

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION—FRIEND OR FOE?

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, a friend of mine recently sent me an essay that his granddaughter drafted for her college English composition course on the issue of illegal immigration. I was thoroughly impressed upon reading the article, written by a Ms. Karen Berg—so much so that I have decided to insert it into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that other members might be able to review it. I would encourage them all to do so, Mr. Speaker, as it appears to me that this 19-year-old woman has a better grasp of this issue than many people—including opinion leaders on the subject—that I have met.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION—FRIEND OR FOE?

America, since its inception, has been viewed as a land of opportunity for those driven to find freedom from tyrannical rule, as well as those seeking to expand their wealth and influence. Today, little has changed with these motivations but much has changed in regard to the population, infrastructure, and perception regarding the management of U.S. borders. This is a new era, where immigration control needs to be orchestrated more effectively than at any other time in America's history due to diminishing resources, threats of terrorism, and the socio-economic imbalance that can result from unregulated influx. In regard to the later, it is believed that the immense and continuing immigration from Mexico is the single most immediate and most serious challenge to America's national identity. Therefore, the question arises; what are the true economic, social, and resultant political impacts of immigration, and in particular the unique issues and problems posed by contemporary Hispanic immigration.

When Vicente Fox was elected Mexican President, he ended the Institutional Revolutionary Party's, or PRI's, seventy-one year monopoly on executive power, thereby elevating hope for economic development (Wall 3). Fox promised Mexicans an employment boost, as well as the eventual opening of the U.S.-Mexican border. However, if employment opportunities increased, then the need for migration would decrease (Wall 3). In 1994, the United States, Canada, and Mexico implemented NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement. NAFTA promised hundreds of thousands of new high-wage jobs, an increase in living standards, improved environmental conditions in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and transformation of Mexico from a poor developing country into a booming new market for U.S. exports (The Mexican Economy, Agriculture and Environment 1). Mexicans were promised that NAFTA would increase trade and investment inflows which would in return create better jobs, raise wages, and lift millions out of poverty (The Mexican Economy, Agriculture and Environment 2). Although NAFTA did stimulate trade, economic growth did not materialize. Fox had promised a 7 percent per year economic growth, but two and a

half years after his inauguration, growth averaged less than 1 percent (Faux 2). From there, NAFTA concentrated economic growth along Mexico's northern border by opening factories called maquiladoras, which processed and assembled goods for the booming U.S. consumer market, thereby doubling Mexican employment (Faux 3). But after the U.S. economy slowed down in 2000, employment in maquiladoras decreased (Faux 3). Since then, hope that NAFTA would enable Mexican prosperity had vanished. Therefore, Mexican workers who could not support themselves in Mexico turned to the United States for greater opportunities. Currently, Fox is trying to convince U.S. President, George W. Bush, to "liberalize migration, create guest-worker programs, and provide migrants with civil rights and social benefits" in order to encourage Mexican immigration to the U.S. (Faux 4).

Debate over Mexican illegal immigration to the United States consists of two opposing sides. Supporters of illegal immigration believe it is not fair to prohibit immigrants from entering the United States, since the U.S. was founded by immigrants. Second, illegal immigrants take the low-paying jobs other Americans are not willing to take. They help the American economy because the amount of skilled and unskilled workers created by high levels of immigration contributes to the nation's prosperity (Masci 1). Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Chairman, states, "As we are creating an ever more complex, sophisticated, accelerating economy, the necessity to have the ability to bring in . . . people from abroad to keep it functioning in the most effective manner increasingly strikes me as [sound] policy" (Masci 1). Greenspan reasons that immigrant's work ethic and motivation make them the cornerstones of America's economic prosperity. Finally, illegal immigrants provide cheap labor to employers, thereby lowering the cost of goods and services.

