain even the substandard conditions of our transportation infrastructure. It described our national roads system as "poor," and our national bridges and transit systems as "mediocre." The ASCE report also identified needs in my home state of West Virginia regarding roads, bridges, water infrastructure, schools, and education.

Right in my own district of Southern West Virginia, I can point to pressing infrastructure needs: Greenbrier Valley Airport in Lewisburg is 35 years old, and in need of a new terminal. The upgrade is expected to cost \$15 million.

Where is the federal grant for Greenbrier Valley Airport? Greenbrier Valley Airport's parking apron, used, for housing aircrafts, also needs a \$10 million upgrade. Due to lack of funding availability, this project has already been broken into six phases in the hope of completing it. But where are the federal grants for these phases?

In Raleigh County, just one of our wastewater projects is going to cost \$6.8 million to serve 3,300 citizens in Glen White and Lester. This is a matter of public health, of bringing in new jobs, of fueling the economy. Where is the federal grant for that program? In Nicholas County, \$7.3 million is needed for a water project to serve 562 customers who presently have no water service at all. Where is the federal grant for them? West Virginians are told by this President and this Congress that we can't afford federal grants!

Nationwide unemployment levels remain unsteady. We have 42 million uninsured Americans and rising health costs for those individuals who actually are insured. State budgets in disarray. Attempts to buy homeland security on the cheap while we incur record level deficits. Meanwhile, the Bush administration tells us that we can't afford to pay for all of our needs at home. Not when we're investing in other countries, rather than our own. Well, Mr. President, this land is your land, but you should know this land is also our land.

We have an economic stimulus package that we could pass right now to provide much needed jobs and get us out of this so-called "jobless recovery," which is no recovery at all. I'm talking about reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st century, and fully funding it at the \$375 billion that the Bush administration's Department of Transportation says is needed to maintain our economy. The Federal Highway Administration estimates that every billion dollars that we invest in our infrastructure provides 47,500 good-paying construction jobs. However, the Bush administration proposes that we spend almost \$130 billion less over the next six years than what President Bush's own Department of Transportation identified as infrastructure problems.

Mr. Chairman, we're fighting two wars at the moment. Like most Americans, I supported our effort in Afghanistan, and I voted in favor of it. I still support it. But, President Bush lost interest in our enemy in Afghanistan because he had this other war that he wanted to fight in Iraq. Now, we're faced with a resurgent Taliban in Afghanistan along with a bill for Iraq. And, mark my words, this will not be the last time the administration comes calling for cash for Iraq. Estimates are that it will cost us more than \$400 billion.

With that amount of money we could afford to provide seniors with a meaningful prescription drug benefit under Medicare. But, Mr. Speaker, we won't be able to afford it because of the lack of priorities. Not when priorities are to finance Mr. Bush's war, and his rich friends' profit-making ventures. As I said at the outset, Mr. Chairman, I have total support for our troops. It is my hope that in the following hours and days we can fix this bill. Fix its priorities, putting the American soldier first, and getting the American taxpayer some relief. But, when we have so many great needs here at home that are being ignored, we need to focus on needs at home first. Then let us see how we can best serve America abroad.

BRIGADIER GENERAL (AUS-RET.)
JOHN H. McLAIN POST OFFICE

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to respectfully appeal to my colleagues for their support of H.R. 3068, which will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2055 Siesta Drive in Sarasota, Florida as the "Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office".

Brigadier General John H. McLain, Army of the United States, Retired, was a soldier, teacher, father and friend. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on January 21, 1919, he arrived in Sarasota, Florida in 1986.

General McLain's original enlistment in the Army's field artillery occurred in September 1940. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in this unit during December 1942. General McLain fought in the Second World War's European Theater, participating in the Battle of the Bulge and in the relief of Bastogne as a member of General George Patton's Third Army. While he left active duty with the rank of captain in 1945, he volunteered for service in the Korean War as soon as that conflict began. General McLain served as a senior advisor to a Korean field artillery battalion until the 1953 armistice.

When he returned to the Reserves, General McLain became Chief of Staff of the Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. He obtained his promotion to Brigadier General in 1972, while serving as Deputy Commander of ARCOM.

General McLain returned to active duty in 1974 with the Department of Defense Study Groups for Guard and Reserve. His induction into the Field Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 1976 capped a heavily decorated career that included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star medal, the European Theater of Operations Medal with three campaign stars, the World War 11 victory medal, the Korean Service Medal with three campaign stars, and the United Nations Service medal. In August 1977, General McLain retired after almost 37 years of active and reserve duty.

General McLain was also an accomplished scholar. He held a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, while he completed courses at the Army War College, National War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, as well as Yale, Michigan State, and Florida State Universities. He taught English grammar, composition, and literature at Admiral Farragut Academy (St. Petersburg, FL), St. Petersburg High School, Edgewood (PA) High School, Presbyterian Junior College, Florida State University, and the University of Pittsburgh, where he also taught the history of England.

General McLain was a member-in-perpetuity of The Military Order of the World Wars and as a member of The Sons of the American Revolution. He maintained a lifetime membership of the Reserve Officers Association, The Military Officers Association. In 1990, he served as President of the Military Officers Association of Sarasota. General McLain also received a listing in *Who's Who in America*.

Moreover, he received Booker High School's Senior Volunteer of the year award for the 1999–2000 school year.

Mr. Speaker, while we lost General McLain on September 23, 2003, his greatest legacy lives on in the outstanding family he left behind. Patricia Ann, his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, and his four children will continue to honor their father through their exemplary contributions to our world.

The dedication of this postal facility is the least that we can do to memorialize the extraordinary gift this gentleman and hero gave our nation in dedicating his entire life to protecting freedom, promoting education, and touching lives.

CONGRATULATIONS ON LAGRANGE
NOON LION'S CLUB'S 75TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the LaGrange Noon Lion's Club on the occasion of their 75th anniversary. Since its founding, the LaGrange Noon Lion's Club has been a cornerstone of charitable service to its community. I am therefore pleased to submit this proclamation honoring the LaGrange Noon Lion's Club into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCLAMATION, LA GRANGE
NOON LION'S CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, the LaGrange Noon Lion's Club serves the citizens of LaGrange, Fayette County, the great state of Texas and the United States of America, AND

Whereas, the La Grange Noon Lion's Club gives of their time freely for the betterment of mankind, having a membership of anonymous individual philanthropists, AND

Whereas, the International Association of Lion's Clubs all over the world offer charitable hope to the blind, provide services for youth, disabled and victims of disaster, of which the Noon Lion's Club is a subsidiary

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the Constituents of District 14 in Texas, I, Representative Ron Paul, do hereby proclaim October 12–18, 2003 the 75th Anniversary Week of the La Grange Noon Lions Club.

FREEDOM FOR NELSON ALBERTO
AGUIAR RAMÍREZ!

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I speak today about Nelson Alberto Aguiar Ramirez, a prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

Employed as an electrician, literally turning the lights on, he was forced by Castro's tyrannical policies to pursue a different path. After years of incessant repression, Mr. Aguiar Ramirez decided to turn the lights on Castro's ruthless machinery of repression.

Mr. Aguiar Ramirez joined organizations that opposed Castro's dictatorship and supported basic human rights for the people of Cuba. Mr. Aguiar Ramirez is currently the President of

the Cuban Orthodox Party, and a member of a more recent initiative, the Assembly to Promote Civil Society.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Aguiar Ramirez chose to fight Castro's government even though he was acutely aware of the consequences of doing so. In December 1999, Mr. Aguiar Ramirez was detained by Castro's ruthless repressive apparatus in order to prevent him from commemorating the December 10th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document, enshrining the essential rights of all humans, is such a danger to Castro's repressive dictatorship that Castro prevented Mr. Aguiar Ramirez from commemorating the anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, it sadly came as no surprise to anyone who has watched the horrors that Castro inflicts on those who cry for freedom when Mr. Aguiar Ramirez was detained on March 20, 2003. He was subsequently sentenced to 13 years in Castro's inhumane dungeons.

