

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUSTY
CALDWELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise before this body of Congress and this Nation to pay tribute to Rusty Caldwell for his admirable service to his country and dedication to his Colorado community. Rusty is a true American hero and patriot, and a beloved friend and colleague to many in his community. In his years spent in the armed forces, Rusty embodied the ideals of integrity and courage that we, as Americans, have come to expect from our military personnel. He has led an amazing life and I believe it is appropriate to recognize this exceptional man, and his many contributions to his community, state and country.

Rusty began his career of service after high school. In 1943, he went off to fight in World War II, and was assigned to the destroyer escort USS Weaver. His missions consisted of going ashore with Marine units and directing naval artillery on to the beaches. Throughout the war, Rusty went ashore nine times, and was hit by enemy fire twice, earning him two purple hearts. He saw action in most of the infamous engagements in the South Pacific including, Tarawa, Kwajelein, Eniwetok, Yap, Palau, Iwo Jima and Leyte Gulf.

After the war he came home and married Eva Dean, and earned a degree in vocational agricultural education from Oklahoma State. This tranquility didn't last long however, and in 1950 he was called for service once again, this time in the Korean War. This time Rusty was trained as a forerunner of today's special forces units and Navy Seals. His mission was to track down and capture enemy commanders. Rusty survived frostbite, mine explosions, rifle shots, and a knife wound while he was in Korea and earned him five more purple hearts.

After Korea, he spent 31 years as an agricultural teacher in Oklahoma and Iowa before moving to Parachute, Colorado in 1993. He is active in his community, singing in a community chorus, traveling, and participating in his Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Rusty Caldwell has a strong commitment to his country. His efforts to strengthen and secure his Nation and the world are truly remarkable. It is my privilege to recognize the accomplishments and service of Rusty before this body of Congress and this Nation. I sincerely thank him for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO YEON HWAN PARK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the educational and athletic achievements of Master Yeon Hwan Park.

Master Park is an 8th dan (degree) black belt, and coach of the USA Olympic National and Pan American Tae Kwon Do teams. He is the world's premier authority on Tae Kwon Do and his knowledge is without parallel in this martial arts discipline. Master Park has been featured in the New York Times, Newsday and has graced the covers of virtually every martial arts publication. Master Park is renowned for having translated his fighting ability into teaching ingenuity, something few successful competitors have been able to do. He brought his techniques and the austere conditions of his native Korean training halls to the African nation of Lesotho. He trained their secret service and special police agents for 2 years. He, also, trained and led their Tae Kwon Do team to the Seoul Olympics. The women's team took first place and the men's team finished second.

Master Park has established himself as a great teacher and an outstanding community leader. He has done much to bring Tae Kwon Do to national prominence. Presently, he is President of the NY State Tae Kwon Do Association. And, he has served the United States as an Olympic coach and as a coach at the Pan American Games. Though Mr. Park has been busy in the sport that he loves, he has not forgotten the welfare of the community. He promotes the fundraising programs for the March of Dimes, The American Cancer Society, the American Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and many other organizations. He has also served as the president of the Korea American Association of Long Island and is a current member of the Nassau County Youth Board.

Mr. Park graduated from Korea University with honors in history. He studied at the United States Olympic Academy XII at Penn State University. He has published many books including "Tae Kwon Do for Children" and "Tae Kwon Do DINOSAURS". He has been honored by Nassau County, the United States Olympic Committee, Korea University, and the World Tae Kwon Do Federation, and many others.

He and Sunwoo (also known as Connie) were married in 1982 and they have two sons, Edward and Elliot, and one daughter, Nina.

Mr. Speaker, Master Yeon Hwan Park's worldwide contributions to the sport of Tae Kwon Do and his New York community make him more than worthy of receiving our recognition today.

HONORING THE LINCOLN PARK
ZOO

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my best wishes to everyone associated with Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo on the occasion of its Swing! 2004 Zoo Ball. I would especially like to commend the Women's Board of Lincoln Park Zoo for starting what has become the zoo's largest fundraiser.

The Zoo Ball is always one of the highlights of Chicago's social scene, and this year's event promises to be no exception. Transforming the Zoo into a 1940's supper club complete with big bands and classic cocktails, the 2004 Zoo Ball will be an event not to be missed.

Chicago is proud to be home to one of the finest and oldest zoos in the Nation, serving the community since 1868. With over 3 million visitors every year, the Lincoln Park Zoo is consistently one of the top cultural and entertainment attractions in the city. Located within the beautiful confines of Lincoln Park, the Zoo is not only an attraction within our community, it is also an integral part of our community. The Lincoln Park Zoo is truly a unique cultural institution because it remains free to all its visitors, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to learn about and appreciate the wonders of nature that exist in our world.

The Lincoln Park Zoo has earned a reputation as a world-class institution committed to conservation, science, and education. With state-of-the-art facilities such as the newly opened Regenstein Center for African Apes, the Zoo continues to provide the finest facilities for its inhabitants. With four times the size of the old building, the new building allows gorillas and chimpanzees to move freely from inside to outside facilities, and gives visitors an even fuller understanding of the lives of these immense creatures. The facility also serves as a research, training and education center that will enable conservationists and scientists from around the globe to study apes.

As with all great institutions, a lot of effort goes into maintaining excellence. The Lincoln Park Zoo is fortunate for the leadership provided by its president, Kevin Bell, and the dedication given by Jay Proops and other members of the Board of Directors. And I would like to particularly thank the Gala's Event Chairs, Josephine E. Heindel and Myra Reilly, and the President of the Women's Board of Lincoln Park Zoo, Debra Clamage.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor the hard work and dedication of the staff and friends of the Lincoln Park Zoo on the occasion of its Zoo Ball, and I thank everyone in attendance for ensuring that this jewel of Chicago continues to shine.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I missed rollcall vote No. 347. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

REMEMBERING SERGEANT BRIAN
M. WOOD**HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, this morning I rise to honor and pay tribute to one of my constituents who recently died serving his Nation in Iraq.

Sergeant Brian M. Wood was killed when his military vehicle pulled off the road and hit a mine while he was on patrol. Sergeant Wood was only 21 years old.

Brian Wood was assigned to the Army's 9th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, which is based in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Mr. Speaker, Brian Wood sent an e-mail to his family less than 24 hours before his death and reported that he felt he was making a difference in the lives of the Iraqi people by locating and disarming land mines.

Mr. Speaker, Brian's family reports that he was a young man with tremendous personality and a great sense of humor.

I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Sergeant Brian Wood, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. Brian's honorable service to his country will be long remembered.

TRIBUTE TO THE WOLNIAK
BROTHERS**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a group of extraordinary individuals, the Wolniak brothers of Syracuse, New York. There are five brothers in all, Joseph, Michael, Nicholas, Andrew and Steven. The family migrated from the Ukraine in the early 20th century led by Matthew Wolniak, father of 10. What makes the brother's account so astonishing is the courage and dedication displayed during a time of great peril, World War II.

Joseph Wolniak served in the Illinois National Guard as a Private First Class. Michael Wolniak served five years as Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Corps with the 65th Fgt. Sq. and 57th Fgt. Gp. Nicholas Wolniak served for over five years as a Private First Class in the 33rd Division, 130 Infantry, 1st Company. Andrew Wolniak served five years as a Private First Class in the 33rd Infantry Regimental Combat Team, E Company, 2nd Battalion.

And Steven Wolniak served several years as Corporal in the 125 AACs Sq.

The Wolniak brothers' were active in a variety of theaters ranging from India, New Guinea, the Philippines, the invasion of Japan, to the jungles of Burma. Needless to say, having five members of a family involved in wartime operations creates an atmosphere of stress and tension. Faced with these overwhelming set of circumstances, the Wolniak brothers knew freedom and democracy come at a cost and require sacrifice. Keeping this in mind, the brothers served their country with dignity and honor.

The most enjoyable part of this anecdote was the safe return of all five brothers from the European and Asian theatres. This phenomenon was almost unparalleled as the United States casualties exceeded 400,000 with the majority of American's experiencing a loss of a loved one.

I am proud to state that the Wolniak's are part of our Central New York community, as four of the brothers still reside in the Syracuse area. Nick, Mike, and Steve can still be seen at a local McDonald's for an early morning gathering while Andy remains in his DeWitt home.

Mr. Speaker, I say to those listening today, America owes a great debt to the Wolniak brothers and all who served during World War II. Had it not been for the valor and devotion of the Allied Powers, both Europe and America would be a very different place today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM
SHAFFER**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to William Shaffer and thank him for his work as the Congressional Services Representative with the General Services Administration. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this Nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

William was born in Pennsylvania and served in the U.S. Air Force in Denver, Colorado, before going on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1973. He began his federal career with the Veterans Administration hospital in Hot Springs, South Dakota as a Recreation Therapist. After pursuing further training with the Veterans Affairs Personnel Administration Training Program, he worked as a Personnel Specialist in Maryland, Utah, Wyoming, Kentucky and finally Denver, Colorado.

In 1991, William moved to the General Services Administration as the Personnel Liaison at the Denver Federal Center, and later for the entire Rocky Mountain region. He was responsible for the Region's Congressional Support Program working to provide support services to ninety-six U.S. House of Representatives district offices and U.S. Senators State offices in Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota. These support services included procurement

of office furniture, equipment and supplies, maintenance and rehabilitation; property disposal; storage and relocation. William is also an ordained Pastor with the Presbyterian Church. In his spare time, he enjoys playing softball and volunteers at a Denver intercity food pantry.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that William Shaffer has been an invaluable resource to the General Services Administration and it is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like William Shaffer. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the General Services Administration and the constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND GUN HA
SONG**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Gun Ha Song in recognition of his business accomplishments and spiritual leadership in the community.

Reverend Song came to the United States in 1979. He founded the Good Pickin' store in 1982 and he continues to manage it successfully today. Reverend Song is the president of the Korean Association of Brooklyn.

Reverend Song's passion is his faith. He leads his congregation in Brooklyn. In preparation of his pastoral duties, Reverend Song has studied extensively, earning advanced degrees in the area of religious thought. He has earned a Masters Degree of S.B.E. Christian Education. He received an additional Masters Degree from Chongshin Theological Seminary. Finally, Reverend Song also holds a Doctor of Christian Education from Cumberland University.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Gun Ha Song came to this country about 25 years ago and has made several contributions to this country through his entrepreneurial spirit and spiritual leadership. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

HONORING THE IRISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE CENTER**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to recognize the contributions of Chicago's Irish American Heritage Center toward preserving the glorious heritage and culture of Chicago's Irish community, on the occasion of its Annual Irish Fest.

The Irish American Heritage Center continues to be an integral part of the Irish Community in Chicago. The Annual Irish American Heritage Festival on July 9th, 10th, and 11th will showcase many of the great traditions and

talents of Ireland. The festival will feature traditional Irish dancing, numerous musical acts, and the great Irish food we all love.

The Irish American Heritage Center has consistently demonstrated its commitment to keeping the Irish heritage alive and thriving in Chicago. Its museum, library, and festivals all contribute to the success of the organization, and I applaud those who work and volunteer their time to continue this important mission.

But, the Irish American Heritage Center festival is much more than good food and entertainment. It is a chance to remember and honor all of the hard work and accomplishments made by the Irish Community. It is through this awareness by which younger generations can pass on the traditions and values of Ireland.

The museum was officially opened by the President of Ireland, Mrs. Mary Robinson, on October 13, 1991. Museum acquisitions include: a magnificent collection of Belleek Parian China; a historic chair commissioned by the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago on the occasion of the visit of U.S. President William Howard Taft on St. Patrick's Day 1910; and the first organ from St. Patrick's Church in St. Charles, Illinois.