Opponents of Mexican illegal immigration believe that even though the United States was founded by immigrants, immigration of the past is not the same as it is today. First, Mexican immigrants are not here legally. Second, most Mexicans do not take the dangerous journey across the border to become American citizens, but rather to help provide for their families in Mexico. Also unlike former immigrants, Mexican illegal immigrants are able to remain in contact with their home localities because of the close proximity of the two countries (Huntington 2). Opponents of illegal immigration also believe the United States doesn't need a million illegal immigrants each year to ensure a strong economy. The majority of illegal immigrants are not well educated entrepreneurs, but rather, "poorly educated people who take low-skilled jobs for little money," says Dan Stein, executive director for the Federation for American Immigrant Reform (Masci 1). Illegal immigration opponents also reject the argument that illegal immigrants are willing to do the jobs that most Americans wouldn't do. In parts of the country where there are small amounts of immigrants, low wage jobs are filled by native born residents (Masci 1).

After analyzing the history, causes, and contrasting sides of illegal immigration, one might wonder if Mexican illegal immigration

hurts the United States. The conclusion made, from extensive research in specific areas, is Mexican illegal immigration is a detriment to the United States. But, the reasons why illegal immigration hurts the United States still need to be addressed.

First, many discussions of immigration fails to take into account the attitude towards immigration in the sending countries. For example, the Mexican media and political elite portray the United States negatively, and therefore dissention between the two countries in regards to immigration is amplified. Second, manipulation of American politics might occur through Mexican immigrants that become influential in American government. Third, if the United States continues to allow illegal immigrants to take advantage of government provided benefits in states like California, there is a possibility the entire country will have similar economic misfortunes in the future. Finally, since Mexican illegal immigrants have monopolized specific areas of employment, Americans have difficulty pursuing and acquiring those jobs—especially with the prospect of guest-worker programs which would intensify their monopoly.

In Mexico, the media and political elite pay close attention to illegal immigration to the United States, and have created a one-sided, unfavorable portrayal of the United States. The United States' attempts to control their borders are presented as "racist, xenophobic, and anti Mexican" (Wall 1). Mexican citizens even blame the U.S. for the deaths of illegal aliens who die crossing the border, and Mexican politicians have called the U.S. border a "slaughterhouse, or modern Nazi zone" (Wall 1). In Mexico, all political parties support immigration to the United States, amnesty, and government benefits for Mexicans in the United States, regardless of migratory status (Wall 2). Common slogans Mexicans use to justify illegal immigration are: "Mexican illegal aliens are not criminals, they only do the work the gringos won't do," and "they are obliged to cross the border" (Wall 2). Because the Mexican media and political elite portray illegal immigration to the United States in this manner, dissention between the two countries is amplified.

Throughout history, Mexican-Americans had always been viewed as an embarrassment. They were a sign of Mexico's economic failure, or "exiles who had thrown in the towel" (Castaneda 2). The last president of the PRI, Ernesto Zedillo, declared that, "we will not tolerate foreign forces dictating laws to Mexicans," referring to Mexican immigrants in the United States (Wall 3). However, towards the end of the PRI's reign, Mexican-Americans became a sign of opportunity—an opportunity for the Mexican government to gain influence in the United States over migration policy, and therefore keep the gates open for continued immigration (Wall 3).

After Vicente Fox was elected, he stressed a greater importance associated with Mexican immigration to the United States. His intentions are not only to govern Mexicans resident in the United States, but also American citizens of Mexican ancestry (Wall 3). In essence, Fox intends to manipulate American politics through Mexican immigrants that become influential in the American government. Thereby, naturalized American

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citizens' political power could possibly be diluted, resulting in more favorable immigration and trade regulations for Mexico.

The state of California is already on its way to bankruptcy, and the inability to control illegal immigration is doing more than "some damage" to the state's weakening budget (Coleman 1). More than half of the Mexican undocumented workers do not have taxes withheld from their wages, and are able to take advantage of expensive taxpayer-supported government benefits (Izumi 1). The result of this has escalated economic troubles in California creating a "welfare and healthcare state" benefiting non-Californians (Coleman 1). According to the Auditor General, Mexican illegal immigration costs California taxpayers \$3 billion annually (Izumi 2). This cost estimate includes benefits like education, health-care, social services, and criminal justice.