Mr. Aguiar Ramirez is classified as a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. His wife, Dalia, is deeply concerned about his declining health and his constant malnourishment.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Aguiar Ramirez must be released from Castro's gulag at once. My colleagues, we can not allow human beings such as Mr. Aguiar Ramirez, who rise up to claim their human rights from the clutches of tyrannical despots, to languish in the gulag for their beliefs. My colleagues, we must stand united and demand the immediate release of Nelson Alberto Aguiar Ramirez.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO HAROLD
A. MCMASTER FOR HIS IMMEAS-
URABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
NORTHWEST OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Northwest Ohio, Mr. Harold A. McMaster.

As a youth growing up in Northwest Ohio, Harold McMaster's hero was another northern Ohio product, Thomas Alva Edison. From an early age Harold understood the importance of setting goals and seeing them through.

Mr. Speaker, Harold McMaster was a unique individual who combined the foresight and analytical nature of the scientist with the acumen and "street smarts" of the successful businessman. The former helped him "see" how to do things, while the latter enabled him to commercialize his innovations.

A physicist, he held more than 100 patents dealing with glass tempering, solar energy and rotary engines. Harold McMaster was known in many circles as the father of glass tempering.

He graduated in 1938 from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics and in 1939 with a Master of Science Degree in Nuclear Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy.

In 1940, he went to work as a research physicist for Toledo, Ohio's Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, a producer of flat glass

for windows and automobile windshields. He received one of his first patents in the early days of World War II for a periscope used by fighter pilots to see behind them during combat. McMaster Motor is the fourth enterprise to be built from the germ of an idea by McMaster and his associates. Other companies founded and nurtured by Harold McMaster include: Permaglass, Inc., Glasstech, Inc. and Solar Cells, Inc.

Harold McMaster received the prestigious Phoenix Award as the national glass industry's Man of the Year in 1993. In 1987, Harold McMaster was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Toledo.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Harold A. McMaster. Northwest Ohio was served well by Harold McMaster's innovation and business skill. The legacy of his genius will continue to benefit future generations in engineering and technology.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 563, 564, and 565, I was unavoidably absent, due to a delay in my flight. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

DESIGNATING A BUILDING AS THE
JOHN LEWIS CIVIL RIGHTS IN-
STITUTE

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak on the House floor today regarding legislation that I am introducing along with Representative Denise Majette to name a building in Atlanta, Georgia as the "John Lewis Civil Rights Institute."

The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site (MLKNHS) has purchased an apartment house located two doors west of Dr. King's Birth Home. The plan is to restore the building and convert it into an educational center—including four classrooms and an auditorium. The MLKNHS currently conducts educational programs in a house on Auburn Avenue, which accommodates 20 students. This new center would allow for expanded offerings of these educational programs. I am proud to introduce legislation that will name this educational center after U.S. Representative John Lewis who has spent his life promoting civil and human rights across the world.

John Lewis was born the son of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940 outside of Troy, Alabama. He grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Philosophy from Fisk University; and he is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee. He has also been awarded numerous honorary degrees from colleges and universities throughout the

United States, including Clark Atlanta University, Duke University, Howard University, Brandeis University, Columbia University, Fisk University, Morehouse College, Princeton University and Williams College. John Lewis is the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize and the NAACP Spingarn Medal. John Lewis is also the recipient of the John F. Kennedy "Profile in Courage Award" for lifetime achievement and the National Education Association Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award.

As a student, John Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations at segregated lunch counters in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1961, John Lewis volunteered to participate in the Freedom Rides, which were organized to challenge segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South. Lewis risked his life and was beaten severely by mobs for participating in the Rides. During the height of the Civil Rights Movement, from 1963 to 1966, Lewis was the Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he helped form. SNCC was largely responsible for the sit-ins and other activities of students in the struggle for civil rights. Lewis, at the age of 23, was one of the planners and a keynote speaker at the historic "March on Washington" in August 1963. In 1964, John Lewis coordinated SNCC efforts to organize voters' registration drives and community action programs during the "Mississippi Freedom Summer." The following year, Lewis led one of the most dramatic nonviolent protests of the Movement. Along with fellow activist, Hosea Williams, John Lewis led over 600 marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965. Alabama state troopers attacked the marchers in a confrontation that became known as "Bloody Sunday." That fateful march and a subsequent march between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

This is an appropriate tribute to a man who has dedicated his life to promoting human rights and I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation. Thank you.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 16, 2003

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Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Chairman, today we are debating this Administration's request for an \$87 billion bailout occasioned by its failed planning—or lack of planning for post-war Iraq. We are asked to pass this \$87 billion despite the fact that the Bush Administration has not articulated a coherent and workable underlying strategy to accomplish our mission and

bring our troops home safely and soon. It is either unwilling or incapable of doing so.

The only way Congress can ensure for the American people that such a strategy exists and that it has a reasonable chance of success if by using its power of the purse. We are dealing with an Administration that already has a nearly \$400 billion Department of Defense budget and that has already received one supplemental appropriation for some \$63 billion. Yet it fails to explain how or why our forces had tens of thousands of men and women without the proper Kevlar breast plates, Humvees without proper armor, and rancid water for 80 percent of the troops, or how those conditions continued, even after they knew in June that people were dying and being injured.

In addition, the Administration, in its zeal to get all the money now so it will not have to come back in 2004's election year to report to the American people, insinuates that a vote against this bailout is a vote against our troops and a vote to "cut and run." Nothing could be further from the truth. The Administration's own figures show that this is just another dissembling of the facts. According to the non-partisan Congressional Research Service, the Pentagon can stay in Iraq another 6 months without an additional penny in funds. But we have been prevented from seeking accountability from this administration as it asserts a need for "emergency funds."

Mr. Chairman, this Congress has a moral and practical responsibility to modify and condition these funds, and it is time to reject this "rubber-stamped blank check" and insist on the alternative that the Democrats want to put forward, but the majority and the administration have prohibited it from seeing the light of day.

We must work to re-align the funds for necessary equipment and quality of life matters that the Administration failed to do; reform the Contract provisions to eliminate cronyism concerns-like no-bid, cost plus Halliburton deals; eliminate outrageous and unnecessary projects and over spending that comes at the expense of domestic needs; consider other funding options to lessen and leverage U.S. investments, entice foreign cooperation and have it share some costs through its oil reserves. We should do all this—and foremost, we should only approve this bailout if the Administration presents a coherent and workable underlying strategy to accomplish our mission and bring our troops home safely and soon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for votes on Monday, October 20, 2003, due to a scheduling conflict in my district. Had I been present, I would have cast my votes as follows:

Rollcall No. 563 (H. Res. 356): "aye"; rollcall No. 564 (H. Res. 400): "aye"; rollcall No. 565 (H.R. 3288): "aye."

THE PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ACT

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, public safety agencies all across our nation are charged with ensuring the security of our critical infrastructures and the safety of our citizens and their communities. September 11 served to highlight how critical it is that our public safety agencies have the funding, spectrum, and equipment that they need to communicate with each other if they are to fulfill their mission.

The Federal Government has called upon our states and localities to be ever more vigilant and prepared against possible acts of terrorism.

Yet, as hearings in Congress and numerous reports have shown, our public safety agencies continue to lack the ability to communicate with each other interagency and interjurisdictionally. Firefighters cannot talk to police, local police cannot talk to state police, and so on and so on.

We expect our public safety agencies to act with haste and urgency to meet all of our needs and homeland security goals. Therefore, we must provide them with the tools they need to assist us. It is critical to fund radio equipment and technology so that they can talk to each other and be effective responders.

It is for this reason, that along with my colleagues VITO FOSSELLA and ELIOT ENGEL, I am introducing today the Public Safety Interoperability Implementation Act to address this urgent need.