The Irish American Heritage Centers Library houses many special collections, including a facsimile edition of the world's most famous illuminated manuscript, The Book of Kells, which has been described as the "work of angels, not of men."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored on behalf of the Fifth District, and indeed all of Chicago, to call attention to all of the meaningful work occurring at the Irish American Heritage Center at the time of its Irish American Heritage Festival. I wish the Center continued success and a fantastic Irish fest.

CONGRATULATING LAKEWOOD ON
SPORTS ILLUSTRATED AWARD

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly today to congratulate the city of Lakewood for being named Sports Illustrated magazine's "Sportstown" for the State of California. This prestigious award recognizes the city in California with the best community sports programs. And since California is Sports Illustrated's No. 1 state, that means Lakewood is the number one sports town in the entire country. Sports and outdoor living are part of the fabric of life in this wonderful city, which I represent, in the 39th District of California.

Every year, Mr. Speaker, more than 13,000 Lakewood citizens participate in sports leagues or volunteer as coaches or referees. Kids of all ages in Lakewood play sports in one of the many city-sponsored leagues. The city's leagues are free of charge so all kids in the city can participate, and learn the values of teamwork and sportsmanship while they are having fun and making friends. The grownups in Lakewood also join in adult basketball, softball, tennis and volleyball leagues.

And if you live in Lakewood and sports leagues aren't your cup of tea you can go to one of the 10 public parks, two public swim-

ming pools, or two public Community Centers and get some exercise or just have a good time.

This prestigious award recognizing Lakewood's community sports programs comes during the same year that Lakewood is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

So, to the people of the City of Lakewood I say, "Congratulations for being the best sports city in America, and Happy 50th Anniversary!"

REMEMBERING SECOND
LIEUTENANT ANDRE D. TYSON

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to pay tribute to a young man from my district who was killed in action serving in the Iraqi conflict.

Second Lieutenant Andre D. Tyson was charged with patrolling and gathering intelligence on insurgents in the farmlands in Balad. He died, at 33, when enemy forces ambushed his ground patrol.

Called to active duty last fall, Second Lieutenant Tyson was assigned to the 579th Engineer Battalion, Army National Guard, which is based in Petaluma, California.

Mr. Speaker, Andre Tyson told a reporter 10 days before his death, that local people were hospitable to the soldiers, giving them tea and bread that he described as being "almost like homemade tortillas." His cousin said, "All of his e-mails spoke positively about his experiences in Iraq."

Mr. Speaker, Andre's family said he was a man that commanded respect and his peers looked up to him.

It is important to honor and pay tribute to all of the brave men and women across the Nation who have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we enjoy every single day, and all leave behind families who miss their sons and daughters. Too many of our young people have their lives cut way too short, but their sacrifice will be long remembered.

I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Second Lieutenant Andre D. Tyson, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO BRISTOL-MYERS
SQUIBB COMPANY

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's Syracuse, New York facility, which will receive the 2004 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award in the alternative synthetic pathways category presented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Bristol-Myers Squibb earned this great honor through the development of an environmentally friendly synthesis for the cancer drug Taxol®. The EPA's Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Program has been promoting

pollution prevention through voluntary partnership with the chemical community since 1996. The annual awards recognize outstanding accomplishments in the development of chemical technologies that incorporate the principles of green chemistry into chemical design, manufacture, and use. To date winning technologies have eliminated over 460 million pounds of chemical and solvent pollutants, saved over 440 million gallons of water, and eliminated over 170 million pounds of atmospheric carbon dioxide emissions.

I express my congratulations to the men and women of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in Syracuse for receiving such an outstanding honor. Bristol-Myers Squibb has truly shown itself to be a leader in environmental technology innovation.

TRIBUTE TO BERTRAND SEIDMAN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who spent his entire life devoted to helping working men and women and their families. Bertrand Seidman a constituent of my district and legend in the labor movement, recently passed away after a lifetime of advocating for working people in the United States.

After earning his Master's degree in economics from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Mr. Seidman began his stellar career at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, DC. In 1944, he started performing his service as a conscientious objector clearing a path for the Blue Ridge Parkway. During this time he began educating his fellow workers in industrial relations and later led a year-long strike after the government stopped paying conscientious objectors while still having them work.

In 1948 he began his distinguished career with the AFL-CIO as an economist in their research department and later served as the European representative for the AFL-CIO. He continued his service to the nation as a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations' International Labor Organization from 1958 to 1976 and then from 1987 to 1988.

It was after this service that Bert Seidman was appointed to become head of the AFL-CIO's Social Security department. He worked there for twenty four years and ensured that the labor movement would continue to focus on social welfare issues. He was especially interested in health care, pensions and occupational health for all. Mr. Seidman was also active in making sure that Social Security would not be privatized and that all Americans would have health insurance, regardless of their economic status.

Our nation lost an activist when Bert Seidman passed away on June 24th. He will always be remembered for his role in our nation's labor movement. Bert wanted to make sure that when people worked their whole lives, they would be taken care of in their retirement, and if they were ill or injured, they would have ample health care to help their recovery. Most importantly, he was for the most basic right, equality. I am grateful for his vision, his dedication and the many years of

service he gave to our nation. May his memory and the ideals he fought so hard to protect be preserved so future generations of working people are assured of basic rights and protections in a vastly changing workplace.

A NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR
EDMUND S. MUSKIE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing two bills to designate the Edmund S. Muskie Memorial, located in Rumford, Maine, as a national monument. Surely, the incredible accomplishments of this distinguished American deserve national recognition.

Edmund S. Muskie was born March 28, 1914, in Rumford, Maine, the second of six children and the son and grandson of Polish immigrants. Ed Muskie attended public schools in Rumford, graduated as valedictorian of his high school and with cum laude honors from Bates College. After Cornell University Law School, he began practicing law in Waterville. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Lieutenant in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

Ed Muskie began his political career in the Maine House of Representatives, where he served from 1946–1951. Later he went on to be twice elected as Governor of Maine and then to the United States Senate, where he served for twenty-one years. During his tenure in the Senate, Ed Muskie served on the Foreign Relations, Governmental Affairs, and Environmental and Public Works committees, and was the founder and first chair of the Senate Committee on the Budget.

Joining Democratic Presidential nominee Hubert H. Humphrey, Ed Muskie ran for Vice President on the Democratic ticket in 1968, and then made his own bid for the Presidential nomination in 1972. After retiring from the Senate in 1980, he was made Secretary of State by President Carter, practiced law in Washington, D.C., and was named to President Reagan's Special Review Board to investigate the Iran-Contra affair.

Few people served this nation as long, or as honorably, as Edmund Muskie. His dedication to public service was obvious and his commitment to environmental issues ahead of his time.

I have introduced a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the memorial to Edmund S. Muskie located in Rumford, Maine, as a unit of the National Park System. I have also introduced a bill to then officially designate the memorial as a national memorial. I am hopeful that these bills can be considered and passed soon so that we can have a fitting, national tribute to Edmund Muskie.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 6, Wednesday, July 7, and during the morning

of Thursday, July 8, I was unavoidably detained due to official international election monitoring efforts I took part in and was not present for rollcall votes on those days.

Had I been present I would have voted the following:

Rollcall 326, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 327, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery, I would have voted, "yea";

Rollcall 328, on the Manzullo amendment, which would provide \$79.1 million for the Small Business 7(a) loan program to finance more than \$13 billion in small business, I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 329, on the Flake amendment, which would prohibit the use of funds to implement the Commerce Department's new restrictions on gift parcels to Cuba and the amount of personal baggage allowed for travelers to Cuba, I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 330, on the Weiner amendment, which would increase COPS funding by \$107 million and offsets that funding by cutting funding for the Census, I would have voted "no";

Rollcall 331, on the Hefley amendment eliminating funding (\$174 million) for the re-engineered design process for the 2010 short-form only Census, I would have voted "no";

Rollcall 332, on the Kucinich amendment, expanding the membership of the President's "Manufacturing Council" to include representatives from unions and the steel industry, I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 333, on the Paul amendment prohibiting funds to pay expenses for any U.S. contribution to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, I would have voted "no";

Rollcall 334, on the Farr amendment prohibiting funds from being used to prevent states from implementing state laws authorizing the use of medical marijuana I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall 335, on the Paul amendment prohibiting funds from being used to pay any U.S. contribution to the United Nations or any affiliated agency of the United Nations, I would have voted, "no";

Rollcall 336, on the rule providing for consideration of Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004, I would have voted, "no";

Rollcall 337, on the rule providing for consideration of the Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2003 I would have voted, "no"; and

Rollcall 338, on the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004, I would have voted, "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAROL
SEALE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the life and passing of Carol Mae "Peppy" Seale of Durango, Colorado. As one of the founders of

women's athletics at Fort Lewis College, she was dedicated to the nation's youth and committed to establishing greater opportunities for the nation's female youth population. She will forever be remembered as a pillar of her community, and as her family and community mourn her passing, I believe it appropriate to pay tribute to this exceptional woman before the body of Congress and this nation.

Peppy first moved to Durango in 1969 after she received her teaching degree from Carroll College and her master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. She then went into coaching women's athletics at Fort Lewis College. She committed herself to the volleyball team for fourteen seasons, acting as the coach for the squad as well as providing all the transportation for the team to and from competitions. During her tenure as the head volleyball coach, she led the team to 148 wins. In addition, she spent time coaching other sports, including the basketball, softball, skiing and tennis teams. Outside work, Peppy had a love for the farm she lived on and the animals that inhabited it.

In recognition of her dedication to athletes and her success as a coach, Fort Lewis has inducted her into the Fort Lewis Athletic Hall of Fame. For her work advancing the cause of women in women's athletics she was named by the Women's Resource Center as an Extraordinary Woman of the Community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to celebrate the life and achievements of Carol Mae Seale before this body of Congress and this nation today. She played an important role in founding athletic programs for women at Fort Lewis College, and was a valuable asset to the Fort Lewis community. My thoughts go out to Peppy's loved ones in this difficult time of bereavement.

A TRIBUTE TO SHARON DEVONISH-
LEID

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Sharon Devonish-Leid in recognition of her dedication to strengthening the community.

Sharon is a Community Relations Specialist for the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office in the Community Relations Bureau. In this capacity, she serves as the link between the community, the police, and the DA's office. Ms. Devonish-Leid is responsible for four police precincts (93rd, 69th, 73rd, and 75th), and two police service areas (1 and 2).

In this capacity, she has developed the Young People's Law program in the Community Relations Bureau. This program is an offspring of the People's Law School program, which District Attorney Hynes developed to educate adults about the criminal justice system. She is also responsible for developing the East New York College and Career Fair at Maxwell High School. Additionally, she has implemented other informational fairs and conferences that bring important information to our communities.

Sharon has always had a passion for the field of law. In fact, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, with

merit, from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Even as an undergraduate, she participated in community programs that helped others. These experiences helped her develop her interest and skills in community relations.

Prior to joining the Community Relations Bureau, she worked as a senior paralegal in various bureaus in the District Attorney's office. She worked as a legal secretary in the Eastern District office of the United States Attorney General.

Sharon's biggest love is working with our community's young people as she is always willing to volunteer her knowledge and experience to help others. Remarkably, she plans to serve as an example to our students by continuing her education in law school.

Mr. Speaker, Sharon Devonish-Leid has been a shining star in the community by bringing residents and law enforcement together. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this, truly remarkable person.

HONORING JERRY PRETE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the Elderly Housing Development & Operations Corporation and the people of Chicago in honoring the late Jerry Prete with the dedication of the "Appreciation Garden" at North Park Village in Illinois. A man who committed himself to helping his fellow citizens, Jerry Prete lived life to its fullest. His family, friends and the seniors of the Chicago area are testament to the quality of his character, honor and integrity.