If the United States allows this situation to propagate to other states, the entire country will likely have similar economic misfortunes as California. Evidence of this is already beginning to show. Harvard Professor George Borjas claims illegal immigration costs American taxpayers \$133 billion annually just in wage depression and job loss (Wooldridge 1).

Mexican illegal immigrants have monopolized jobs that don't require skilled labor—through acceptance of low wages and ethnic camaraderie—preventing unemployed Americans from pursuing and acquiring those jobs. Even though U.S. employers hire illegal immigrants for reduced wages, the average American wage still exceeds the average Mexican wage by a factor of ten—thereby creating an incentive for Mexicans to find jobs in the U.S. ("Wages and Poverty" 1). Also, communities of legal immigrants create immigration networks for illegal immigrants so they can conveniently enter the United States, and find jobs and housing easily ("Illegal Immigration" 1). These combined factors result in a situation where job competition prevents Americans from obtaining jobs that don't require skilled labor.

However, this monopoly could be intensified if the Bush administration follows through with the implementation of guest-worker programs. Under these programs, illegal immigrants would be granted a three-year renewable permit allowing them legal rights to work in the United States (Eccleston 2). Guest-worker programs were proposed in response to Vicente Fox's request for legalizing Mexican immigrants in the United States, and the assumed shortage of unskilled workers—especially in agriculture (Briggs 2). However, Mark Krikorian of *The Washington Post*, believes guest-worker programs cause severe social and economic problems for the U.S., as well as pose a threat to America's agricultural competitiveness. "By artificially inflating the supply of labor, the government's interference in the labor market keeps wages low, resulting in slowed mechanization, and stagnating productivity in fruit and vegetable production" (1). Two reasons why guest-worker programs intensify the monopoly illegal immigrants have on low paying-employment opportunities are: they increase the amount of illegal immigrants to the United States because many of the participants elect to stay in the U.S., and more illegal immigrants are encouraged to come in the hope that amnesty programs will be enacted again in the future (Briggs 2).

Throughout time, legal and illegal immigrants have crossed America's border in search of opportunity. Recently, however, Mexican illegal immigrants are migrating to the United States in increasingly larger numbers in order to take advantage of the opportunities America has to offer. The eco-

nomie, social, and political results of illegal immigration—in particular, the unique issues and problems posed by contemporary Hispanic immigration—are detrimental to the United States.

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TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN AMO HOUGHTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the gentleman from New York, my colleague in the New York delegation, AMO HOUGHTON. After eighteen years of distinguished service, AMO is leaving the Congress. AMO was widely known as one of the most thoughtful and highly regarded members in the House from both sides of the aisle. He was also a tireless rep-

resentative for his constituents in the western portion of upstate New York.

As the fifth-ranking Republican on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, AMO has been an invaluable member for the entire State of New York. After the tragedy and destruction of September 11, 2001, AMO was instrumental in enacting the Liberty Zone Act, which provided \$5 billion in tax breaks and incentives to help New Yorkers rebuild lower Manhattan.

He has also been a leader in furthering U.S. diplomacy around the world. He is a member of the International Relations Committee where he is Vice Chairman of its Subcommittee on Africa. He was appointed Co-Chairman of the Canada—U.S. Inter-parliamentary Group, serves as Chairman of the U.S. delegation to the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, and was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as the Congressional Delegate to the 58th General Assembly of the United Nations. Additionally, he sponsored the Clean Diamond Trade Act, which was signed into law last year. The bill requires that the President ban the import of rough diamonds coming from any country that has not made an effort to control their trade in diamonds in accordance with the internationally negotiated "Kimberley Process."

I would also like to recognize that AMO's service to our country goes all the way back to his youth. At just 18 years old, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was trained and deployed as part of a Marine Security Detachment on the cruiser USS *Macon* in the Atlantic theater. HOUGHTON was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps as a Private First Class in 1945.

Mr. Speaker, I think the record is clear that AMO HOUGHTON has been a devoted patriot whose service will be missed by his constituents as well as all of us who had the pleasure of working with him. We wish you all of the best in the future.