Our bill looks at both the short term and long term funding needs that face our public safety agencies. We set up a Public Safety Communications Trust Fund in the U.S. Treasury, to be administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). While the program will be administered with collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security, we believe NTIA should take the lead.

The Department of Homeland Security has shown itself to be still sluggish in responding to the needs of our nation. We cannot afford to waste more time, money, or red tape. NTIA, an agency well familiar with telecommunications and information technology issues, will be better able to address the communications problems that exist and expeditiously move our nation's public safety agencies into state-of-the-art communications.

In the short term, the Public Safety Communications Trust Fund it will be funded by a 3-year grant program funded through the traditional appropriations cycle, authorizing up to \$500 million a year, so that grants may be provided to implement interoperability.

In the long run, the funding for the trust fund will come from the sales of spectrum conducted by the Federal Communications Commission. Our bill dedicates 50 percent of net revenue from future spectrum auctions to the trust fund.

Grants will be allocated to eligible entities to achieve interoperability, with multiyear grants available to ensure that agencies can develop long term plans without having to worry about funding from one year to the next. Preference will be given to those applicants that present

regional or multijurisdiction plans, to encourage true across the board interoperability.

Our Nation's public safety agencies' communications should not be at the mercy of Congress' funding whims. This issue is too important to require public safety agencies, year after year, to wonder what the annual funding might be. By dedicating funds from the sale of spectrum, we will ensure that funding will be set aside, no matter what happens in the annual appropriations process.

I look forward to working with my fellow members of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Chairman TAUZIN and Ranking Member DINGELL in moving this legislation so that we can help our Nation's public safety agencies perform their important missions.

MAYOR KAY ANN E. ADAIR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the citizens of Davison, MI, to recognize an outstanding leader in the community. On November 10, 2003, the council members of Davison will honor Mayor Kay Ann E. Adair for 18 years of dedicated service to the people of Davison.

Kay Ann E. Adair was born in my hometown of Flint, MI, on October 16, 1943. She graduated from Swartz Creek high school. Her political career began in 1985, when she became the first female to serve on the Davison City council. During that time she also became a member of the Davison Planning Commission, where she served until 1987, and then subsequently became an active member on the Senior Citizens Authority as chairwoman. In 1993, Kay Ann E. Adair made her mark in history, she became the first elected female mayor of Davison, she has maintained the post every since. During her tenure she has sustained membership on several boards, including the Genesee County Growth Alliance. In 1999 she had the honor of chairing the Small Cities and Villages gathering. Mayor Adair can also be credited with founding the Davison Beautification Committee. As mayor, she has become a beacon of hope for Davison. Her exceptional enthusiasm, strength and leadership skills have helped to make this city a better place. Mayor Adair is a tremendously respected individual. She is always willing to lend a helping hand or advice whenever needed. Her love for the community shows through her countless efforts. Upon retiring Mayor Adair will continue to work with the community, but as a spiritual leader. She is the Lay Pastor for the Mundy Church, located in Mundy Township.

Aside from being an outstanding leader and role model, Mayor Adair is also a devoted wife to her husband, Gary and a supportive mother to her daughter Sarah.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Mayor Adair for service well done. Mayor Adair has been a positive influence on the city of Davison for the past 18 years. She has served her community with zeal and compassion. I wish her all the best as she begins this new phase of her life.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE
EMANUEL OF GREAT NECK

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call the attention of the House to a wonderful event that will occur this Friday, October 24, in my district: the 50th anniversary and rededication of Temple Emanuel of Great Neck. This synagogue, since its founding, has been a vital force in my community, instilling hope, providing opportunities for prayer, education and fellowship, and acting as a vigorous agent of tzedaka, of righteousness, charity and social action.

Since 1969, this energetic congregation has been led by Dr. Robert Widom, an exemplary rabbi, a community icon, a wise, decent and kind man, and, I'm proud to say, my close friend and counselor. Under his leadership, Temple Emanuel has grown, thrived and fulfilled its mission of providing a home to a dynamic liberal Judaism that promises and delivers both continuity and change.

Mr. Speaker, this wonderful anniversary recalls the divine promise of redemption made by Isaiah who foresaw the restoration of the Beit HaMikdash, the holy temple in Jerusalem: "Behold I will set down gems as your flooring stones and lay your foundation with sapphires. I will set your window frames with ruby and make your gates of carbuncle stones and your entire boundary of precious stones. All your children will be students of the Lord, and your children's peace will be abundant."

This joyous 50th anniversary of Temple Emanuel will celebrate and amplify the echoes of the profound spirit of the Great Temple. This anniversary will rightfully celebrate the creation, half a century ago, of a place for Jews to join together to commune with God, to ask for atonement and to celebrate the holidays and mitzvot established in the Torah. For a generation, Temple Emanuel has been the place for hundreds of Jewish families to celebrate simchas, births, b'nei mitzvot, and weddings; the life events which connect individuals and families to our community and to their faith.

The structure of this synagogue is not mere mortar or brick; it is not wood, stone or steel. This house of prayer, this home for a community, is founded on centuries of faith and tradition, it is built up with love and dedication, and its roof is an abiding faith in the promise made to King Solomon so long ago. Even as this congregation has matured, this structure of spirit has not aged.

Those of us who know this congregation, who know the people who, for 50 years have made it hum with activity and life and spirit, we know it's not just a temple, it's not just a synagogue: It's a shul, a spiritual home, a place that reflects the highest aspirations of an ancient people living proud and free in this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, in the Jewish tradition, when a book of study is completed, traditionally we celebrate the success by offering encouragement to immediately return to the work ahead. This anniversary, this celebration of 50 years of sustaining Jewish life in a profound and modern way, is a real and deeply satisfying achievement. But it is an anniversary which only promises greater things.

Mr. Speaker, the words we say are "Chazak! Chazak! v'nitchazayk!" Be strong! Be strong! And may you be strengthened! Mr. Speaker, I ask all of the Members of the House to stand and join me in offering Temple Emanuel a hearty yasher koach, and best wishes for the next 50 years.

HONORING LUIS A. FERRÉ

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention a great loss suffered by the people of Puerto Rico today. This morning the radios announced the passing of a great man, former Governor Luis A. Ferré. The people of Puerto Rico mourn this loss and celebrate his life. The former Governor embodied the finest Puerto Rico has to offer and he served Puerto Rico well. He was a true man of principles. With his death, Puerto Rico says good-bye to one of the latest Puerto Ricans of a generation that overcame great challenges to convert Puerto Rico to a prosperous, modern and developed island.

Ferré governed from 1968 to 1972, an era of great economic development for the island. He was a very popular leader. One of his great contributions to the modern Puerto Rico was the creation of the Environmental Quality board, the Departments of Natural Resources and Housing, and the Tourism Company. He also created the Youth Affairs Office. He was a true visionary.

As a politician, musician, successful businessman and philanthropist, he demonstrated the characteristics of a great Puerto Rican. Unfortunately, he has left the Earth today, but I know he has a privileged place in the hearts of all Puerto Ricans and in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers and those of my family are with his wife, Tiody Ferré and his family. May God carry you in the trying time.

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS
PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1446, a bill that would allocate badly needed funds to the restoration of California's missions. California's 21 missions are an integral part of California's historical landscape and their preservation for future generations is imperative. They serve as a window into the settlement of the American West and are key aspects of California's history, education, and tourism.

Drawing over 5.5 million tourists a year, the California Missions are the most visited historic attractions in the state. They account for a sizable contribution to the state economy from millions of tourists, including a large number of international visitors.

The missions also play an essential role in educating fourth-grade school children under the statewide history curricula. California missions serve an important educational function

in teaching young students about the role of the missions in the history of our nation.

Contrary to widespread belief, 19 of California's 21 missions are not funded by any governmental agency and instead rely on charitable donations to keep their doors open. They are in serious need of repair, restoration, and preservation for future generations.