Jerry Prete achieved his success through hard work and determination. He dedicated his life to public service and the people of Chicago. An active member of the Christian Family Movement since 1950, he assisted in developing leadership training and motivation for them until the 1970s. In the 1960s, the Chicago Senior Senate was formed and expanded into 400 chapters with Jerry's leadership.

In this quest, Jerry united with the National Council of Senior Citizens to submit a proposal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the funding of subsidized living at North Park Village. Today, the Prete, Senate, and North Park Village Apartments are considered some of the finest senior citizen apartment buildings in the Nation.

Jerry made a lifelong commitment towards helping seniors gain access to affordable housing—eventually assisting the implementation of about 30 multiple dwelling units around the United States. He was a champion of many causes for seniors including the expansion of Social Security and Medicare benefits, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, lowering taxes, and working toward the creation of the Circuit Breaker program.

Aside from working to help seniors, Jerry was a passionate advocate for the religious community. From the mid-1950s until 1995, Jerry and his wife Anne operated the Alverno Bookstore, which they established to meet the needs of the local Christian community.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the Elderly Housing Development & Operations Corporation and the seniors of North Park Village in honoring Jerry Prete. Today, numerous Chicagoans have reaped the benefits of one man's heroic dream. May God bless the Prete family and the memory of a man who was truly loved by his friends, his community and his family.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF MR. BILL THURSTON OF VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to call to my colleagues' attention the recent passing of a good friend, an outstanding educator and public servant, and a wonderful husband, Bill Thurston of Vallejo, California in my congressional district.

I urge my colleagues to read the article that follows below about Mr. Thurston's life, his passion, and his significant contributions to the city of Vallejo and the greater Solano County community. Bill was a longtime history and political science instructor at Solano Community College and a member of its board of trustees. He served on the county and state Democratic Central Committees for 22 years, and served eight years on the Democratic National Committee.

He was a friend and supporter to my father for his work in the state legislature and he was a mentor to me about the education of children and the needs of our community.

To Bill's wife of over 25 years, Rosemary Thurston, and to all of Bill's family I offer my sincere condolences at this time. For the many of us who were lucky enough to know Bill and to call him our friend, our lives are richer for it and we will always carry a place for him in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

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LONGTIME VALLEJO EDUCATOR AND ACTIVIST
DIES AT 74

(By Robert McCockran)

Bill Thurston, a longtime history teacher, state Democratic Committee leader and Solano Community College trustee died Tuesday. He was 74.

A family member said Thurston, 74, was having shortness of breath (about 10:25 a.m.) and had to be rushed to (Kaiser Permanente Medical Center) and collapsed in the hospital.

Another family member said Thurston's wife, Rosemary, was distraught and unable to talk about her husband's death.

"We can say that he's gone and we can say that he didn't suffer," the family friend said, adding that a memorial service will be arranged.

For 20 years, Thurston taught political science and history at Solano Community College.

"I feel very sad, very sad," said Pam Keith, a fellow trustee. "He was just a very special person to me and I'm going to miss him very, very much."

"There will be a lot of people turn out for this guy, whatever the situation is. He's got 500 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, (and) great-great-grandchildren. And he's touched so many lives over the years, one way or another. People that you don't even know about," Keith said.

Another fellow board member, Willie McKnight, called Thurston "a great educator" and noted that they were fraternity brothers, having joined Alpha Phi Alpha in 1979.

McKnight said Thurston loved music, although he didn't play any instrument and, he often spoke at his church. "He always was willing to speak and was always trying to uplift our black boys and girls."

Pelton Stewart, executive director of the Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club, said when he first came to Vallejo Thurston took him under his wing and "told me some pitfalls to avoid politically in our little city."

"He was a real long time dedicated supporter of the Boys and Girls Club. He and his wife were always at our banquets, always supporting. He was just a great man," Stewart said.

"He gave a lot back to the Vallejo community. He was very proud of his African ancestry and helped with the African American library in Oakland and very proud of the education system here in Solano County."

Thurston was born Jan. 15, 1930 in Logtown, Mississippi. As a young child, he once recalled watching police wake a sleeping African-American man at a train station. They kicked him, then shot him in cold blood, Thurston told an interviewer.

Thurston's family moved to California in 1944, and at age 17, he joined the military. He served in Korea, Germany, the Philippines and Okinawa before leaving the service in 1964.

Thurston earned an AA degree at Solano Community College and a BA at California State University at Hayward. In 1972, he began teaching at Solano Community College.

"I never taught a class without dealing with reality," he once told a reporter.

"In all the U.S. history classes I taught, I always included segments on the failures of Reconstruction after the Civil War and on the struggles of women. I taught the bad things and the good."

In January 1985, Thurston was elected vice-chairman of the California Democratic Party.

He served on the county and state Democratic Central committees for 22 years, retiring in 1994. He also served eight years on the Democratic National Committee.

In May 1988, Thurston was a delegate for presidential nominee Michael Dukakis.

But Thurston was not so partisan that he ignored weaknesses of his fellow Democrats. He once referred to Oakland Mayor and former California governor Jerry Brown as a "flake" and said he was not overly impressed with former President Bill Clinton.

Frank Jackson, former president of the Vallejo Chapter NAACP, said of Thurston: "We go way back. Bill and I were real close friends."

Jackson said he served with Thurston on an affirmative action committee at Solano Community College.

"The thing I liked about Bill, he was fair and equitable. When something wasn't right, he'd say 'this isn't right' or 'this is the thing that we're doing,'" Jackson said of his fellow NAACP member.

"Any time I would call on him and ask him to do anything he was always willing to help out. And, anytime anybody called me about anything political, I would tell them to call Bill Thurston," Jackson said.

Mel Jordan, an architect for the Vallejo City Unified School District who designed Jesse Bethel High School, said he was very close to Thurston.

"Basically, Bill Thurston is almost like a second father to me. In other words, a mentor. He really assisted me in a lot of decision-making types of things for my own personal life," Jordan said.

"He's extremely going to be a loss to me, but he's passed on so much wisdom. It's almost like passing on the torch because we connected so much over the years," Jordan said. Former Vallejo mayor Terry Curtola said he'd known Thurston most of his adult life.

"Always was an adviser to me in my political career. Just what I like to call a good old boy Vallejoan. He was always supporting everything that went on. Always had the best of Vallejo at heart. Just a good man," Curtola said.

"I think what I like the most about Bill more than anything, he covered all the diversities of our whole community. You could never pinpoint him. He was just a man that I always went to for advice. Even when I didn't go to him for advice, he'd call and give it to me anyway." Curtola said.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW UNITED STATES GLOBAL HIV PREVENTION STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ACT OF 2004

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker I rise today to talk about an urgent need in regards to our Global HIV/AIDS Initiative—the need to address the disproportionately growing effect of HIV/AIDS upon women and girls.

Today there are an estimated 40 million people infected with HIV/AIDS throughout the world.

For a number of reasons, women and girls are biologically, socially, and economically more vulnerable to HIV infection than men, and today they represent more than half of all individuals who are infected with HIV worldwide.

In sub-Saharan Africa the story is even worse, as women and girls make up 60 percent of those infected with HIV/AIDS.

Today we are undoubtedly facing a dramatic feminization of the global pandemic.

Why are women more vulnerable?

In many cases, women still have inadequate information about how HIV is transmitted, how it can be prevented, and how it can be treated.

Cultural and social norms in many developing countries, and in some cases even here in the United States, prevent frank and open discussion about sex and HIV/AIDS.

But perhaps worst of all, women are most vulnerable because of the continuing legal, social, and economic inequalities that contribute to, and are the result of persistent and culturally ingrained gender discrimination throughout the world.

This gender discrimination is responsible for devaluing the rights of women to attend school, earn an independent living, control their own bodies and choose their own sexual partners, retain control over their own property, and speak their minds.

And with the loss of each such right, women become more vulnerable to HIV infection.

Studies show that without an education, women are at a much higher risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.

Without an independent source of income, women are forced to rely on men for food,

clothing, shelter, etc., thus perpetuating an unequal power balance in their relationships.

Without being able to control their own bodies and choose their sexual partners, women are frequently treated as commodities to be bought or sold, without rights under the law.

This perpetuates a culture that accepts rape and violence against women as something that is commonplace, and without punishment.

And women who have no right to refuse the sexual advances of men cannot control the circumstances of their sexual encounters and are unable to insist on abstinence, faithfulness on behalf of their partners, or the use of condoms.

Without the ability to own or inherit property, women are in constant danger of being kicked out of their own homes, and losing control of their families most basic productive resources.

Ultimately, women who fear the consequences of speaking openly are powerless to advocate for any of these rights and are consigned to accept a second class status in their societies.

In the context of our moral tradition and our common humanity, that is just plain wrong.

But when it comes to combating HIV/AIDS, for women it can be deadly.

Working jointly with my colleagues in Congress and the Administration, last year we established the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief to treat 2 million people, prevent 7 million new infections, and care for 10 million individuals.

But Mr. Speaker, I believe that if we do not aggressively target the needs of women, and work to eliminate the factors that contribute to the increased vulnerability of women to HIV, we will never reach our targets.

That is why today, along with 54 of my colleagues, I am introducing a bill entitled the New United States Global HIV Prevention Strategy to Address Women and Girls Act of 2004.

By recognizing the inadequacy of our current HIV Prevention efforts, which focus on the "ABC" approach of Abstinence, Being faithful, or using a Condom, my bill would seek to revise our current HIV Prevention strategy to place an emphasis on the needs of women and girls.

In doing so, my bill would require the President to develop a comprehensive, integrated, and culturally appropriate HIV prevention strategy for each of the countries receiving assistance to combat HIV/AIDS that includes:

Increasing access to female condoms—including training to ensure effective and consistent use. Accelerating the de-stigmatization of HIV/AIDS—as women are generally at a disadvantage in combating stigma. Empowering women and girls to avoid cross-generational sex and reduce the incidence of child-marriage. Reducing violence against women. Supporting the development of micro-enterprise programs and other such efforts to assist women in developing and retaining independent economic means. Promoting positive male behavior toward women and girls. Supporting expanded educational opportunities for women and girls. Protecting the property and inheritance rights of women. Coordinating HIV prevention services with existing health care services—including mother to child transmission programs—and family planning and reproductive health services. Promoting gender equality by supporting the development of civil society organizations focused on the needs of women, and by encour-

aging the creation and effective enforcement of legal frameworks that guarantee women equal rights and equal protection under the law.

At the same time, my bill would also seek to balance funding for our HIV prevention initiatives by stripping out misguided language in last year's Global AIDS bill that guaranteed that 33% of our prevention funds would go towards abstinence only programs.

Instituting a blanket requirement for abstinence spending in our global prevention programs sends the message that religious ideology coming out of Washington DC is driving our global HIV/AIDS programs rather than sound science and the reality of the situation on the ground.

Our policy should be to provide flexibility in our global HIV prevention strategies to support a variety of culturally appropriate prevention initiatives based on need and the specific HIV infection trends and gaps of each country.

In the best interests of improving the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and achieving our goal of preventing 7 million new infections, I believe that we must make this change.

And we must also make this change because we owe it to all the women who are left vulnerable and powerless because of social, political, legal, and economic inequalities that allow HIV to fester and spread.

If we do not address these underlying issues in a comprehensive manner, then I fear that our efforts to prevent the disease from spreading will only be in vain.

I invite all my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation, and I urge the International Relations Committee to move swiftly to take it up.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE
HON. JOHN HAWKINS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Jefferson County, Alabama, and indeed the entire state recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Representative John Hawkins was a devoted family man who spent over 28 years in public service, serving from 1959 until 1965 in the Alabama House of Representatives, and from 1966 until 1974 in the Alabama State Senate. Following a period of sixteen years out of the public spotlight, he again answered the call to service and began a new period in the state house in 1990. He was continuing to represent House District 47 in the state capital when he became ill earlier this year.