IN HONOR OF MR. PETE MANETTO'S SERVICE TO OUR NATION DURING D-DAY 1945

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, Pete Manetto served in 1st Signal Company, 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One during the D-Day invasion (Red One). He shares his D-Day memories for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

I remember the stormy sea at 0600, as I climbed down the rope ladder of the U.S.S. *Chase*. I struggled with my balance nearly falling into the water, but managed to land in the landing craft. The sight of the armada on that morning was one of the most impressive, that I could recall. I turned and caught the sight of a nervous expression on the face of the coxswain as he pushed away from the beach. Shortly after this the craft was hit with enemy fire.

There we were on the beach with no one in control of us. We were met with the sight of rows of dead GIs; among them was a member of the MP, who I remember being very jovial the night before. There were many who were wounded, and the scene of the beach caused fear to appear on the faces of many of my acquaintances. I cannot remember being fired

upon at this point, but remember one of my company fellows, named Bush, going into the water to retrieve some valuable equipment.

It was around noon when BG Andrews of the 5th Artillery was passing the silent 88mm emplacement. The General was forced to take shelter with a couple of GIs and myself, who were attached to the 36th infantry unit. As the enemy fire rained down on our position, SGT Tate, our wire chief sergeant, spotted us and approached our position. We were lying in front of our fox trench hole, while SGT Tate was providing us with news, encouragement, and instructions. Sergeant Tate was not able to finish, because a tremendous, noisy, whirlwind came upon us. When I was able to recover, I noticed SGT Tate on the ground in agony, after receiving a wound just below the shoulder. We called for medics and in minutes SGT Tate was taken away. This was the last time I saw SGT Tate during the war.

Shortly after this I was ordered to run my assault wire to the Juno or English beach to link up with the infantry. Along my way I encountered more realities of the battle, I saw a wounded pathfinder officer who was comatose, and being cared for by two GIs. I continued to move down the beach. About a mile from the pathfinder officer, I came across two medics who were drained mentally. They requested any information that I could offer them to help. The next time I saw these men was on my return trip after completing my assignment. They were victims of an apparent mortar attack, which I surely would have been part of if I had stayed much longer than I had. When I returned, I learned that headquarters was up a hill. As I climbed the hill, the first line of walking wounded was descending the hill. I saw wounds of all sorts, from wounded arms and legs, to those who suffered serious eye injuries. As I approached the command post two more sights served as educating reminders: two GIs were laid on the ground facing skyward. One of them was missing the middle of his torso, the other was beheaded.

Once I completed the setup of the communication line, I was given the first accumulation of information that was obtained from captured prisoners. After giving this information to the general officer, I was chastised for my lack of protocol for saluting a superior, which was a great hazard, because of possible snipers, and observing enemy intelligence. All that day and night I felt as though I was in a dwarfed position, as we continued to troubleshoot problems with the telecommunication lines. COL Picket's command post was to my left. Colonel Picket was sitting on the ground gathering and relaying information on the failed landing of amphibious vehicles to the high seas. As we sat on the ground working on the gathered information, we heard the sound of oncoming planes. The famous duo of German planes came over the horizon, and began to strafe our position. I hugged the ground as bullets hit the ground near me, but thankfully far enough away. Besides the ammunition from the German aircraft, we were in danger of being hit from our own anti-aircraft ammunition, because we were aiming at the low flying planes.

This was my true baptism of fire. I was a real GI by June 7th 1944. In retrospect, these 24 hours were to make me a mature GI! June 6th 1944, what a memory.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CARDINAL JAMES A. HICKEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, we rise today in honor and remembrance of Cardinal James A. Hickey, a humble leader, friend and guide to many, whose spiritual journey focused on civil rights and the struggle of the oppressed and poor. His significant contribution served to uplift the lives of countless individuals and families, here in Cleveland, and far beyond.