Until recent efforts by the California Missions Foundation, little had been done to preserve the mission's structures and art. Because of this long-term neglect, many of the missions are now in dire need of structural attention and major rehabilitation.

The legislation would provide \$10 million for the restoration effort in a Department of the Interior grants program to be administered over five years. By authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make matching grants to the California Missions Foundation, we are preserving the missions while keeping in mind the current state of the budget.

This act enjoys nearly unanimous, bipartisan support among California's congressional delegation. It will support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California. I urge all my colleagues to ensure that the missions remain intact, as unshakable symbols of our nation's early discovery.

IN RECOGNITION OF B.E. MCKINNEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 32ND ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF GREATER EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLADEGA, AL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pastor B.E. McKinney on the occasion of his 32nd anniversary as Pastor of Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, in Talladega, Alabama.

Pastor McKinney has led Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church since 1971 and has nurtured it into a caring, compassionate and charitable church home. Under his leadership, the church has produced many successful, mindful, God-fearing, community-oriented citizens. Pastor McKinney, through his generosity, leadership, guidance, mentoring and example has shaped the lives of a number of young people. For example, a church organization formed under his ministry, called the "Crusaders" has sponsored after-school activities, guidance, leadership and mentoring for young boys who come from socio-economically challenged, single-parent households.

Mr. Speaker, it is often said that the measure of a man's worth is the impact he has on others. In this measure, Pastor McKinney stands tall. I congratulate him and his devoted wife, Alma, for their faithful and dedicated service to their church and community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF F/LT. JOSEPH P. ZANGARO, MICHIGAN STATE POLICE BRIDGMAN POST

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to F/Lt. Joseph P. Zangaro, who is approaching the end of a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. The Battle Creek native began his law enforcement career in 1976 with the Calhoun County Sheriff Department in Marshall, MI as a road patrol deputy. After a brief stint with the Battle Creek Township Police Department, Zangaro entered the 94th Michigan State Police Recruit School. He has served the residents of southwest Michigan with great distinction ever since.

F/Lt. Zangaro's contributions to our community over the last 27 years have been tremendous. From post to post, he consistently received accolades and recognition along the way including. Among the highlights of his storied career include being named Benton Harbor Exchange Club Trooper of the Year in 1985 and in 1994 Zangaro earned a "Professional Excellence" award for his part in an armed robbery investigation.

He has been successful keeping drugs away from our children and keeping drunk drivers off the road. Just this year he was on the ground, restoring the peace after the uprising in Benton Harbor.

From overseeing one of biggest undercover drug operations in SWET history dismantling the Rainbow Farms drug operation in Cass County or keeping drunk drivers off the streets, F/Lt. Joseph P. Zangaro contributions to our community have been many, and we are all better off from his service.

Our community is in debt to F/Lt. Joseph P. Zangaro for his 27 years in law enforcement, 25 of which were with the Michigan State Police. I wish him and his family all the best in retirement. He will truly be missed by the folks in southwest Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER JOHN LEONARD O'SHEA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from Colorado. Father John Leonard O'Shea of Denver, Colorado recently passed away at the age of sixty-nine. John faithfully served his community throughout his life, first as a member of the Denver Police Department and later as a Catholic Priest. For his years of service and dedication, I am honored to pay tribute to the life and memory of Father O'Shea here today.

John joined the Denver Police Department in 1961 and served in many different positions including patrol, training, property crimes, and traffic investigations. While on the force, John developed a method to streamline the processing of drunk drivers. John retired as Dep-

uty Police Chief in 1987 and, after earning his Ph.D. in Psychology, began studying for the priesthood at Boston Seminary. John was ordained at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver in June of this year and was named the Senior Vicar at the Cathedral.

Mr. Speaker, Father John O'Shea loved to serve his fellow Coloradans, and people were drawn to him because of his positive outlook and quiet dedication. John touched many throughout his life, and the Denver community has benefited greatly from his involvement. As his family and community mourn his loss, I am honored to join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to the life and memory of Father John Leonard O'Shea.

IN MEMORY OF EDDIE JAMES GIBSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened when I learned of the passing on October 12, of Eddie James Gibson, 57, of Edison, Georgia, one of the most highly committed, courageous and inspiring citizens I have ever known.

The son of sharecroppers, Mr. Gibson was horrifically injured at the age of 15 when the tractor he was operating overturned on the land farmed by his family. He spent years in hospitals, undergoing countless operations and receiving intense therapy. His life was saved, but he was left permanently paralyzed.

After he was finally able to return home to Calhoun County, he quickly demonstrated that he had no intention of giving up and sinking into despair. Even though severely handicapped, he decided to do something about the poverty and injustices that he saw around him. He became involved in the civil rights movement, organizing efforts to increase voter participation and bring down the racial barriers that then existed. Even though wheelchair bound, he never hesitated to put himself on the movement's front lines.

Later, he became president of the Calhoun County NAACP, a member of the Edison City Council, and a member of the Calhoun County School Board. He was active in voter registration, and was incredibly effective in motivating people to exercise their rights as citizens. Although a member of the Enon Missionary Baptist Church, he helped a number of churches in the area with their fund raising and enhancement programs. He was always involved in civic and charitable activities.

Many people came to him with problems. Armed with a telephone, he was effective in getting many of them resolved. We worked with him on many cases, and found it to be a highly productive relationship. I visited with him often, and was always uplifted by his good humor and positive outlook that he invariably reflected in spite of any pain and discomfort he may have been feeling.

With sharp intelligence and strength of character, he overcame all of the adversities of a hardscrabble upbringing, of the discrimination he encountered, of the lifelong injuries he sustained as a teenager—rising to become one of the most prominent citizens in Calhoun County's history as he worked tirelessly to raise the

quality of life for people throughout his community and area.

If we're looking for true American heroes, I submit the name of Eddie James Gibson of Calhoun County. He meets all of the qualifications.

HONORING STEVE BELCHER ON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR SANTA CRUZ, CA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Belcher, retiring Chief of Police for the city of Santa Cruz. Serving for more than 32 years in the Santa Cruz Police Department, Chief Belcher will surely be missed by both his co-workers and the residents of Santa Cruz. His unyielding commitment to public service has, for the past three decades, won him the respect and admiration of the community as a whole.

A graduate of Santa Cruz High School, Steve has lived in Santa Cruz for almost all of his life. In front of his proud wife, Sisi, and two daughters, Erin and Amy, Steve will retire on November 5, 2003. After 32½ years of service, Steve, with his characteristic humility, will boast a lengthy list of accomplishments and achievements.

Chief Belcher was sworn in as Police Patrol Officer on May 26, 1971, and has been a steadfast leader in the department ever since. His poise and leadership have enabled him to rise up the ranks of the Santa Cruz Police Department, culminating in his appointment to the position as Chief of Police on September 30, 1994. Holding the positions of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Deputy Chief of Police, Steve has excelled in every facet of his job. His entire career, from police patrol officer to his current position as Chief of Police, has been with the Santa Cruz Police Department. Over the years, Steve has achieved an extremely long list of accolades and accomplishments, many of which will leave an indelible footprint on the entire community. Chief Belcher has improved training, staffing and community policing policies, and has overseen a steady decline in the overall crime rate.

Focusing on the problems facing the Beach Flats area of Santa Cruz, Chief Belcher has promoted a strong spirit of community development and civic participation. Steve has received an overwhelming amount of praise for this work, and humbly takes credit for helping the department create a Spanish Citizens Police Academy.

I am proud to call Steve a friend. A colleague in the realm of public service, Steve possesses the qualities that personify good police work. I would like to wish him well in his retirement, and thank him for the outstanding—above and beyond the call of duty—service that he has provided our community for the past three decades.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise to address this proposed \$87 billion appropriation for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan.

I have been gravely concerned over the problems surrounding the reconstruction, over the poor planning for the postwar period and our inability to work productively with the international community to rebuild Iraq. The supplemental appropriation before us raises many difficult questions.