Throughout his professional career, he was dedicated to bringing better opportunities to all the residents of Hoover, Vestavia Hills, and Jefferson County in Alabama, and was a tireless advocate for his constituency. Representative Hawkins sponsored countless bills during his career in the legislature, but is perhaps best known for his championing the cause of automobile safety. In 1991, he was instrumental in the passage of Alabama's first state law that requires drivers and front-seat passengers to use safety belts. Eight years later, he helped to push through an amendment that gives police officers the authority to stop vehicle operators for violations of the seatbelt law alone.

Representative Hawkins was also a strong proponent of projects designed to benefit the residents of his district. Throughout his career, he emphasized providing funding for such projects as library additions, a reading initiative for area schools, drug testing for student athletes, and a multitude of highway projects. In fact, his efforts at securing transportation funding for his district led the citizens of Hoover, Alabama, to request that four miles of Alabama 150 be named after him because of his assistance in ensuring the widening of that highway.

Representative Hawkins, a graduate of Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama, and the University of Alabama, was a distinguished veteran of World War II. He was retired from Alabama Power Company after a long tenure as a special projects manager.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant and long-time advocate for Jefferson County, Alabama. Representative Hawkins will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Betty Hawkins, and his sons, John Hawkins, III, Bill Hawkins, and Davis Hawkins—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.
RALPH R. WILCOX, SR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Mobile County, Alabama, and indeed the entire First Congressional District recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Ralph Wilcox, Sr., was a devoted family man and dedicated community servant throughout his entire life. He was retired following a long career with the Kimberly Clark Corporation, and in 1982 assumed a position on the board of directors of the Mobile County Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority. As a part of this organization, Mr. Wilcox and his fellow board members were responsible for oversight of one of the largest public utility and fire protection organizations in the State of Alabama, consisting of over 400 miles of water lines in Mobile County.

A lifelong resident of Theodore, Alabama, Mr. Wilcox was also actively involved in the life of his community, participating in several area youth organizations. He served on the council for the Boy Scouts of America and was an active member of the board of the Theodore Athletic Association. In 1980, he was inducted as member of the Mobile Youth Baseball Hall of Fame, and was nominated by the Tillman's Corner Chamber of Commerce as its Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community servant and long-time advocate for Mobile County, Alabama. Ralph Wilcox, Sr., will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Margaret Floyd Wilcox, his daughters, Stephanie Van Cleave and Margie Wilcox, his son, Ralph "Hoppy" Wilcox, Jr., his sister, Lucy Clark, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

ESOP PROMOTION AND
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2004

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation today to promote employee ownership through employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs). Most of our colleagues are familiar with these plans, but are they aware that the most common form of providing stock ownership to non-managerial employees today is through ESOPs?

During my service in the House, Congress has expanded employee ownership in America. I have worked to expand ownership through ESOPs by introducing, cosponsoring and advocating legislation. Many new provisions of ESOP law first surfaced in legislation I introduced in 1990, 1991, 1993, and 1995. Through the years, I have worked to build bipartisan support for ESOPs in Congress.

Let me say to my colleagues that ESOPs are not just special arrangements for the top executives in a company. ESOPs are broad-based stock ownership plans that, over the past 30 years, have created significant wealth for employees. In many instances, they have been the innovators in participatory management practices that respect the individual while maximizing the performance of the company.

Studies demonstrate that the overwhelming majority of employee-owned companies are more successful and treat their employees better than non-employee-owned companies. For example, in the most comprehensive study of ESOP companies ever done, over 1100 ESOP companies were matched against their counterparts for an eleven-year period. The ESOP companies had a survivability rate 15 percent greater than the non-ESOP companies, had annual sales 2.4 percent greater on average, and provided more retirement benefits than their counterparts. In another study, Washington State's Economic Development Office found in 1997 and 1998 that ESOP companies in Washington State, when compared with non-employee-owned companies, paid higher wages, had better retirement, and had twice the retirement income for employees.

Despite all this favorable data, I cannot say that ESOP companies are always successful. But, I will say that they are usually high-performing companies that share with employees the wealth they help create and bring a real ownership culture into the workplace.

Overall, we have good ESOP laws on the books through our tax code and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, which is overseen by the Department of Labor. My legislation does not unravel existing law, nor does it overreach with new, costly tax incentives for ESOP creation. Rather, my bill is a modest step toward aiding the creation of employee ownership through ESOPs and helping existing ESOP companies maximize their ownership structure.

Primarily, the ESOP Promotion and Improvement Act of 2004 would make minor changes in tax law to treat S-corps the same

as C-corps in the ESOP arena, which would help foster ESOP creation. My legislation would also extend to ESOPs some of the popular features accorded to retirement programs such as 401K's. Following is a brief explanation of my legislation:

First, I will clarify what was really an oversight in the drafting of the 1997 law encouraging S corporations to sponsor ESOPs. The 1997 law prevented S corporations from taking a tax deduction for dividends ('distributions on current earnings'). Since S corporations do not pay a corporate level tax, it is reasonable not to give a corporate level tax deduction. However, under current law, distributions from current earnings on ESOP stock paid to employees of S-corps are subject to a 10 percent penalty tax because the payments are treated as if they were early withdrawals from plan contributions to the ESOP. Clearly, Congress never intended for S corporations to have their dividends on ESOP stock treated more harshly than C corporation dividends paid on ESOP stock.

To address this problem, my legislation does away with the unfair 10 percent penalty and makes it clear that, as in C corporations, dividends paid by an S corporation on ESOP stock can be deducted if the deduction is used to pay the debt incurred to acquire the stock for the employees through the ESOP.

Next, my legislation permits the owners of S corporation stock to sell that stock to an ESOP and, under tight rules, to defer the gain on that sale if the following conditions are met. First, the ESOP must hold at least 30 percent of the outstanding stock of the S corporation. Second, the seller must reinvest his or her proceeds in American companies. This treatment has been permitted for owners of C stock of a private company since 1984, and it has been a boon to ESOP creation. In fact, surveys by the ESOP Association show that 70 to 75 percent of the ESOP companies in America were created by exiting shareholders of private companies using this 1984 law. I believe that if this provision, Code Section 1042, is expanded to include S corporations, there will be many more S corporation ESOPs.

I believe we also need to clarify a 1989 law that the IRS has stretched too far. Under an IRS regulation interpreting the corporate Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), C corporation dividends that are paid on ESOP stock are calculated as part of a company's adjusted current earnings, which is used in calculating the corporate AMT. Three taxpayers have taken cases all the way to the Court of Appeals saying the IRS went beyond the reach of the law in this interpretation. However, the Courts have rejected these claims, stating that the IRS has wide discretion in promulgating regulations. We should reaffirm our commitment to ESOP creation and clarify that Congress never intended to make an ESOP benefit a tax liability by overturning these IRS rulings.

Finally, my bill contains two technical amendments clearing up some unfair and out of date elements of the 1984 IRC 1042 provision. My bill clarifies who can participate in a 1042 ESOP, and it permits the proceeds from a 1042 sale to be invested in mutual funds of U.S. stock, versus requiring direct stock purchases. In addition, my bill brings parity to ESOPs with other defined contribution plans by permitting ESOP participants to withdraw money from the ESOP under limited circumstances to pay for a first-time home or college tuition.

With these few provisions, my legislation will do much to advance the cause of employee ownership, making ESOPs more effective and fostering the creation of many more ESOP companies. I thank the House and my colleagues for their time, and I ask that they consider joining me by cosponsoring this legislation.

SECTION-BY-SECTION EXPLANATION OF ESOP PROMOTION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2004

Makes six amendments to the Internal Revenue Code to improve the operation of existing ESOPs for both the plan sponsor and the employee participants, and in some instances make the creation of a new ESOP easier and more attractive.

Section 1. Clarifies that the 1996 and 1997 laws permitting S corporations to sponsor employee ownership through ESOPs allows S corporation distributions on current earnings (referred to as dividends in C corporations) on ESOP shares to be utilized in the same way as dividends under a 1984 law and 1986 law applying to dividends in a C corporation. Specifically, this section would permit the distributions from current earnings by an S corporation on ESOP stock to be passed through to employees without the 10 percent early withdrawal tax currently imposed on the employees. It would also permit distributions on current earnings on ESOP stock to be used to pay the ESOP acquisition debt. Regular income tax will still be due and, in keeping with current law, the S corporation would not be permitted a tax deduction for the distributions from current earnings on ESOP stock. *(The distributions from current earnings are not to be confused with regular contributions to the ESOP by the S corporation which would still continue to be subject to early withdrawal penalties if withdrawn by an employee before death, termination, disability, or retirement.)*

Section 2. Permits the seller of stock to an S corporation ESOP to utilize the current law ESOP tax deferral rollover tax benefit (IRC 1042), under the same restrictions applied to sellers to C corporation ESOPs. In general, to take advantage of IRC 1042, the ESOP must hold at least 30 percent of the corporation's highest class of stock at close of transaction, and the seller must reinvest the proceeds of the sale into the equities of operating U.S. corporations. If these conditions and others are met, the seller may defer the capital gains tax on his or her proceeds until he or she disposes of the qualified replacement property acquired with the sale proceeds. Furthermore, the benefit is applicable only to sales of non-publicly traded stock.

Section 3. Reverses a series of federal court decisions that have upheld a 1989 regulation by the Internal Revenue Service that includes tax deductions taken for dividends paid on ESOP stock when calculating a C-corp's AMT liability. This IRS regulation imposes the corporate AMT under an interpretation of IRC Section 56 that deductible ESOP dividends are included under the preference item known as ACE, or adjusted current earnings. Despite reasoned challenges to the IRS regulation by three taxpayers, courts have upheld the IRS regulations.

Section 4. Makes two minor changes to IRC Section 1042 (first enacted in 1984). The changes would make this ESOP tax benefit more reasonable, particularly due to developments since its enactment. Specifically, this section permits the proceeds from a 1042 sale to be reinvested in mutual funds that are invested in U.S. equities, and provides that an owner of 25 percent or more of one class of non-voting stock will not be automatically prohibited from participating in an ESOP with 1042 securities, and aggregates

the 25 percent owner restriction on participation in a 1042 ESOP to all of the outstanding shares of the corporation, not just one class of shares.

Section 5. Permits early withdrawals from ESOPs (as with other ERISA plans) for purposes of a first time home purchase or payment of college tuition, with various restrictions, including that the withdrawal may not be more than 10 percent of an account balance, and the individual has had to participate five years in the ESOP.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SCOTT TUCKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to recognize Scott Tucker of Golden, Colorado. Recently, Scott announced his retirement from his position as the executive director of the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. As he moves on to future challenges, I would like to acknowledge his dedication and commitment to better his community before this body of Congress and this nation.

Scott has committed his career to addressing and solving problems pertaining to water resources in urban communities. After receiving a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering, Scott began his career in water resources. He first came to work in Colorado in 1970 for the Urban Water Resources Research Program. Two years later he joined the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, where he is now the Executive Director. As Executive Director, he oversaw programs involving master planning, design and construction, maintenance, floodplain management, and projects involving the South Platte River. He retires from Urban Drainage and Flood Control District after thirty-two years of service.

In addition to his work in water resources, he is an active member of his community. As an avid skier, he is involved in the National Ski Patrol System, where he holds the leadership position of Treasurer. Additionally, he participates in competitive bicycle racing and is a member of the Bicycle Racing Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to honor the accomplishments and service of Scott Tucker. Scott has dedicated his career to dealing with an issue many people take for granted, water as a resource. His leadership at the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District will be greatly missed, and I wish Scott all the best in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO REGINA KIM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor Regina Kim in recognition of her assistance to victims of domestic violence and abuse.