Throughout his entire vocation, Cardinal Hickey was a tireless advocate on behalf of those held back by racism and poverty. In 1974, he was named Bishop of the Cleveland Catholic Dioceses. During his six-year tenure here, Cardinal Hickey worked with community leaders and organizations on vital issues such as the peaceful integration of the public schools, and he also worked to stop banks from red-lining urban neighborhoods. He strongly encouraged leaders of neighborhood parishes to become involved with the issues affecting their congregations. Cardinal Hickey led by example, and led with a consistently kind and humble nature. When he was named Archbishop of Washington, DC in 1980, he again worked to establish strong bonds with local community leaders to address the needs of the growing population of citizens struggling with poverty and AIDS. He led the charge to create and implement social programs to address the needs of the poor, with a special focus on children, the elderly and refugee individuals and families. While in Washington, Cardinal Hickey worked closely with Americans of Hispanic heritage, and advocated on behalf of their collective and individual struggles here in America, and in El Salvador as well. His twenty-year tenure in Washington, DC, where he was named Cardinal in 1988, reflected a man who became a powerful representative of the poor and homeless. Throughout the metropolitan area of Washington, Cardinal Hickey directed the efforts that established sixteen parish missions, housing for dependent elderly, housing for independent elderly, and countless educational, legal and medical services for the homeless, individuals suffering from AIDS, refugees, and the poor.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Cardinal James A. Hickey, whose compassion, guidance and good works uplifted the lives of countless individuals—in Michigan where he was first ordained, here in Cleveland, in Washington, DC, and in Latin America. His leadership and advice were consistently sought by national and world leaders, yet he felt most at home when working with the people of the neighborhood parishes and missions. Graceful, humble, committed and articulate, the words and deeds of Cardinal James A. Hickey will live on forever in the hearts of the countless families and individuals whom he so greatly served—reflecting his light of hope and justice, today, and for generations to come.

HONORING DR. DAN COLGAN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Dan Colgan, Saint Joseph School District Superintendent of Schools. Last Friday, October 8, 2004, Dr. Colgan received the Russell C. Hill Award at the 2004 Learning for Life Conference in Florida. The Russell C. Hill Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations making outstanding contributions to character education at the local, State, or national level. The award itself is named after Russell Clinton Hill, a Texas businessman who dedicated himself to the cause of character education.

Learning for Life supports schools and other youth-oriented organizations that strive to prepare young people to take on the complex issues that face our society and nation today. Learning for Life is such a successful program, because it encourages self-confidence, motivation, self-worth, and other positive personal values. A big part of the program's success in the Saint Joseph area is due to the participation of Dr. Colgan and his colleagues on the Pony Express Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a dedicated group of citizens committed to the principles of character development.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dr. Dan Colgan, recipient of the Russell C. Hill Award. Dr. Colgan truly exemplifies the qualities of dedication and service to northwest Missouri, and I am honored to call him one of my constituents.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
NICHOLAS L. SKORICH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Nicholas L. Skorich; and

Whereas, Nicholas L. Skorich was a hero to his wife of 56 years, Teresa, and their three children and three grandchildren; and

Whereas, Nicholas L. Skorich was a significant part of the National Football League for fifty years, served in World War II for three years, and was head football coach of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was inducted into six Halls of Fame; and

Whereas, Nicholas L. Skorich will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him because of his loving nature towards his family, friends, and community; and

Whereas, the kindness and compassion he showed towards others will stand as a reminder to a truly remarkable person. His life and love gave joy to all who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Nicholas L. Skorich.

RECOGNITION OF SECOND
LIEUTENANT RYAN LEDUC

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of 2LT Ryan Leduc who was recently killed in Rutbah, Iraq.

2LT Leduc was a 28 year old native of Pana, Illinois. He was killed on September 22nd in a non-combat related vehicle accident. Leduc was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC.

2LT Leduc was a 1994 graduate of Pana High School, in Pana Illinois. Not enough can be said about the great sacrifice this man made for his country, he made the ultimate sacrifice. He is survived by his fiance, Megan McCabe; his mother, Nola Hector of Pana; and his father, David Leduc of Pana. My thoughts and prayers go out to his families and loved ones.

