

"When we go visit universities that encourage me even more to keep my education up and maintain my grades as high as possible." Ashli Tiller uses the college trips to absorb as much information as possible, "The best part of the program is the summer component. It gives me a taste of what living on a college campus may be like. This program has helped me in many ways from financial aid to seeing what university is right for me." This "taste" of college as Ashli puts it, helps the students to remain focused and motivated towards their schoolwork because they get to experience the goal they are working towards.

Upward Bound does not only provide these students with educational resources, but gives them a sense of community and belonging. Juan Muro says, "Upward Bound has become a part of my life. Upward Bound is like, my family, if I was to lose that part of my life I would not know what to do. Upward Bound gives me confidence everyday, and I am afraid to lose that." The community of Upward Bound encourages the students and gives the students more confidence in their academic as well as personal lives. Yadira Estrada from Oceanside High School said, "Upward Bound taught me to value the things that I have and the opportunity of being in this program. I have developed my self-esteem and I know that I can make it as far as I would like to."

Upward Bound helps students stay focused, when they may be experiencing problems at home or at school. Aydee Reyes from Vista High School says, "This program I would say helps me when I have school problems, sometimes even home or family problems." Danil McGill from San Marcos High School also feels this sense of comfort of Aydee, he states, "Upward Bound has helped me, because when I get sidetracked, they're the one's that call and ask what's going on, and help me figure out what I need to do to get back on track. They also encourage me and make the best out of sometimes bad situations." Erin Hedgecock, a tutor for Upward Bound, also notes the sense of family Upward Bound provides for its students, "Every week the students meet for tutoring and also meet every other Saturday. On these Saturdays all of the students from different community high schools come together to learn and study. These Saturday meetings also give the students a chance to get to know one another and to have fun. This is very important for the students to know that no matter what is going on in their lives at the moment; they still have a group of people that they belong to."

This community encourages the students to follow their dreams and set high goals because they know there is always someone there for them. Samantha Sandoval from Oceanside High School uses this support system to her full advantage, "Upward Bound has helped me to follow my dreams and not let anything stop me from doing it. It also taught me not to be shy and always act like myself. If the program was taken away I would feel like my whole life is taken away because Upward Bound is like a big family that gets along really well." Jasmine Clark from Rancho Buena Vista High School also says, "The Upward Bound program has helped me create steady goals that will help me reach my goal." The students rely on the people at Upward Bound to help them set and one day achieve their future goals.

Upward Bound is not just a program, but it is an inspiration. It gives students the tools needed to set goals and fulfill their dreams. These honest and heartfelt testimonies from students involved with Upward Bound show the importance of this program in their lives. Without the support and information provided by Upward Bound for students many of these students would not be aware of their full potential and not view college as an option in their future. This program strengthens the futures of the individual students involved, as well, as the communities these students are from. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this program, and I thank these students for taking the time to share the importance of the program.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to honor all those who have died in military service with a moment of silence. I am particularly reminded of the courage and sacrifice of our World War II soldiers as we celebrate the long-awaited opening of the monument to those who died in that war. As Americans we express our gratitude to them this year as we reflect on the fact that men and women are again fighting and dying for our country.

Almost 800 American soldiers have died since the beginning of hostilities in Iraq. I would like to recognize four of these individuals, all reservists and residents of the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina, who died this past year. Specialist Mark A. Bibby, a twenty-five year old student at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC, was killed on July 21, 2003 when a bomb exploded near his Humvee in Baghdad. Specialist Lunsford Brown, also a native North Carolinian and student at North Carolina A&T, died on September 20, 2003, in a mortar attack at the Abu Ghraib Prison in Baghdad. He was twenty-seven years old and the father of a three-month-old baby girl, Amber.

On April 23rd, 2004 the remains of Army Sergeant Elmer C. Krause, also a resident of Greensboro, North Carolina were identified. Sergeant Krause had been listed as missing on April 9th when his convoy came under attack. He was forty years old and had a nine-year-old son, Jonathan. Relatives said he wanted to go to Iraq "so someone else could come back home." Most recently, on May 3rd, Sergeant Gregory L. Wahl, of Salisbury, North Carolina, died when his vehicle flipped into a canal in Balad, Iraq. He was thirty years old and the father of four-year-old Alexis. I extend my condolences to the families, friends and communities in my congressional district who mourn the loss of these men.