For the past 16 years Regina Kim has reached out to thousands of helpless, desperate, and battered women. As the Executive

Director of the Korean Family Counseling and Research Center, Regina assists women victims of domestic violence, physical and mental harassment, and substance abuse with her compassion and dedication. Through counseling and a 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention services, victim advocacy and public education, the Center's mission of helping women and girls taking charge of their lives is put in practice every day. Regina's round-the-clock dedication to those in need is both inspiring and heartwarming.

The Korean Family Counseling and Research Center was the only counseling center for New York's Korean community when it was founded 31 years ago. Today, the rapid growth in Korean immigration to our city has increased the important role of the center.

By providing hope and encouragement to countless women and their families, Regina has won admiration from her colleagues, the local community, as well as people in Korea. In 1992, she was presented the Social Services Recognition Award by the Korean government for her contribution to the Korean-American community. She has also been honored by the City of New York with an award for Distinguished Leadership in the field of Social Services and an award for Exemplary Leadership, Commitment, and Advocacy on Behalf of all New Yorkers.

Regina was educated at the Chong-gu College in Dae-gu, Korea and at the St. Stephens Outreach Network (Social Welfare). She is an active member of The Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Unification and the Civil Air Patrol. This organization also presented her with an award for Distinguished Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, Regina Kim has helped thousands of women who have been victims of domestic violence and abuse. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4754) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong opposition to the Tancredo amendment.

Earlier this summer, I came to the floor to oppose a similar amendment, and I felt obligated, as an American, to come to the floor today to oppose this misguided one.

Community policing has been successful in our diverse neighborhoods because police have proactively convinced immigrants that they should come forward and talk to local police. Mr. Tancredo's amendments would instill additional fear in immigrants, already under attack from certain political forces despite our Nation's history of welcoming them.

The Tancredo amendment is a veiled attempt to paint immigrants as terrorists and security threats. These immigrants contribute to our economy. They harvest our food, work in our factories and only want to realize the American dream for themselves and their families.

I quoted it the last time I came to the floor, and I will quote it as often as necessary to make my point.

As is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, we need to remember here in Congress the generous invitation that the United States has always extended to the world: "Bring me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to be free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores. Send these, the homeless tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the Golden Door."

I fully understand that we need a responsible immigration policy that enhances and ensures our national security. However, the Tancredo amendment is divisive and will, in fact, reduce our security. I strongly encourage my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL MENDRICK

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the notable accomplishments of Paul Mendrick. This remarkable gentleman merits both our recognition and esteem as his impressive record of leadership and invaluable service have improved the lives of countless people.

Paul Mendrick has devoted much of his time, skill and energy to making our State and our community a better place. Born to Joseph and Alice Mendrick in Pueblo, Colorado on October 23, 1948, he graduated from Pueblo South High School and attended classes at Southern Colorado State College. Paul enlisted in the United States Navy in 1970 and served as Yeoman to the Chaplin aboard ship until 1972.

Paul has been a labor leader, political activist and has remained in the vanguard of those dedicated to economic and social justice. During his distinguished career with the United States Postal Service, Paul served in various capacities with the Denver Metro Area Local of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU). He served as President from 1976 to 1992 and again from 1995 until his retirement in 2003. Under Paul's leadership, the Denver local became one of the most progressive locals, and he worked diligently to ensure that Postal Workers were represented fairly and their voices were heard in the United States Congress.

Those who know Paul know that fairness for the working people matters. He is well known for being forthright and a skilled leader not only within the APWU, but in the Labor Movement. For Paul, solidarity has meaning. In 1980, when the Air Traffic Controllers (PATCO) were on strike, Paul and other labor activists opted to travel to the APWU National Convention in Miami, Florida, by motor home rather than cross picket lines to travel by air. As a board member of the Denver Postal Credit Union, Paul was instrumental in lob-

bing Congress against a proposed tax levy on credit unions which still stands today. In 1986, he was among the delegates selected by the AFL-CIO to travel to South America to be part of a grassroots movement to build a worldwide Labor movement.

Paul has also dedicated his life to his family and recently became a grandfather. But for all of life's demanding pressures, Paul has found the time to give back to the community, and he has supported numerous charitable causes. He has spent endless hours working on behalf of the Special Olympics in Colorado and for Muscular Dystrophy. The APWU in Denver has always been a yearly participant in the March of Dimes Walk and, under Paul's leadership, the APWU has continually raised money to feed the homeless and take care of those less fortunate.

It comes as no surprise that Paul was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado AFL-CIO and continues to lobby for worker rights and a decent workplace. He has dedicated his life to working people and has brought both respect and dignity to the Labor Movement. He has used his inestimable skills and talents to advance the public good and the well-being of all our people.

Please join me in commending Paul Mendrick, a distinguished citizen. It is the strong leadership he exhibits on a daily basis that continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all Americans.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE W. DAVIS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of George W. Davis, a longtime member of the Watsonville community, who passed away June 7th, 2004 at the age of 83. George is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mildred Davis, his daughter, his sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

George served in the Navy as a blimp pilot in 1941 during World War II. He transferred to the Watsonville airport following the war, starting his own construction business in 1948. Throughout the next decades, George built more than 100 area schools, including facilities at Cabrillo College, University of California at Santa Cruz, Aptos High School, Salesian Sisters and Moreland Notre Dame School. He also built numerous churches and other public buildings, including the Watsonville Youth Center. George's dedication to the youth of our community is outstanding, a commitment that we will cherish always. His accomplishments have shaped the Central Coast into the strong community it has become today.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely grateful for the tremendous gift George gave to our community. His legacy will be cherished for countless generations. I would like to extend my condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING JERRY WHYATT MONDESIRE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of journalist, former Congressional staffer, Pennsylvania State NAACP Vice President, Philadelphia NAACP President, and activist Jerry Whyatt Mondesire. Mr. Mondesire has consistently proven himself to be a proponent of civil rights and an agent of social activism here in the United States and around the world.

Mr. Mondesire's career as a journalist began in college, where he discovered that each of his school's four student newspapers intentionally overlooked the concerns and affairs of the school's African-American student minority. In response to this negligence, and to address the diverse needs of the student body, he helped found an Afrocentric magazine. Within a year, Mondesire took control of one of the campus' weekly papers and set up a fully integrated staff.

Mr. Mondesire's post-collegiate journalistic career was further marked by the activism that had so deeply characterized his years in college. After a decade in mainstream journalism, he concluded that the "glass ceiling" that denied African-Americans to work and excel to their full potential was present in that field. He left his editorial position at a major Philadelphia newspaper in order to become Chief of Staff for the Majority Whip of the U.S. Congress; there he was able to utilize his talents to combat both foreign and domestic social inequities. After spending 12 years in the most prestigious Congressional staff position, he rekindled his passion, revitalized his journalistic career and sought to address the issue of the journalistic glass ceiling by helping start The Philadelphia Sunday Sun.

In the past twelve years, Jerry Mondesire has become the host of a radio public affairs program on WDAS FM, the host of a cable television program called "Freedomquest", President of the Philadelphia National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Vice President of the Pennsylvania state NAACP. This gentleman is clearly an example of social activism at its best.

It is a privilege to recognize someone whose ambition, motivation, and desire for social equality are an inspiration to all Americans. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Mondesire for his lifetime of activism, journalistic integrity, and perseverance.

COMMERCIALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (HEALTHY IT ECOSYSTEM)

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Government's vital role in developing a healthy and growing information technology sector.

A variety of national and international studies indicate that the broad-based deployment

of information technology can have a substantial impact on our nation's economic productivity and growth as well as the educational and social success of our citizens. Accordingly, it is our task to ensure that the Government formulates policies that foster the continued development of the IT sector while also providing for citizens' access to technology and opportunity for economic advancement.

Among the most important ways that the Government can assure the robustness of our information technology sector and broad deployment of technology are by continuing to fund IT research and development and by adhering to technology-neutral policies that support market-based innovation, including by enabling firms to capitalize on the intellectual property they add to government-funded technologies. Private firms are generally willing to commercialize publicly funded research only if they can protect the intellectual property they contribute to the development process in a manner that allows them to secure a return on their investment. Thus, for example, it is vital that the government licenses software developed with public research funds under terms that enable private resources to develop such software into commercially viable products.

Over the years, U.S. businesses and industry have proven extremely adept at developing successful new products from cutting-edge technologies. Many of the private sector's most successful products and technologies have been developed in no small part due to sound public policy that fosters innovation. This is especially true in the information technology sector. With the support of the Federal Government—both through funding and through technology-neutral policies that promote commercialization—we can ensure that the information technology sector remains robust and continues to innovate for the benefit of our economy and the health and welfare of our citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MILES
STOTTS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to Miles Stotts of Pitkin County, Colorado. Recently, Miles announced his retirement from his position as Director of Natural Resources for Pitkin County. As he moves on in his career to undertake new challenges, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

In 1996, Miles came to Pitkin County, when he accepted a position as Manager of Construction overseeing the remaking of the county's landfill. Upon successfully creating one of the most ecological landfills in the state, he took a job as the county's Director of Natural Resources. This job required managing a wide variety of responsibilities for the county. During his tenure, he has been responsible for accrediting restaurants, preventing the spread of the West Nile virus, and monitoring septic systems, water quality and wildlife. One of his most significant achievements was overseeing the successful passage of the Wildlife Protection Ordinance, a mandate for bearproof garbage cans.

Mr. Speaker, Miles Stotts has shown his commitment to the citizens of Pitkin County in his care for the environment. Miles leaves behind a legacy for his work as the Director of Natural Resources, and his oversight and leadership in developing the county's new landfill. Thanks for all your hard work Miles, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO KEITH ALEXANDER
GLASCOE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Keith Alexander Glascoe.

This weekend a street in New York City will be dedicated and named in honor of Keith Alexander Glascoe. This is a fitting tribute to an honorable man.

In his life, he traveled down many streets and by-ways. The message of his life was to always keep moving down the road and to never be sidetracked by any obstacles.

As we know, he played football from the time he was a child. He had the rare ability to be both a team player and an outstanding individual player. He not only contributed to several championships on his high school and college teams, he also had the rare opportunity to try out for the New York Jets and played professional football in Italy.

As a testament to his ability to move between many arenas, this athlete was also an actor. And I think that the fact that he was able to accumulate so many acting credits in such a short period of time, not only speaks to his talent, but also his perseverance. Few people have this kind of uncommon versatility coupled with determination. But Keith was not only a determined person, he was a concerned person. He wanted to make things better for others.

So this athlete and actor, added public servant to his list of credits. This is why he worked at New York City's Child Welfare Agency and this is why he went to work for the New York City Fire Department.

And this is exactly the right street to name in honor of Keith because it is situated between Adam Clayton Powell, Jr Boulevard and Malcolm X Boulevard. Keith's street belongs between these two streets that are named after two African-American men who devoted themselves to improving the lives of ordinary people.

Keith Glascoe was the kind of man who saw a problem and wanted to find a solution. He was the kind of man who saw a need and sought to fill it. He was the kind of man who helped others. And gave his life in the process of doing so. That is why it is fitting that we name this street after this great public servant.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLINICAL
RESEARCH ACT OF 2004

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join with my colleague from

Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE to introduce the "Clinical Research Act of 2004." This bill will address many of the problems confronting our Academic Health Centers as they attempt to leverage the enormous biomedical research gains made in the past century.

Breakthroughs in basic biomedical sciences, including human genomics, biomedical engineering, molecular biology, and immunology, over the past five decades have provided an unprecedented supply of information for improving human health. As a member of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee I am proud to say that the remarkable strides that have been made in basic science would not have occurred without the support of Congress and the general public. While we realize that research may not produce results overnight, we, as stewards of the taxpayers' dollar have every right to expect that the fruits of that research will result in better treatments for patients. This requires a clinical research infrastructure capable of translating, in a systemic and rational way, the fruits of basic research into improved patient care.