With great reluctance, I will support this funding. I believe it will both support our soldiers and help increase their safety. Sixty-five billion dollars will directly aid our troops; I feel that the additional \$18.6 billion in reconstruction aid will make them safer and get them home sooner.

While I am going to support this funding request it should not be interpreted that I am supporting all of the policies and actions to date in the war effort.

We need to do more.

We need to get more countries involved to help with the security.

We need to make the reconstruction effort more cost-effective. We need to follow the model set by Major General David Petraeus, whom I met with in Iraq. Advised by American engineers that rebuilding a cement factory to American standards would cost \$15 million, General Petraeus took the initiative to identify Iraqi contractors, who were able to bring the factory back on line for a mere \$80,000.

That example and others like it inspired me to introduce an amendment to increase competitive bidding in Iraq and to encourage the use of Iraqi contractors and subcontractors. I regret that this amendment was not accepted and urge the administration to embrace a more open bidding process in the reconstruction of Iraq and to avoid the use of sole-source contracts.

We need to be doing more to bring human rights to Iraq and Afghanistan. One measure of the success of our efforts will be the degree to which women are integrated into the political, economic, and educational life of these nations. I will offer amendments to ensure that women are fully included in the process of drafting Iraq's new constitution and to devote \$65 million from a previous authorization to programs for Afghan women, amendments which I hope this body will support.

Hundreds of my neighbors and constituents lost their lives at the hands of terrorists, some of whom were trained in Afghanistan. Twenty-five firehouses in my district lost men trying to save others whose lives were imperiled by

those terrorists. I remember all too vividly the awful consequences of our failure in Afghanistan.

History teaches us that, when America turned its industrial and economic might toward the cause of helping others around the world who sought to rebuild after bitter conflicts—for the reconstruction of a Europe ravaged by World War I; for the creation of democracies in Germany, Japan and Italy after the devastation of World War II; and for the political and economic rebirth of Central Europe after the Cold War—we truly succeeded in making our mark as the greatest nation on earth.

Before us stands that opportunity once again. But we need to do a better job of winning the peace then we have been doing. We must work more productively with the international community to secure Iraq's transition to a stable democracy.

I will support this budget request but with the understanding that we need to do better.

Let us remember the past. Let us not repeat its failures.

We do not have a choice to leave or to fail in Iraq. We must succeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 20, 2003, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 563, 564, and 565. The votes I missed include rollcall vote No. 563 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 356, Expressing the Sense of the House Regarding the Man-Made Famine in the Ukraine; rollcall vote No. 564 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended to H. Res. 400, Honoring the 25th Anniversary of Pope John Paul; and rollcall vote No. 565, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3288, Making Technical Corrections to Amend Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 563, 564, and 565.

TRIBUTE TO GLEN YOUNGER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to an exceptional athlete from my district. Glen Younger of Grand Junction, Colorado made a name for himself as a young man with skill and prowess as a wrestler and today passes on this athletic tradition by running a rodeo school. For his work and dedication, Glen's alma mater, Western State College, is honoring him by inducting him into the Community First National Bank and Insurance Mountaineer Sports Hall of Fame. Glen has accomplished much in his life, and I am honored to share his story here today.

Glen began wrestling as a high school student in Grand Junction, continuing to compete

in the sport when he went to college at Western State College in Gunnison. Glen had great success while at Western State, including an NCAA championship, two Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships, and a Mountain Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Title. After graduating from Western State, Glen joined the military and continued his winning tradition by winning several more awards, including the 1968 Interservice Freestyle Championship and the second place award in the 1969 Interservice Greco Roman Competition. Today, Glen has retired from wrestling but remains active in sports by running a rodeo school that teaches bull riding and bareback riding.

Mr. Speaker, Glen Younger is a talented athlete and a valued member of the Grand Junction community. As he prepares for induction into the Western State College Hall of Fame, I am honored to join with my colleagues in congratulating Glen Younger here today. Thank you for your service to the community, Glen. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LA
MIRADA GIRL'S ALL STARS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on August 3, 2003, the La Mirada Girl All Stars won the Girls 16-Under "Class B" Fast Pitch West Finals by defeating the Bullets from Idaho 7-2 for the title of 2003 Amateur Softball Association National Championships.

The La Mirada Girl All Stars, also the California state champions, in their respective age bracket, started the four-term Western Pool Playoff with a 7-2 win over Blue Thunder from Florissant, Missouri and a 9-2 victory over the Waverly Heat from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Founded in 1933, the Amateur Softball Association is a nationwide, volunteer driven, non-profit organization that has evolved in the largest softball organization in the country. The Amateur Softball Association has grown from a few hundred teams to over 250,000 teams, representing a membership of more than four million athletes. The goal of the Amateur Softball Association's youth program is to help aspiring young softball athletes learn a sport they can enjoy for a lifetime in a positive, safe and supportive environment.

The Amateur Softball Association National Championships begin at the local level with league championships, state championships and eventually culminates with national qualifiers from around the country.

The La Mirada Girl All-Star Team was made up of players from eight teams from La Mirada's 16-under division, who played a three-week season prior to their selection.

The La Mirada Girl All-Star roster included: Andrea Belluz, Amanda Fernandez, Nikki Johansen, Tiffany Johnson, Keena Levert, Jaimee Montanez, Nicole Morales, Sara Randall, Jayme Smith and Meghan Thorpe with coaches Steve Randall and Randy Tyler, and manager Laurie Montanez.

La Mirada fought its way to the National Championship by defeating teams from Over-

land Park, Kansas; Kirksville, Missouri; Coachella, California; Omaha, Nebraska; Augusta, Kansas; and Parma, Idaho. La Mirada outscored its competition 60-11 and went undefeated at 7-0, during the course of the tournament.

La Mirada won the championship tournament with brilliant pitching, an explosive offense and an unmatched defense. The National Champion La Mirada Girl All-Star Team will be celebrated by the players, coaches and family members not only for the games played, but also for their shared memories of their time together.

RECOGNIZING THE HOMENETMEN
ARARAT CHAPTER'S 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Glendale/Ararat Chapter of Homenetmen. Homenetmen is an organization that provides Armenian communities around the world with moral, physical, and social education. In the 25 years since its inception, the Glendale Chapter of Homenetmen has grown from a seven member volunteer group to a thriving community organization with over 1800 members. The Ararat Chapter is now the largest in the United States, and conservatively estimates that it has provided services to nearly 10,000 adults, children and seniors since 1978.

For the last quarter century, the Ararat Chapter has been a guiding light for the growth and success of Glendale's Armenian community, and the community as a whole. Ararat's efforts to form lasting bonds with community and government organizations, regardless of race or religious affiliation, have made a lasting positive impact on the community. They provide numerous supervised weekend and after school programs that afford a healthy and safe environment for children and young adults. The Ararat Chapter's volunteers also play a vital role in contributing to drug awareness education throughout the community. The Homenetmen-sponsored 5K/10K run/walk attracts over 1,000 participants annually, and includes pre-and-post race events tailored to drug and alcohol awareness. The Ararat Chapter also works closely with local hospitals, churches, and local governments on a variety of beneficial community events such as graffiti clean-ups, scouting events, holiday luncheons with the Salvation Army, and blood drives with the Red Cross.

Ararat volunteers blanket our community with goodwill and friendly hands. Schools, children, hospitals, and many other groups are buoyed by the charity of this outstanding community organization. They are a tribute to their Armenian heritage, and a jewel of their home city of Glendale. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Homenetmen Ararat Chapter for their 25 years of dedicated service to the Glendale community.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVER-
SITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA
CRUZ'S LONG MARINE LAB ON
CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of California, Santa Cruz's Long Marine Lab on celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary on October 25th, 2003. The Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory is a research and education facility of Institute of Marine Sciences and is known throughout the world for innovative research on marine mammals, marine ecology, and issues relating to ocean health. The Long Marine Lab has grown from a few marine scientists into a research institute with more than 170 scientists and research associates, 130 graduate students, and \$12 million in annual research funds.