Today, I honor all our fallen heroes and sincerely hope that our soldiers in Iraq will soon come home safely and honorably.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD J. RUBENSTEIN ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUBENSTEIN ASSOCIATES

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the exceptional contributions to New York City and to our nation made by Howard J. Rubenstein. Tonight his outstanding firm, Rubenstein Associates, Inc., will mark half a century of success in public relations. Joining in the celebration will be leaders in the national, state and local government, as well as the worlds of commerce and culture—and what a fitting tribute this broad selection of friends and admirers will be!

Howard Rubenstein's name is associated with quality clients across the nation, from the San Francisco Opera to the Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau. But most typical of his long and impressive list of 450 clients are the unique institutions of New York, such as the Yankees, the Guggenheim Museum and the Plaza Hotel. Howard has stood by New York City through thick and thin, hard times and flush times, and always he has displayed a unique talent for making the world see New York through his loving eyes. He's helped the city in its quest to be the quintessential American metropolis of our time.

The investment he has made in the future of New York—and by extension in the country at large—has helped to further the concept of public-private partnerships. Nobody better understands the symbiotic inner workings among business, the media, politics and the civic sector than Howard does. His ability to see the big picture enables him to understand where different entities can form alliances for the betterment of all. One of Howard's most significant successes is his participation in the co-founding of the Association for a Better New York. ABNY, which remains as influential today as when it was formed 30 years ago, is a civic organization that brings together leaders from every facet of New York life to work together to improve all aspects of the City.

Mr. Speaker, my respect for Howard Rubenstein was made all the more profound by his response to the September 11th attacks. Howard worked tirelessly to help the city and our nation recover. He threw himself into the task of expeditiously rebuilding downtown at a time when people worried that it might never recover. And he worked energetically to bring tourism back to New York after that terrible day.

But Howard Rubenstein doesn't need a crisis to inspire his vision. He has been an instrumental force in the city's bid to bring the 2012 Summer Olympic Games to New York City. He helped transform the New York Marathon from a four-lap road race in Central Park into the most significant running event in the world. His firm has also been a huge factor in the phenomenal success of the Tribeca Film Festival—another boost to Lower Manhattan. And his efforts have brought about and transformed important institutions—for example, Howard was one of the original founders of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, Howard is one of the true mainstays of the New York City business community. Decision-makers and young, talented individuals seek out his advice and counsel all the time, and he makes himself available to assist them. Governors, senators and mayors have all turned to Howard at some point, and his firm maintains a huge civic and nonprofit practice. Organizations such as the Partnership for New York City, NYC & Co., the UJA Federation and Covenant House all acknowledge a tremendous debt to Howard Rubenstein.

Howard also serves on numerous boards. A particular concern of his has been helping at-risk young people receive quality education and athletic opportunities after school. Howard serves on the boards of both the Inner City Scholarship Fund and the Board of the Police Athletic League. He's also been a long time board member of the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, which helps raise money for families of officers who have fallen in the line of duty. His service on the board of the Central Park Conservancy has been crucial in finding private support to maintain that great urban park.

Howard is always looking for ways to reinvest in New York. He never forgets how much the city has given to him in his rise to the prominent position he enjoys today. His professional and personal life testifies to his gratitude to the city—and to the country that allowed a youngster from Brooklyn to achieve his dreams. His wife, Amy, has been his strongest supporter in all of his endeavors.

And his children continue to share in those dreams: His sons Steven and Richard, and daughter Roni, work side by side at his firm.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rubenstein Associates, and in recognition of his many contributions to his hometown and his neighbors, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering a heartfelt congratulations and thank you to Howard J. Rubenstein.

CONGRATULATING MONSIGNOR
ALEXANDER KULIK AS HE CELEBRATES HIS GOLDEN JUBILEE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you to join me in congratulating Monsignor Alexander Kulik, who recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination at St. Mary's Church of the Maternity in Wilkes-Barre with a testimonial dinner following at Convention Hall in Pittston.

Monsignor Kulik is the son of the late Frank and Jennie Pesta Kulik. His family includes a sister, Mrs. Shirley Polaski, and brothers, Rev. Francis Kulik and Mr. Daniel Kulik. Monsignor was born and raised in Avoca, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor of science degree from St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan, in 1950. After that, he went on to complete his theological studies at St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Monsignor Kulik was ordained into the priesthood on June 5, 1954 by the late Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, the Most Reverend

Henry Klonowski, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton.