I, along with many of my colleagues in the Congress and the public in general, have become increasingly concerned that we have been too slow in getting improved patient therapies and interventions from the enormous investment we have made in basic research. Many in this Congress have expressed concern about the apparent disconnect between the promise of basic science and the delivery of better health care for the citizens of this country. Without strong Academic Health Centers capable of conducting clinical research the promise of improving the health of the American people will continue to elude us.

Unfortunately, the clinical research environment in the Academic Health Centers is encumbered by rising costs, inadequate funding, mounting regulatory burdens, fragmented infrastructure, incompatible databases, and a shortage of both qualified investigators and willing study participants.

This bill, through its clinical research support grants, infrastructure grants, and partnerships in clinical research grants will provide our Nation's Academic Health Centers with the resources they need and the opportunity to meet the public's expectations. This bill is specifically aimed at improving the translation of this new medical science knowledge to directly benefit those suffering from a wide array of diseases that impact all too many lives.

If we are going to fully benefit from the enormous investment of taxpayer dollars in biomedical research it is important that we move this legislation forward.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4787

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, over the years, the safety of vehicles and passengers in a funeral procession have been of significant concern to both funeral directors and law enforcement officials. Various means have been utilized to alert the public to a funeral procession and to protect its integrity.

However, these methods are haphazard, lack uniformity and rely on local and state rules and regulations, if any, for enforcement. With the advent of private vehicles with daytime running lights as a standard feature, increased traffic congestion in urban areas, road rage and an increase in the number and variety of law enforcement and emergency vehicles, funeral processions have become more and more vulnerable to accidents and other hazardous conditions. Furthermore, with this increased risk comes increased liability exposure for the funeral home and funeral director resulting in increased financial strain. Therefore, the use of Mobile Infrared Transmitters by authorized personnel only as well as increased use of law enforcement personnel as funeral procession escorts would go a long way in addressing this very real problem. My bill would protect the authorized user and impose penalties and jail time for an unauthorized user or seller.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MRS.
VICTORIA SOTO CANDELARIA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to honor the memory of Mrs. Victoria Soto Candelaria for her lifelong contributions to her community. Victoria passed away unexpectedly on July 4, 2004. Victoria was a pioneer educator who touched the lives of numerous students, both in and out of the classroom. She was also a union leader, activist, and community advocate, and her numerous accomplishments are worthy of the highest commendation.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's degree from Purdue University, Victoria devoted twenty-nine years to the School City of East Chicago teaching English and Spanish. In 1987, she was elected President of the East Chicago, Indiana Federation of Teachers, Local 511, a position she held until 2001. Additionally, Victoria was President of the Indiana Teachers Federation from 1997 until 2003. As well as being dearly loved and respected by her family and community, Victoria was known for her passionate belief in helping to educate the working people in her community.

Victoria strongly believed in the importance of community involvement as well as political activism. She served as secretary of the Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor and as Vice President of the Indiana AFL-CIO. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Lake County Integrated Services Delivery and for the Lake Area United Way. Victoria was a trustee for Ivy Tech State College and for the Indiana Federation of Teachers. In the political arena, she was a member of the Indiana Governor's Roundtable on Education and a member of the Governor's Commission for Hispanic and Latino Affairs. She was a three time National Education Policy advisor to President Clinton, a delegate to the Indiana Democratic Convention, and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1992 and 1996. Victoria received invitations to the presidential inaugurations in 1993 and 1997. She was also honored with the Sagamore of the Wabash in 1997.

While her work in the educational and political fields placed extraordinary demands on her time, Victoria always found time to spend with her most important interest, her family. By providing unwavering guidance to her children, she instilled in them the morals and fortitude that have molded her children into successful adults who are raising families of their own. She is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Isabelino, three sons and one daughter, eight grandchildren, and a host of other relatives.

Mr. Speaker, Victoria Soto Candelaria dedicated her life to educating the nation's youth and serving as a leader and role model for all Americans. Because of her lifetime work and achievements, Mrs. Candelaria has been lauded as a tireless, passionate, and visionary advocate of the people. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in remembering Mrs. Candelaria and her outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. She will be admirably remembered and truly missed.

PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE SECTOR RE-
SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express support for one of government's most important contributions to the economic welfare of this nation: providing support for public and private sector research and development.

U.S. businesses and industry have proven extremely adept at developing successful new products from cutting-edge technologies. Many of the technologies that underlie these products and spur economic growth were originally developed with federal support.

The extent to which publicly funded research stimulates further innovation depends in large part on whether it is disseminated under terms that attract the private investment needed to commercialize the research. Private firms, however, are generally willing to commercialize publicly funded research only if they can protect the intellectual property they contribute to this process in a manner that allows them to secure a return on their investment.

The importance of intellectual property rights in driving new research and its commercialization is illustrated by this Nation's own experience in funding university R&D activities. In the 1970s, too little federally funded research was being commercialized as a result of tight restrictions on licensing, varying patent protections among federal agencies, and the lack of exclusive manufacturing rights. Indeed, in 1980 only five percent of U.S. government-owned patents resulted in new or improved products.

In response to this problem, the U.S. Congress in 1980 passed the Bayh-Dole Act, which established a uniform government patent policy and allowed universities and other nonprofits to retain title to federally-funded inventions and to work with private-sector companies in bringing them to market.

By any measure, the Bayh-Dole Act has been remarkably successful and today the

federal government provides a majority of all university research funding. According to the last survey on the impact of the Bayh-Dole Act conducted by the U.S. Association of University Technology Managers, in 2000 alone this research spawned 347 new products, 13,032 invention disclosures, 6,375 U.S. patent applications, 3,764 U.S. patents issued from previous applications, 4,362 new licenses, and the creation of 454 new companies. Moreover, universities received \$1.26 billion in licensing revenue from these activities. Much of this money in turn is reinvested in further research and development.

Technological innovation and government support for it are central not only to the Nation's economy, but also to the health and vitality of our citizens. With the continued support of the Federal Government—both through funding and through licensing policies that promote commercialization such as those embodied in the Bayh-Dole Act—we can continue to ensure that technology is developed and made available to the private sector in a manner that spawns further innovation, for the benefit of our economy and the health and welfare of our citizens.

SAN DIEGO WATER STORAGE AND
EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2004

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, my San Diego Congressional District suffers from the same problem that exists throughout all of the West—a diminishing supply of usable water. As populations increase, and resources are evermore stretched between agriculture, municipal, and environmental uses, we must be smarter with our current water use. To address this problem, San Diego has had great success. In recent months, we completed a landmark deal with our Imperial County neighbors that will provide up to 200,000 acre feet of new water per year for our growing city. San Diego County has embarked on a remarkable regional seawater desalination program to tap the nearby Pacific Ocean. Water efficiency efforts spearheaded by the San Diego County Water Authority have resulted in our ability to rely on the same amount of water we used in the year 1990—even though our population has swelled by nearly 20 percent. This is great progress, but we have more to do.

For this reason, today I am proud to introduce the San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act of 2004. The legislation helps the Sweetwater Authority, which administers much of the water supply in my district, make maximum use of the water they manage by enabling them to more fully use their existing reservoirs.

In 1993, the Army Corps of Engineers determined that one of the top methods to ensure greater water reliability in San Diego County was to connect three isolated reservoirs—the San Vicente, which receives raw, imported water, and the Loveland and El Capitan Reservoirs, which receive only local runoff and are rarely full. By connecting the three, we can ensure that the ability to use available water storage is maximized. This legislation authorizes a \$3 million federal feasibility study of the reservoir intertie project.

I look forward to working with House Resources Committee Chairman POMBO, as well as Water and Power Subcommittee Chairman CALVERT, both stalwart advocates for our State's water needs, in advancing this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will promote conservation and increase the reliability of our regional water supply, and I urge my colleagues' thoughtful consideration of the San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act.

FREEDOM FOR MIGDALIA
HERNÁNDEZ ENAMORADO

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Migdalia Hernández Enamorado, a prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

Mrs. Hernández Enamorado is a wife, a mother of three and a peaceful pro-democracy activist. Because she believes that a free and democratic Cuba is the best hope for her young children and every citizen trapped in totalitarian Cuba, she has worked to liberate Cuba from the tyrannical regime.

As a result of the tyrant's brutal March 2003 crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mrs. Hernández Enamorado, along with her husband Rafael Benítez Chui, went to a police unit in Guantanamo, Cuba, and protested the arrests of Manuel Ubals and Juan Carlos Herrera Acosta. Unfortunately, the tyrant's thugs arrested the married couple while they peacefully protested the abhorrent crackdown on their fellow advocates for freedom and human rights in totalitarian Cuba.

On September 18, 2003, after being held in the inhuman gulag for 7 months, Mrs. Hernández Enamorado was "sentenced" to 2 years in the despotic gulag for the supposed crime of "contempt." In the same sham trial, her husband was sentenced to 4 years. Let me be very clear, Mrs. Hernández Enamorado's three children are living without their parents because these noble pro-democracy activists believe in freedom.

According to a report from Guantanamo by Ada Kaly Márquez Abascal, Mrs. Hernández Enamorado is being abused by prison guards, suffering from high blood pressure, and ailing from a myriad of physical maladies caused by the deplorable conditions in the totalitarian gulag. It is also reported that she is only allowed to see her children for 5 minutes a week and some weeks she is not even allowed that brief visit.

Mr. Speaker, it is unconscionable that Mrs. Hernández Enamorado is languishing in the totalitarian gulag because of her belief in freedom. It is categorically unacceptable that her three daughters are growing up without their parents, and unable to even visit their mother for more than 5 minutes, simply because Mrs. Hernández Enamorado wants them to be raised in liberty instead of repression. My Colleagues, we must demand the immediate release of Migdalia Hernández Enamorado, her husband Rafael Benítez Chui, and every prisoner of conscience suffering under the terrorist regime in Havana.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GARY
WERMERS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to pay tribute to Gary Wermers of Pueblo, Colorado. As a science teacher at Heaton Middle School, he has shown commitment toward educating our youth. Gary is a valuable member of his community, and I am honored to join my colleagues in recognizing Gary's tremendous work before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Gary teaches science to seventh grade students at Heaton Middle School in Pueblo. His value in teaching goes well beyond his ability to convey the subject matter in the curriculum as he strives to stress moral and civilized behavior of his students. For his efforts and accomplishments in the classroom, he was recently awarded the 2004 Teacher of the Year Award from the Wal-Mart Corporation. In addition to his time teaching in classrooms, he attempts to connect with students as a mentor in activities where students find interest. He coaches the boys' basketball team, and sponsors the student council and the Fellowship of Christian Hawks.

Mr. Speaker, Gary Wermers has clearly been an outstanding influence on our youth. The community benefits from him as an excellent educator, but it is the individual students who benefit the most from his personal and lasting style of teaching. I thank Gary for his important work in his community, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, high performance computing has become very important to the competitiveness of this country. Supercomputers help us solve some of the most critical scientific, business, and homeland security problems in this nation. I would like to highlight what the citizens in my district working at IBM are doing to advance high performance computing.

I recently visited the Rochester, MN facility of IBM in my district. There I learned about IBM's newest supercomputer, Blue Gene/L.

Blue Gene is an IBM project to build a new family of supercomputers optimized for bandwidth, scalability, and the ability to handle large amounts of data while consuming a fraction of the power and floor space required by today's fastest systems. IBMers in my district are exploring how to harness Blue Gene's massive computing power to model the folding of human proteins. This technique is expected to give medical researchers better understanding of diseases and potential cures.

Two prototypes of IBM's Blue Gene/L now rank #4 and #8 on the latest list of the Top 500 fastest supercomputers. When Blue Gene/L is finished, it is expected to rank #1 on the Top 500 list next year, overtaking the Japan's Earth Simulator.