With its collaborative interdisciplinary approach to programs and facilities, Long Marine Laboratory enables students from the University of California, Santa Cruz to engage in hands-on research, and to have the opportunity to work with professionals in their field of study. The site is also home to the California Department of Fish and Game Marine Wildlife Center, the National Marine Fisheries Service's Southwest Science Center, and plans are underway to bring coastal and marine scientists from the United States Geological Survey.

The Seymour Marine Discovery Center houses the lab's public education and visitor programs and brings marine research to life for 50,000 schoolchildren and other public visitors every year. Programs such as this are vital to teaching children about conservation and the marine environment, and ensuring that they will continue the struggle to save and preserve our oceans.

The President of the University of California has chosen this day to name one of the original Long Marine Laboratory buildings the William T. Doyle Research Building in honor of Bill Doyle, founding director of the Institute of Marine Sciences, for his great vision, wisdom, and persistence in the establishment and early development of the Long Marine Laboratory.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Bill Doyle's memory and the dedicated work of the many staff and researchers at the University of California, Santa Cruz's Long Marine Laboratory. Through their commitment to marine research they are able to offer new solutions and approaches to conservation and preservation of our oceans. The lab's twenty-fifth anniversary is a tribute to the role it plays in our community, and I wish the Long Marine Laboratory the best successes for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on October 15, 2003, I missed rollcall vote number 543.

Rollcall vote 543 was on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to as amended H.R. 1848, the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003.

As I am a cosponsor of this important legislation and had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 543.

TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS LUDWIG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding civil servant from my district. After almost three decades of service, Phyllis Ludwig of Bayfield, Colorado recently announced her retirement from the Bayfield Post Office. As she prepares to begin a new phase in her life, I am honored to pay tribute to Phyllis and her many accomplishments.

Phyllis has been with the Bayfield Post Office for nearly twenty-eight years. She began as a part time flexible worker, steadily working her way up the ranks. In 1983, Phyllis was appointed Postmaster. To her credit, in the twenty years that she has served as Postmaster, not a single grievance has been filed against her.

While Phyllis may be retiring from her professional life, she plans to remain active in the community. Phyllis will remain President of the Upper Pine River Fire Department Auxiliary and will continue to organize Operation Merry Christmas, a program to assist underprivileged children and families.

Mr. Speaker, Phyllis Ludwig is an active member of her community and dedicated civil servant. She has devoted nearly twenty-eight years to serving her friends and neighbors, and I am honored to join with my colleagues in recognition of her service today. Thank you, Phyllis, for your tireless work. I wish you all the best in retirement.

HONORING JAMES H. "JIMMY" RAINWATER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, if there has been a more dynamic or visionary leader in public service anywhere in the United States in recent years than James H. "Jimmy" Rainwater, who served as Mayor of Valdosta, Georgia for 16 years until his death from a heart attack on Sunday, October 12, I don't know who it would be. In the words of the Valdosta Daily Times, he was "Valdosta's voice, the city's representative, its administrator, ambassador, negotiator, cheerleader and leader."

Mayor Rainwater seemed to be everywhere at once. If there was a groundbreaking or ribbon cutting, he was there as a booster. If there was a new business or grant to secure, he was always in the thick of it. If a disaster struck, he was there to help and comfort those who suffered. As his city experienced an extraordinary acceleration of growth and development, he was there, leading the way.

Valdosta emerged under his leadership as an officially designated metropolitan community. He played a leading role in the successful effort to save Moody Air Force Base, the community's largest employer, when the base was threatened with closure. He promoted tourism, which generates \$175 million annually for the Valdosta area thanks to such developments as the Wild Adventures Theme Park, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center, the new Valdosta Regional Airport, the new industrial park, and many new hotels and restaurants. His support helped Valdosta State College become Valdosta State University. He pushed hard to strengthen the city's infrastructure, and during his tenure the city built a water treatment plant, completed a citywide paving program, and organized a nationally accredited police department.

Mayor Rainwater was born and raised in another growing city within the Second Congressional District, Tifton, which I also have the privilege of representing. Citizens in Tifton remember him as one of the most outstanding students to ever come out of Tifton High, where he quarterbacked the football team, served as homeroom president, and was named to the Who's Who list. He more than fulfilled that early promise. In addition to serving as Mayor of one of Georgia's great cities longer than any other person in history, he was a successful businessman and was prominent in statewide municipal affairs as an active member and next year's President-to-be of the Georgia Municipal Association.

When I learned of Jimmy Rainwater's passing at the age of 62, my first thought was that I had lost a wonderful friend. So did everyone who lives in Valdosta and our area of Georgia. He will be missed.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Chairman, it's not always easy to do what is right. Doing what's right sometimes means going against expectations. In regards to Iraq, the United States is doing the right thing; the reconstruction, granting the money, and building a relationship with a new Iraq is all part of staying committed to winning the war on terror. The price is high, the undertaking is huge, but we cannot afford to fail.

Winning the war means more than capturing terrorists, it means capturing the hearts and minds of Iraqis. During the U.S.-led invasion, Iraqis saw that we didn't target their homes, we targeted an evil regime. After the major combat, Iraqis saw the United States take a stance for stability and security. In the wake of

recent deadly attacks, Iraqis see it is the U.S. rebuilding their schools and hospitals, not terrorists from neighboring countries whose only aim is to rip apart the beginnings of a democracy.

In Iraq, citizens know we invaded their country in pursuit of Saddam Hussein. They know we did not invade for oil or other profit. Upon that premise, we are building a foundation of trust. That foundation will breed civility not hate, understanding not undermining, and prosperity instead of chaos.

What Iraqis didn't expect was a reassuring hand after the smoke cleared. What Iraqis won't respect is an invader who forces them to sign loan papers.

We are getting something for our investment—an historic beginning to Middle East stability. In exchange for rebuilding their infrastructure, we are asking Iraqis to reject thirty years of an evil regime. We are asking that they consider democracy instead of anti-American hate. We are asking Iraqi citizens to hold structure over chaos and not become a breeding ground for terrorist training camps. We are not handing Iraqis money and a simple request. We are asking them to reject everything Saddam Hussein stood for, and build anew.

The sole reason we entered Iraq was to protect national security. We must continue on that course. More than 30 countries are working with the United States to stabilize Iraq and enable the Iraqi people to achieve self-governance. And just this week, the Japanese government committed \$1.5 billion to Iraqi reconstruction.

The cost of reconstructing Iraq is high but we would pay a higher cost if we burden Iraqis with a multibillion-dollar debt. After all, history shows us what a tyrant can do when a country is burdened by war debt. Repeating the mistakes of the past could open the door for another Saddam Hussein, or another Adolph Hitler.

REMEMBERING FAITH FANCHER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of an extraordinary woman, Faith Fancher. Faith passed away in her home in Oakland, CA, on October 19, 2003, at the age of 53 after a long battle with breast cancer.

Faith Fancher was a popular reporter with KTVU Television, Channel 2 and the recipient of numerous awards. Her plight was well-known to thousands of KTVU viewers after she disclosed that she was being treated for the disease. She hoped her story would teach others the benefits of early detection, so she allowed her friend, Elaine Corral Kendall and a camera crew to follow her treatment, which began in the Spring of 1997. "Faith's Story" aired for three nights and won an award at the American Medical Association International Health and Medical Film Competition in 1997.

Faith was born in 1950 in Franklin, TN. She is the wife of Mr. William Drummond, professor of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley campus. They met in 1979, in Washington, DC, while both were working at National Public Radio. They were married on October 20, 1982. Faith leaves behind one

stepson Sean Drummond and one stepdaughter Tamberline Drummond of New Jersey.

Faith graduated valedictorian of her class from St Francis de Salle Boarding School for Girls in Powhatan, Virginia in 1967. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and English from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville summa cum laude in 1972 but her real education began with her broadcast career. Her first job was at WBR in Knoxville, TN. She was the first Black female journalist in Knoxville.