Monsignor Kulik's first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Ann's Church in Tobyhanna. He went on to Transfiguration Church in West Hazleton, St. Mary's Church of the Nativity in Plymouth and St. Mary's Church of the Visitation in Dickson City.

On the diocesan level, Monsignor Kulik served as assistant rector and professor of Catechetics and Pastoral Theology at St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton. He also worked as Director of Camp St. Andrew Diocesan Boys' Camp.

Monsignor Kulik became pastor of Corpus Christi Church in Montdale in 1971. He subsequently became pastor of St. Mary's Church of the Maternity. In 1978, he was elevated to the rank of Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope John Paul I with the title of Monsignor.

During his 50 years in the priesthood, Monsignor Kulik has been active in many religious and civic organizations. He currently serves on the board of the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen and the Reverend Walter Ciszek Prayer League.

Of his many accomplishments, Monsignor Kulik is perhaps best known as a gifted spiritual leader. With all the fundraising, renovating and administration that are the daily routine of a Pastor, first and foremost to Monsignor Kulik has always been the spiritual guidance and needs of his parishioners.

With social ministry in mind, Monsignor Kulik established a food pantry for people so that people would not go hungry. He also established a grief support group to help people through their times of bereavement.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to represent a man who has demonstrated such devotion and service to his fellow man throughout his life. I ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to congratulate Monsignor Alexander Kulik on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HIGH-END COMPUTING REVITALIZATION ACT OF 2004

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2004

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 4516, the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004, which outlines how the Department of Energy will help ensure that America remains a leader in the development and use of supercomputers.

On April 27, I introduced H.R. 4218, the High-Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2004. H.R. 4218 addresses the need for an on-going, coordinated interagency process to guide federal decision-making in high-performance computing investments. That bill strengthens the interagency process by requiring the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) at the White House to "develop and maintain a research, development, and deployment roadmap for the provision of high-performance computing systems for use by the research community in the United States." By putting OSTP in charge of

developing the program's long-term vision, this provision will help ensure a robust planning process so that our national high-performance computing effort is not allowed to lag in the future.

H.R. 4218 lays out the foundation for a planning process involving several Federal agencies. It also makes clear that the Department of Energy, through its Office of Science, and the National Science Foundation, are the two lead agencies within the Federal Government responsible for providing U.S. researchers with access to the most advanced computing facilities in the world.

The legislation I am offering today complements H.R. 4218 by addressing in more detail the high-performance computing activities at the Department of Energy. This new legislation authorizes the implementation of a specific program that the Department will need to meet the mandate laid out in H.R. 4218.

More specifically, the bill I offer today requires the Secretary of Energy to establish and operate high-end computing facilities that are among the most elite machines in the world—truly "leadership-class" machines, sometimes referred to as "ultrascale" computers. My bill directs the Secretary to conduct advanced scientific and engineering research and development using these leadership class systems, and to continue to advance the capabilities of high-end computing hardware and software. These leadership-class computing facilities will be available on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to researchers in U.S. industry, institutions of higher education, national laboratories, and other Federal agencies.

Last fall, the Department of Energy's Office of Science released its 20-year facilities plan, a prioritized list of the most important scientific facilities needed to advance multiple fields of scientific endeavor over the next two decades. The second highest priority identified on the Department's list was "ultrascale computing."

Ultrascale computing ranks highly on the Department of Energy's priority list because these computers are essential tools for achieving the next suite of scientific breakthroughs in a variety of disciplines. These powerful machines are used in the development of pharmaceuticals, in modeling the Earth's climate, and in applications critical to ensuring our national and homeland security. Computational science complements theory and experimentation in fields such as plasma physics and fusion, astrophysics, nuclear physics, and genomics. In many cases, dramatic breakthroughs will require increasing computing power by a factor of a hundred, or in some cases, by a factor of a thousand. While attaining these increases may seem daunting, the history of computer development has taught us that with a sustained commitment to research, such gains are within our reach.

I am pleased that the legislation I am offering today also complements a new initiative recently advanced by the Department. Last month, Secretary Abraham announced the selection of a team including Argonne National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and other partners to develop and build a new, ultrascale computing facility. When completed, this new facility will outpace the world's current "number one" computer, Japan's Earth Simulator. By renewing our commitment to high-end computing research and development at the Department of Energy and other