The citizens of my district and IBM take their commitment to innovation, competitiveness, and the advancement of high performance computing in this nation very seriously. The most advanced supercomputing skills in the world are right here in the United States—and in my district. With the leadership of IBM and the Minnesotans it employs, the innovative advances keeping our county competitive will remain firmly rooted in the U.S.

NATIONAL INNOVATION
INITIATIVE

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, America's ability to innovate will determine our citizens' standards of living and competitiveness in the 21st century. I would like to highlight what leaders in my district, IBM and Georgia Tech, are doing to ensure that America remains the most innovative country in the world.

Sam Palmisano, the CEO of IBM, and Wayne Clough, the President of Georgia Tech, launched a National Innovation Initiative last fall through the Council on Competitiveness. They have pulled together hundreds of the nation's top minds from industry, academia, and government to develop a national agenda that will be released in December of this year. An interim report will be issued soon.

These leaders understand that innovation relies on much more than science and technology funding, although that remains important. Innovation is putting new ideas into action to better our lives—a blend of invention, insight and entrepreneurship that launches new growth industries and creates high-value jobs. Innovation can be a new product, process—or increasingly in our economy—a service.

Our future relies on whether we establish an ecosystem of smart policies that recognize how innovation is changing in our global, open and connected economy. The National Innovation Initiative will sharpen our understanding of contemporary innovation and recommend bold action on many fronts to ensure that America has the talent, infrastructure, and investment to succeed.

I salute IBM and Georgia Tech for their leadership; look forward to reviewing the National Innovation Agenda; and pledge to be a partner in keeping the United States at the forefront of innovation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 326 and 327. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 326 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as amended, to H. Con. Res. 410, Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and rollcall vote 327 on the Motion to

Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 257, Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 326 and 327.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, on July 6 and July 7, I was away from Washington on official Congressional business. During that time, I was unable to vote on several issues of importance to the people of my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 328, "aye" on rollcall No. 329, "no" on rollcall No. 331, and "aye" on rollcall No. 332.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 305, "no" on rollcall No. 306, "no" on rollcall No. 307, "no" on rollcall No. 308, "no" on rollcall No. 309, "no" on rollcall No. 311, "no" on rollcall No. 312, "yes" on rollcall No. 314, "no" on rollcall No. 315, "no" on rollcall No. 316, "no" on rollcall No. 317, "no" on rollcall No. 318, "yes" on rollcall No. 319; "no" on rollcall No. 320, "yes" on rollcall 322, "yes" on rollcall No. 323, "no" on rollcall No. 324, and "yes" on rollcall No. 325.

ADAM G. KINSER POST OFFICE
BUILDING

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, a national hero, a loving son and brother, a dedicated student, athlete, and a proud father to-be. These are just a few of the phrases that can be used to describe Adam Kinser of Rio Vista, CA. Although no list of descriptions can ever fully do justice to understanding the bravery and compassion of a young man who gave his life for his country at the age of 21.

Adam Gareth Kinser was born in 1983 in Valencia, CA and grew up in Rio Vista with his parents and four younger siblings from the time he was five. There was nothing typical about Adam, who from a young age was a standout, not only among his peers and teammates, but to his teachers and family as well. Adam was a hard-working student, even serving as a teaching assistant in some classes.

Bill Fulk, a former teacher of Adam's, praised the young man as the "best the

United States had to offer." He was a role model to other students, demonstrating a positive attitude, kind heart and willingness to help. He was an outstanding varsity athlete, running track, playing basketball, and was the starting quarterback for 3 years. His strong leadership and commitment didn't end at school or on the field though, he was also a mentor and protector to his younger siblings, one of whom recalls that Adam "was always protecting me even when I didn't want it."

Perhaps it was not a surprise that Adam also wanted to serve and protect his country, when he joined the Army Reserve during his senior year of high school. Adam was in boot camp at Fort Bragg, NC, when the terrorists attacked the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and was sent to Afghanistan in July 2003.

Adam returned home during Christmas, where his wife, Tiffany, surprised him with an ultrasound of their soon-to-be-born son. He was ecstatic and could not wait to be a father, counting down the days until he would be reunited with his wife and new baby. This did not stop Adam from taking pride in the job he was doing for his country and in the bonds that he treasured with his fellow soldiers.

Adam returned to Afghanistan after Christmas, serving in the Army Reserve's 304th Psychological Operations Company. However, on January 29, 2004, Adam and eight other soldiers were working near a weapons cache near Ghanzi, 60 miles southwest of Kabul, when an explosion took place that claimed his life and those of his fellow soldiers.

Adam's death has sent Rio Vista into a period of mourning and loss for the young man that many of them knew and loved so well, and had watched mature into a brave leader. The community of Rio Vista remembers him fondly, and will surely miss him, not least of all his family and newborn son.

Adam was the first Rio Vistan to give his life in wartime since the Korean War. As Rio Vista Mayor Marcie Coglianese said, "he is the embodiment of all our values." In order to ensure that the memory and name of this young man, father, and soldier, lives on, the least we can do is to re-name the post office in his home town, as an honor for the town, family and country that produced such a great man.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. MARINE
RODERICKA ANTWAN
YOUMANS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week South Carolina learned the sad news that a U.S. Marine, Private Rodericka Antwan Youmans from Allendale, S.C., was killed by terrorists while serving in Iraq.

Pvt. Youmans will be remembered for making the ultimate sacrifice to protect American families in the War on Terror. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Wilson family are with his friends and family.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest sympathies to Pvt. Youman's two children, fiancé, brother and parents.

I request that the following article from The State be added to the RECORD.

[From The State, July 8, 2004]

ALLENDALE MARINE DIES IN IRAQ

(By Chuck Crumbo)

A bomb attack by Iraqi insurgents has killed a 22-year-old Marine from Allendale, the man's family said Wednesday.

Pvt. Rodericka Antwan Youmans was one of four Marines who died Tuesday near Fallujah in Iraq's Al-Anbar province, said his father, Johnny Youmans.

The elder Youmans said Marine Corps officials notified him of his son's death Tuesday.

"I was coming home, and I saw a government truck in front of the house. I knew it was nothing good," said Youmans, a 29-year military veteran.

The Marines had not released by late Wednesday the name of Pvt. Youmans as one of the fallen Leathernecks. The Marines said only that the troops were conducting security operations in the province.

Three Marines died Monday in a similar incident in An-Anbar.

Twenty-one other members of the armed services with ties to South Carolina have died in the Iraq war. He is the second casualty from Allendale County.

Marine casualty officers notified the family of his son's death about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Youmans said.

The Marines first broke the news to Youmans' wife, Amanderlene. As he approached the house, his 17-year-old daughter, Sholanda, came out and told him Rodericka was dead, Johnny Youmans said.

Johnny Youmans, a staff sergeant in 163rd Support Battalion of the S.C. Army National Guard, has been on active duty for 1½ years. He is serving on a security detail at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

Youmans said his son called home last week to say he was doing fine and that "he loved all of us."

On Monday, Rodericka Youmans called his 20-year-old fiancée, Stephanie Cuthbertson of Allendale.

They were planning to marry in September when his unit was scheduled to return to Camp LeJeune, Cuthbertson said.

"I loved everything about him. His sense of humor and the way he treated me. He was very sweet and very giving," she said.

Rodericka Youmans, a graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High School, joined the Marines about a year ago and went through boot camp at Parris Island, Youmans said.

"He was almost 21 when he joined. He couldn't find a job and when he did, he'd get laid off because the economy was so bad. He had two kids (ages 4 and 1) and needed to support them."

Rodericka quickly fell in love with the Marines and wanted to make a career out of the military, Youmans said.

"He liked the respect that he received. It changed his whole life. He wanted to do the right thing."

Other survivors include his children, A-Miyah, 4, and Mekhi, 1; and a brother, Johnny Youmans Jr., 24.

Cave Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

CONGRATULATING THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pennsylvania State University

on its 150th year serving the citizens of Pennsylvania and beyond. As the Commonwealth's only land grant institution, Penn State has played a vital role over the years in promoting agricultural and scientific research, workforce development, education, as well as many other initiatives; fulfilling the mission that Congress laid out in The Morrill Act of 1862.

Since its founding in 1854, Penn State has proven to be a leading institution of higher learning. The most recent U.S. News and World Report survey of graduate schools ranks a number of programs at Penn State among the nation's top ten, encompassing a wide array of subjects ranging from nuclear engineering to vocational/technical education.

Penn State has also continued to be a leader in Pennsylvania's largest industry: Agriculture. The University has a long history of innovations in this field, beginning in 1861 when it was the first American institution to confer baccalaureate degrees in agriculture. Today, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences continues to lead the way in agricultural research and promotion through such programs as the Penn State Cooperative Extension, a number of international exchange programs, and the Penn State Agricultural Council. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I have seen first hand the exceptional work that College of Agricultural Sciences does and the services it provides to Pennsylvania's farmers.

Penn State University is also nationally recognized for the exceptional research and patient care provided at the College of Medicine, located in my Congressional District in Hershey, PA. This includes the recent partnership with the National Naval Medical Center to conduct cancer research. This joint venture will lead to important new advances in discovery, early detection, evaluation, treatment and prevention of cancer that will benefit both the military and civilian population. The Penn State College of Medicine has demonstrated great benefits to the local community as well as the state in general. According to a recent study, the College of Medicine has generated nearly \$35 million in state tax revenue and created more than 13,500 jobs both directly and indirectly. In a state that has recently experienced a lack of new and competitive jobs, the value of this cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, over its 150-year history, the Pennsylvania State University has proven to be an invaluable asset not only to Pennsylvania, but also to the entire nation as well. I'm extremely proud to have three Penn State Campuses located within my Congressional district. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Pennsylvania State University as we celebrate its 150th Anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANCISCO
CARMONA

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Francisco Carmona and thank him for his work as Customer Service manager with the Seattle Washington Passport Agency. His years of commitment and dedica-

tion as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Francisco attended the University of Washington. In 1986, he joined the State Department in Washington DC, where he assisted in researching routine and intricate passport cases. Francisco became an expert at complex citizenship law as a result of his research. In 1996, he transferred to the Seattle Washington Passport Agency and became the Customer Service manager. Francisco has been instrumental in assisting constituents with obtaining passports in life or death emergencies, complex citizenship cases, and expedited passports for last minute travelers. Francisco has been known to stay late, come in on the weekends and go the extra mile to help the constituents he is serving. He is highly regarded by his peers and superiors.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Francisco Carmona has been an invaluable resource to the Seattle Washington Passport Agency. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Francisco. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Seattle Passport Agency and the State Department and the constituents they serve, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

HONORING DR. BLAINE SAYRE

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Blaine Sayre for being awarded the "Local Hero in Community Pediatrics Award" from the American Academy of Pediatrics. This award recognizes Dr. Sayre for being a leader through action and advocacy for children in the St. Louis community.

Dr. Sayre is highly committed to improving the health of children. As Medical Director of Health Care for Kids, Dr. Sayre maintains evening and weekend hours to provide accessible, high quality health care services to medically underserved and uninsured inner city children. He also serves as the Medical Director for Healthy Kids Express, which places two large medical vans near inner city schools and community locations to care for kids.

Mr. Speaker, his steadfast commitment and his passionate devotion have earned him the privilege of being honored today before Congress. His sincere dedication to the health of children in the St. Louis community makes him worthy of our recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Blaine Sayre.

HONORING THE MARYLAND SHOCK
TRAUMA CENTER

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, it is truly my honor to stand and recognize the men and women of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services System and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. After a near-fatal car crash in 1975, I was airlifted to the Shock Trauma Center where a team of dedicated physicians and nurses saved my life. It was a turning point for me and I am grateful.