Faith Fancher was a remarkably strong human being. Her spirit-filled life inspired many to do good, to be humble, and to stay positive. Her smile, her diligent and dedicated work—in spite of the odds—kept hope alive for many. Faith's love for the human family transcended artificial barriers and truly united us. Faith touched the lives of many, and as we celebrate her life, let us rededicate ourselves to her values and her vision for a better world. Faith lived a life filled with "faith, hope, and love." For this, we are deeply grateful.

To Faith's family, friends and fans, I extend my deepest sympathy.

H. CON. RES. 305, "IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME" BASEBALL FRIENDSHIP ACT

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution, H. Con. Res. 305, "If You Build It They Will Come" Baseball Friendship Act, expressing the sense of Congress that Major League Baseball should select Monterrey, Mexico, as a host for a quarter of the Montreal Expos games next season as a show of goodwill between the United States and Mexico.

In recent weeks, the United States Ambassador to Mexico Tony Garza has written to the Commissioner of Major League Baseball Bud Selig urging the League to play a quarter of their home games in Mexico.

The Montreal Expos were bought by the other 29 Major League Baseball franchises before the 2002 season, and to increase revenue, Major League Baseball relocated 22 Expos home games to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the 2003 season. Under this proposal, the people of Puerto Rico can continue to enjoy Major League Baseball.

Major League Baseball officials have spent many months discussing a permanent move of the Montreal Expos franchise, despite baseball's intention to decide by the end of the regular season, it appears no long-term site will be selected for the 2004 season.

Monterrey, Mexico, is a metropolitan area of about 3 million people 130 miles south of Laredo, TX, and is one of the safest cities in Latin America. Monterrey has played host to a number of successful major league baseball games over the last few years, and is the longtime home to the Sultans of the Mexican League, and the Sultans ballpark that could be expanded to more than 30,000 seats.

I believe a commitment from Major League Baseball to play a quarter of the Montreal Expos' home games in Mexico would be a

strong statement of friendship and goodwill between our countries and cultures, as we have shared with our other neighbor, Canada, for nearly 30 years. It's time that we include Mexico and make baseball the North American pastime. For the good of baseball, for the good of the people of these two great nations, if we build it, they will come.

HONORING THE STRONG BOND BETWEEN THE MONTEREY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND THE PEACE CORPS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the strong bond between the Monterey Institute of International Studies and the Peace Corps. The Monterey Institute is strongly committed to preparing individuals for two years of dedicated service in the Peace Corps with a new Master's International Program. Students who successfully return after volunteering in the Peace Corps through the Master's International Program are eligible to receive scholarships, which can cover eight of the remaining credits for the final semester. This has become a great tool for students in fulfilling their educational requirements.

Since its inception in 1961, President John F. Kennedy challenged the youth of this country to experience and work to relieve the poverty in underdeveloped countries. After 42 years, the Peace Corps have grown to have over 170,000 volunteers in 136 different countries. These courageous and enthusiastic young people have helped change third world countries through education, business development, and most recently, volunteers are helping as a part of President Bush's HIV/AIDS Act of 2003.

I am proud to say that I share the honorable and memorable experience of volunteering my service for the Peace Corps in Colombia during 1964–66. Mr. Lawrence Horan, the Director of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, had the same experience with the Peace Corps and today is now helping hundreds of current volunteers through their experience. Mr. Horan, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and the Peace Corps as well should be commended for helping shape the world into a better place.

TRIBUTE TO NICK AND ROSE MARIE NEKOLA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to two outstanding citizens from my district. Nick and Rose Marie Nekola of Pueblo, Colorado own and operate a valued Pueblo institution, lanne's Pizzeria. For years, they have worked to provide a quality product and diligent service to local residents. For their hard work and dedication, I am honored to pay tribute to Nick and Rose here today.

lanne's Pizzeria was opened by Rose's parents in 1954, at a time when the word "pizza" was foreign to most Puebloans. Nick and Rose took control of the pizzeria 32 years ago and have operated it ever since. In addition to serving quality food, the Nekolas have created a friendly and welcoming environment at lanne's. Many of their employees have been with the restaurant for over 20 years, and it is not unusual to meet a customer who has patronized the pizzeria for 30 years. Under the Nekolas' guidance, lanne's has become a staple of downtown Pueblo.

Mr. Speaker, in today's climate of transition and change, it is truly refreshing to encounter an establishment dedicated to tradition and quality. Nick and Rose Marie Nekola have worked hard to make lanne's Pizzeria an institution in the Pueblo community. For their hard work and integrity, I am honored to join with my colleagues in recognizing Nick and Rose Marie Nekola here today.

HONORING THE PRYOR FAMILY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, family reunions are one of America's great traditions. This is especially true in my area of southwest Georgia, where some of the country's oldest and biggest family reunions are held. One of these is the Pryor family reunion, which has convened in the community of Leslie every year for the past century, attracting hundreds of people from Georgia and other States. This year's reunion was held on October 4. I would like to share an article about this year's 100th anniversary reunion in the Cordele Dispatch written by Ms. Betsy Butler, a descendant and a writer and editor for the newspaper.

The year was 1903. Only 14 percent of the homes in the United States had a bathtub. Only 8 percent had a telephone. There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads. The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet. Today, 100 years later, we live in a world of airplanes and computers that connect people on opposite ends of the earth. Boy, how things change. But one thing has stayed the same—the Pryor family gathering.

Since 1903 the family has been coming to the small town of Leslie. What started as a gathering to mark the 50th wedding anniversary of Shepherd Green Pryor and Penelope Eudora Tyson Pryor on October 4, 1903, has continued to bring the family together for 100 years.

Shepherd and Penelope had seven living children, 32 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Most of these attended the celebration, which would become the first annual family reunion.

According to Frank Wilson, a descendent, the menu has stayed the same for 100 years—barbecue. Over the years, each generation has assumed the responsibility for being sure the reunion goes on. "The family has stuck together and done what needs to be done," Wilson said. "We have never struggled to have a host."

There is a lot of history to the family. With two published books about the family, one being a narrative and the other, "A Post of Honor," being a collection of letters written between Shepherd and Penelope during

the Civil War. In June of 2001 over 140 descendants traveled to Virginia for the dedication of Civil War breastplates. Quotes from the letters . . . were used on the Confederate breast-works plaques.

This year's reunion is no different from the 99 before it (as) hundreds of family members ascend on Leslie and spend the afternoon together over a barbecue lunch. In 100 years the world has evolved from a world of only one in 10 homes with a telephone to a world with an information highway. But one thing has stayed the same—the Pryor family gathering.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MOHAMMED ALI
ODEEN ISHMAEL

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend Dr. Mohammed Ali Odeen Ishmael, Ambassador of Guyana to the United States of America and Permanent Representative of Guyana to the Organization of American States.

Ambassador Odeen Ishmael, who was born in 1948, was appointed to his current post, more than 10 years ago, in June 1993 and is presently the Dean of the Caribbean Ambassador.

Before becoming an Ambassador, Dr. Ishmael previously worked as a teacher in Guyana, and served during the 1970s in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana. He returned to teaching after his stint in Foreign Affairs. From 1985 to early 1993 he worked in The Bahamas in the areas of both secondary and adult education. He has represented Guyana at the OAS General Assemblies, and other specialized meetings of the hemispheric body in various countries of the hemisphere and has participated as a member of Guyana's delegation at the U.N. General Assembly since 1993. In addition, he has headed Guyana's delegation to meetings of the Regional Negotiating Machinery (of CARICOM) from 1997. From 1997, he has headed Guyana's delegations to meetings Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC); and he also participated in the Summits of Heads of States of the OIC in Tehran (1997) and Qatar (2000).

Ambassador Ishmael was also Guyana's chief negotiator at the Summits of the Americas of 1994 (Miami), 1998 (Santiago de Chile) and 2001 (Quebec City), and also at the Summit of Sustainable Development in Bolivia (1996). At the OAS, he served as Chairman of the Permanent Council in late 1994, and oversaw the restoration of democratic government in Haiti. He is the only Guyanese to serve in this prestigious position in the hemispheric organization.

He had previously served as Vice-Chairman of the Permanent Council during July-September 1993, and as Vice-Chairman of the Environmental Committee of the Permanent Council from August 1993 to July 1994. In 1994 he was also elected Chairman of the General Committee to prepare the OAS draft convention on the situation of persons with disabilities. In 1996, he was elected Vice-Chairman of the OAS Working Group on Sustainable Development.

In May 1997, Ambassador Ishmael was awarded one of Guyana's highest honors, the

Cacique Crown on Honor (CCH). Many years earlier, in 1974, he was awarded the Gandhi Centenary Medal at the University of Guyana. In political life, Ambassador Ishmael served in the Central Committees of the Progressive Youth Organization (PYO)—serving as Second Secretary—and the People's Progressive Party (PPP) of Guyana, and in the course of his political work, he participated in numerous international conferences and activities in many different countries. He also assisted in lobbying Guyana's case for electoral reforms in different countries in North and South America, Europe and the Caribbean.

He has written numerous articles on Education, Guyanese history and international political issues, which have been published in newspapers and journals in Guyana, the Caribbean and North America. His published books include Problems of the Transition of education in the Third World, Towards Education Reform in Guyana, and Amerindian Legends of Guyana. An Internet edition of a fourth book, The Trail of Diplomacy, was released in late 1998. He is currently in the process of compiling and editing a lengthy collection of original documents on the Guyana-Venezuela border issue under the title, Guyana's Western Border. He is married and has two children.

I met Ambassador Ishmael when I was first elected to the House of Representatives and served as the Honorary Co-Chair of the Institute for Caribbean Studies Annual Awards Dinner. In the flowing years, I had the pleasure of working with him and his other Caribbean Ambassador colleagues on the several issues, from Trade to Immigration, and economic development, which continue to impact our democratic neighbors to the south.

I want to thank Ambassador Ishmael and his family for his commitment and dedication, during his tenure here in Washington, not only to issues affecting his home country Guyana but also to the issues and concerns of all of the countries of the Caribbean. I want to wish him much success in his new assignment and to say that Washington, DC Caribbean community will greatly surely miss his insightful, quiet leadership as well as his earnest friendship.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AUSTIN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and the Nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Robert Austin of Gunnison, Colorado recently announced he will leave the Gunnison Valley Hospital after 19 years of dedicated service. As Robert embarks on a new phase of his life, I am honored to take this opportunity to recognize his accomplishments here today.

President of the Gunnison Valley Hospital since 1984, Robert has led the hospital through many changes. He has overseen the hiring of numerous surgeons, four building expansions, the creation of a long-term business plan, and Gunnison Valley's designation as a Critical Access Hospital. Through it all, Robert has worked hard to run the hospital fairly and compassionately.

In addition to his work at the hospital, Robert is very active in his community. The Gunnison Rotary Club, the Gunnison Area Foundation, and the Western State College Advisory Council all benefit from Robert's participation. In addition, he is a member of the Colorado Hospital Association, where he served as the association's Chair in 1995, and the Governing Council for Small and Rural Hospitals for the American Hospital Association.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Austin has been an effective leader in the health care industry and an active member of his community for many years. His hard work and dedication have benefited an untold number of Coloradans. For his tireless efforts and years of service, I am honored to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Robert here today.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR RICHARD
CLAIRE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mayor Richard Claire, an extraordinary citizen of San Mateo County, California and a distinguished leader of Redwood City, who is retiring after serving on the City Council of Redwood City for twenty years.

Richard Claire is known to the people of Redwood City as Dick Claire. He has been a resident of Redwood City since his childhood and is a product of the resources the San Francisco Peninsula and South Bay have to offer. Dick Claire attended Sequoia High School in Redwood City, went on to study at the College of San Mateo, and received his Master's degree in Business Administration from Santa Clara University.

Dick Claire is exceedingly proud of his local education and he has continued to give back to his community as a full-time instructor in the San Mateo County Community College District. During the 2002–2003 school year, he served as Academic President for the District and the College of San Mateo, and he is currently serving as Academic President of Cañada College. In May of 2002, his outstanding work spanning twenty-five years of service with the Community College District was honored by the Board of Trustees.

Dick Claire's career has included positions as Corporate Controller at Raychem and Controller for Ferrex Corporation. He's been an accounting consultant and in his spare time returned to his alma mater to act as Sequoia High School's football coach and later as manager for Redwood City Little League Baseball Senior League.

Beyond his activities with the San Mateo County Community College District and youth athletic teams, Dick Claire has been a real leader in Redwood City for over a quarter of a century. He served on the City's Planning Commission from August 1978 through April 1982, and was Chairman of the Commission. In April 1982, he was elected to the City Council, where he has been reelected an astonishing four times by the people of Redwood City. He has twice been selected by his Council colleagues to serve as the Mayor. He's also

served as Chairman of the San Mateo County Council of Mayors and the Co-Chairman of Redwood City's Aesthetics and Beautification Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to have known Dick Claire for over thirty years and to call him my friend and my colleague in public service. He is a source of great pride to our entire community and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Mayor Claire for his extraordinary service to Redwood City, to California, and to our country. Because of him and his distinguished service, we are a stronger community and a better people.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Chairman, I will vote for this supplemental spending bill because I believe we have an obligation to support our troops. I am proud of our brave men and women in uniform, but I am disappointed that the President has not assembled a greater

international coalition to share the cost of policing and rebuilding Iraq. American troops and taxpayers should not bear this heavy burden alone. We are spending nearly \$1 billion each week and 2 to 3 American lives each day to continue this effort.

Mr. Chairman, our military personnel are putting their lives on the line to maintain order in Iraq. Nearly 200 soldiers have died in bombings, ambushes and other hostile incidents since the President declared an end to major combat operations. We owe our brave men and women a deep debt of gratitude. But we also owe them a sustained diplomatic effort to ensure that our allies will share the peacekeeping burden in Iraq.

I also believe it is wrong to ask the American taxpayers to bear the full financial burden of rebuilding Iraq. That is why I supported an amendment which would have converted half of the reconstruction aid to a loan. That is also the reason I have consistently urged the President to involve our allies in the reconstruction effort. We should help the Iraqi people rebuild their country. But we shouldn't do it alone.

Mr. Chairman, I am also concerned about the future costs of the Iraq effort. It is imperative that the Administration provide Congress with a realistic estimate of future reconstruction costs. Congress and the American people need this information in order to assess the impact our Iraq programs will have on our 2004 budget, which is projected to be more than a half trillion dollars in deficit.

Mr. Chairman, I support this legislation because I support our troops. These funds will help to ensure that our military personnel have the equipment they need to complete their mission in Iraq. But in the long run, the best thing we can do for our men and women in

uniform is to more fairly share the peacekeeping burden with our allies.

TRIBUTE TO BOB KUUSINEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Bob Kuusinen of Steamboat Springs, Colorado recently announced his retirement from the Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation. Bob has been a faithful and dedicated member of the Steamboat community, and I am honored to pay tribute to his accomplishments here today.

Bob began his career in Steamboat over thirty-one years ago as a cook at Thunderhead Lodge. Over the years, Bob's hard work has helped him to make his way up the ranks. Today, he retires as the Senior Vice President of Steamboat Ski Area Operations. In this role, Bob was responsible for overseeing the operations and functions of one of Colorado's best-loved ski resorts.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Kuusinen stands as an example of the American Dream: if you work hard and remain dedicated and steadfast, there is no limit to what you can accomplish. Bob has helped make Steamboat Springs one of the premiere ski resorts in the nation, and I am honored to join with my colleagues in wishing Bob the very best as he prepares to begin his retirement.