The Maryland EMS system was the first of its kind in the Nation and the Shock Trauma Center stands as the "core element" of that system. In the late 1950's, long before we watched heroic doctors save lives on television's ER, Dr. Cowley of Maryland envisioned a medical facility dedicated to the mission of saving lives during that first critical "golden hour." What began as a 2-bed unit has grown to become a 102-bed dedicated trauma hospital that treats approximately 7,000 severely injured patients each year.

Dr. Cowley's vision has since become the national model for a fully integrated statewide EMS and trauma system. The Maryland Shock Trauma Center's survival rate is 98 percent. This survival rate is the product of Maryland Shock Trauma's faculty and staff, as well as, its pioneering techniques. Its state-of-the-art facilities and equipment attracts some of the best medical talent in the Nation. Through fellowships and other programs, the center will only continue to set the standard. However, Shock Trauma's success also rests on the efforts of the pre-hospital providers, both career and volunteer, the Maryland State Police Medevac system, the regional trauma centers throughout Maryland and the foresight and leadership of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

Proud, though I am of these accomplishments, don't just take my word on this. Recently the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) conducted an assessment of Maryland's EMS and Trauma system. The Maryland EMS system was compared to predetermined "gold standards" and is recognized as positioned "to offer national leadership in promoting the continued development and improvement of other state systems". The report goes on to say that the system's achievements "have much to offer in terms of promoting improved emergency care throughout the United States". This is a well-deserved and hard-won honor to so many dedicated and devoted emergency care professionals in the State of Maryland. Dr. Cowley's vision has become a reality that has exceeded everyone's expectations thanks to the unceasing efforts of pre-hospital providers, doctors and nurses and administrators, along with the unfailing support of Maryland's elected officials and its citizens.

I am grateful for the Maryland EMS and Trauma system, and particularly the Maryland Shock Trauma Center—for my family and the families of so many thousands of other survivors. I am honored to stand here today and recognize this amazing trauma system.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes in this Chamber on July 6, 2004. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 326 and 327.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4754) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank Chairman WOLF and Ranking Member SERRANO for all their hard work in putting the Commerce-State-Justice and Related Agencies Appropriations bill together. This legislation, while never perfect, includes important funding for programs helping our local economies grow, and keeping our communities safe.

I particularly commend the Appropriations Committee for providing \$106 million for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program within the Department of Commerce's National Institutes of Standards and Technology. Through a national network of manufacturing extension centers, MEP is designed to benefit domestic manufacturers by providing expertise and services tailored to their most critical needs. This includes assistance in process improvements, worker training, and information technology applications. In Wisconsin, MEP has served over 110 firms. Unfortunately, the Bush Administration has repeatedly cut funding for MEP; the President's budget request has consistently cut funding for MEP, proposing an 83 percent reduction in FY04 and a 60 percent reduction in FY05.

In western Wisconsin, the Northwest Manufacturing Outreach Center (NWMOC), one of two MEP Centers in Wisconsin, has provided assistance to more than 900 companies over the past 10 years. Frank Borg, Joe Benkowski, and their team at NWMOC travel throughout northern Wisconsin helping companies ensure businesses are able to compete and grow in the global marketplace. Restoring funding to \$106 million is critical to MEP's success in Wisconsin and throughout the Nation.

I also want to thank the Committee for restoring funding for State and local law enforcement activities which the President's budget proposed slashing by over 80 percent. The legislation restores funding for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants and Byrne Discretionary Grants. In addition, the legislation rejects drastic cuts proposed by the President for the COPS program. In western Wisconsin,

and throughout the Nation, the COPS program is more important than ever. As many rural law enforcement offices are being called up for service in the National Guard and military Reserves, the COPS program provides resources necessary to help communities meet law enforcement challenges.

In addition, the legislation provides \$60 million to help fight methamphetamine production and distribution. Methamphetamine abuse has been increasing in rural Wisconsin, and we must continue to help fight against this dangerous drug.

Mr. Chairman, the legislation before us provides many important resources for our local communities, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

TRIBUTE TO TONY NAPOLET

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Tony Napolet. Coach Napolet was recently recognized as Man of the Year by The Mahoning Valley Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame. Born on July 4, 1938 in Warren, Ohio, Mr. Napolet has long been an active leader in our community.

His service and leadership in the community began with his football career at St. Mary's High School in Warren, where in his senior year he led his team as captain. Mr. Napolet went on to play football while attending Marquette University where he received his undergraduate degree in Education, beginning a career dedicated to teaching both in and out of the classroom. He started his football coaching career at Marquette while studying at Marquette Law School. Returning to Ohio in 1961, Coach Napolet taught at Harry B. Turner Junior High School while coaching the football, basketball and track teams. His amazing coaching skills and extraordinary dedication to the sport led to his first head football coaching assignment at JFK High School in 1970. Coach Napolet went on to coach at a number of different schools over the years, including a position at St. Mary's Middle School, which he describes as one of the most rewarding experiences he has had in athletics.

In 1990, Coach Napolet returned as head football coach at JFK High School. Thanks to his impressive leadership, his first year back resulted in the Kennedy Eagles winning the State Championship. During the sixteen years as the Eagles' head coach, Mr. Napolet has had seven playoff appearances and has won 124 out of 180 games.

It is also with great honor that I recognize the members of Coach Napolet's family: his three children: Harold, Mario, and Natalie; and his grandchildren: Aarika Marie, Anthony Mauro, Mario Anthony and Olivia Rose. I am pleased to know Coach Napolet and to consider him a friend. He is well known for his community work at St. Mary's Church and his constant involvement in many church affiliated projects.

His longstanding support of local baseball, basketball, and football teams has allowed the community's youth to participate actively in sports. Mr. Napolet is a proud descendant of Italian-Americans, and on behalf of the people

of the 17th Congressional District, I want to thank Mr. Napolet for his outstanding commitment to our youth, education, and community. Mr. Napolet stands as an inspiration for all of us.

RECOGNIZING THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL FOR ITS 14TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN TOPPING U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S RANKING OF AMERICA'S HOSPITALS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise the 14th consecutive year that the Johns Hopkins Hospital has topped U.S. News & World Report's assessments of American hospitals. This distinction places them in the company of well-respected hospitals such as the Mayo Clinic and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Located in my district in Baltimore, Maryland, Johns Hopkins Hospital ranks in the top ten for 16 out of the 17 specialty categories including: # 1 in Gynecology, Otolaryngology and Urology; #2 in Geriatrics, Kidney Disease, Neurology/Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology and Rheumatology; #3 in Cancer, Digestive Disorders, Hormonal Disorders, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Respiratory Disorders; and #4 in Heart/Heart Surgery and Orthopedics.

Time and time again Johns Hopkins has been noted as one of the country's best hospitals, boasting some of the world's most renowned surgeons, notably my friend, Dr. Ben Carson—so it is no surprise that Hopkins has once again received this great distinction.

Though these rankings bode well for the institution, the true recipients of these accolades are the doctors, nurses and staff. These people commit their time and energy to the work of the Hospital and the patients, and it is their professional excellence, like the 2003 Nobel Prize in Chemistry (won by Peter Agre), for the first triple-swap kidney transplant and other similar distinctions, that encouraged this collective recognition of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, this recognition represents Johns Hopkins Hospital's commendable strides to improve development and to encourage the most conducive working environments. In 2003, the Hospital increased its infrastructure development as they moved scientists into a \$140 million research building—the new front door to the School of Medicine—and broke ground on a second Cancer Research Building. Also, construction commenced on infrastructure for two patient care towers at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and at the Howard County General Hospital to open larger inpatient operating rooms, while the suburban outpatient facilities continue to expand.

In addition to this development, Hopkins Hospital has continually supported excellence in global education and healthcare—evident in the Hospital's 2003 opening of its first overseas division in Singapore where twelve full-time faculty members will lead training and research on diseases endemic to Southeast Asia.

Consistent with its desire to curb pandemic crisis abroad, Hopkins Medical has taken an

active stance against the spread of disease and infection at home with their fight against bioterrorism. On the national front, with major federal grants, Hopkins' teams will apply lessons learned on-site to enhance safety in 55 Michigan hospital intensive care units and to develop nationwide hospital plans.

It is a wonderful moment when the nation recognizes the outstanding achievements of an institution that helps so many people here in America and abroad. However, my pride is not based on this recognition alone. Instead, it is based on the knowledge that my constituents and fellow citizens achieved this honor through their constant and estimable work. Work, which was dedicated not with the desire to receive an award, but with the intent to make a genuine difference.

HONORING MR. DALE FREESE FOR
HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE CITY OF WESTLAND

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Dale Freese and his 30 years of service to the City of Westland.

After serving honorably in Vietnam as an Air Force Staff Sergeant, Dale was approached by his family asking him to take over Norman's Market, a grocery market owned by his father, Norman Freese. Immediately after taking over, Dale expanded the store and improved the shopping environment, thus increasing sales. But Dale also used the store for the purpose of philanthropy, giving many organizations the use of his store for fund-raising purposes, including the March of Dimes and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Dale has also given his own time for many worthy causes. In particular, he has provided his own resources to homeless shelters and has helped improve the job skills of local students through his participation in the Garden City High School co-op program. Above all, his

generosity and civic activism have made him an important member of Westland.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Dale Freese for all he has done and his fine example of how local business can make a difference in the community.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN DOUG
BEREUTER

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, during my entire 24 years in Congress, it has been my great pleasure to serve with my good friend and colleague from Nebraska, Congressman DOUG BEREUTER. As DOUG is serving his last term in the House before assuming the Presidency of the Asia Foundation, I would like to take a few moments to share my thoughts on such an exceptional Member of Congress.

For the past 26 years in Congress, DOUG has been a highly respected expert on American foreign policy, and has developed an immense network of national and international leaders who seek out his views on the global issues facing us today. For the more than two decades that we have served together on the International Relations Committee, DOUG has been rewarded with increasingly important leadership roles. He served as Ranking Minority Member when I was serving as Chair of the Subcommittee on International Security, International Organizations and Human Rights in the early 1990s. A few years later, I served as Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific when DOUG served as Chair.

DOUG played a critical role in the key foreign policy debates in the International Relations Committee, always fighting for the responsible, internationalist position on important global issues. Colleagues on the Committee relied upon DOUG because they knew he had done his homework, paid attention to the details,

and consulted with the world's leading experts before pursuing an initiative. DOUG has always been, and will continue to be, an invaluable resource for other Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, DOUG's influence on American foreign policy, however, far transcends his important role in the International Relations Committee. Since 1986, DOUG has served as a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, which is the inter-parliamentary organization of legislators from the member countries of the NATO Alliance as well as Association NATO Members. Just two years ago, DOUG was elected President of that important body—a measure of the high respect world leaders have for him. In that capacity he has played an important role in the NATO enlargement process. He personally visited every new member state and worked to assist these countries make the transition. In this position, DOUG has brought credit, not only to himself, but to all of us who serve in the United States Congress.

DOUG has also worked tirelessly to involve other Members of Congress in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He lobbied other NATO parliamentarians to ensure that at least three other U.S. Members were able to hold leadership roles in that body. CODELs to these meetings always included some 10–15 Members who were well prepared and involved, thanks in part to DOUG's personal involvement and encouragement.

DOUG has also been exceptionally loyal to his staff, many of whom have worked with him for decades. This is a tribute to his kindness, consideration and respect of others. And as a result, DOUG has maintained one of the most effective and well connected staffs on Capitol Hill.

DOUG and Louise will be greatly missed here in Washington, but we are pleased to learn that he will be residing in the Bay Area and leading an exceptionally-important institution, the Asia Foundation. We hope to continue our friendship and working relationship as he embarks on this new venture. Annette and I both wish him and Louise well.