2LT Leduc gave his life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten. Leduc, along with so many other brave men and women, put their lives on the line day in and day out. My sincere thanks goes out to them all. God bless them, and may God continue to bless America.

HONORING E. WILLIAM IOVANNE,
JR., 2004 RECIPIENT OF THE
CHARLES CARROLL OF CAR-
ROLTON AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family and friends in paying tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens and my dear friend, E. William Iovanne, Jr. In recognition of his invaluable contributions to our community, Bill is to be honored with the coveted Charles Carroll of Carrolton Award—the highest honor given to a Catholic layman by the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus. Through his generosity and compassion, Bill has touched the lives of thousands and I cannot think of a more deserving individual for such a prestigious honor.

Each year, this medal is presented by the John Barry Assembly, Knights of Columbus, to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the church, his or her parish, and the community at large. Throughout his life, Bill has dedicated both his professional and personal time to enriching the lives of others. As a member of the New Haven business community he has earned our respect and as a member of the Wooster Square community he has gained our affection.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut's Fair Haven neighborhood, Bill graduated from Notre Dame High School and pursued a career in the funeral business established by his father. The Iovanne Funeral Home has been a fixture in Wooster Square since 1928. For more than seventy-five years, Bill Iovanne and

his family have reached out to families in need, helping them cope with the pain of loss. With a combination of compassion and professionalism, Bill has long been known for making a most difficult period, a bit easier.

Beyond his professional career, Bill is also an active and involved member of our community. Well known for his work with a number of local service organizations, Bill has always demonstrated a unique combination of civic commitment and enthusiastic volunteerism. For anyone who has seen his comic routine pantomiming the late bandleader Louis Prima, which has been lent to numerous fund-raising efforts, his enthusiasm and heart-felt good will is undeniable. The Sacred Heart Academy, St. Michael's Church, the Society of St. Maria Maddalena, the Saint Andrew Apostle Society, Connecticut Hospice, and the Campania Club are just a few of the organizations which have benefitted from Bill's good work. It has been through these efforts that he has made such a difference in the lives of others.

There is one family that I know has been touched by Bill's generosity and spirit: my family. The Iovannes and DeLauros have a long history. For my mother, father, and me, the Iovannes have been trusted friends, steadfast supporters, and always a part of our extended family—the type of people who are always there with a kind word or a helping hand. I cannot thank Bill enough for the special friendship we have shared over the years.

Throughout his life, Bill has embodied the very spirit in which this prestigious award is bestowed. For his innumerable contributions to our community and in recognition of his outstanding generosity to others, I am proud to stand today to join his children: William and his wife Angeline; Richard and his wife Susan; and Beth Ann and her husband Joseph, grandchildren: Christina and Alec, family, friends, and the New Haven community in extending my sincere congratulations to my dear friend, E. William Iovanne, Jr. as he is honored with the Charles Carroll of Carrolton Award. His is a legacy that will continue to touch the lives of others for generations to come.

HONORING RABBI ALLEN B.
BENNETT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and Congressman STARK to honor the extraordinary contributions of Rabbi Allen B. Bennett of Alameda, California for thirty years of dedicated service to the community. Rabbi Bennett, through his tireless efforts as a religious and community leader in the Bay Area for over three decades, worked not only to improve and enrich the lives of those within his congregation, but has also served in that capacity to become a champion for peace, justice, and the well-being of all.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Rabbi Bennett began his post secondary studies at Western Reserve University, where he earned a degree in psychology in 1968. He then attended the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he earned a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters in 1972 and a

Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters as well as rabbinical ordination in 1974. After reaching this milestone, Rabbi Bennett moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where he began a residency program in Clinical Pastoral Education, a certification that would allow him to become a hospital chaplain. As a result, he served in the Rochester area for over three years, first as a resident, and then as the Jewish chaplain for the two hospitals affiliated with the Mayo Clinic as well as Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel, the multi-denominational synagogue in Rochester.

Following his time of service and education in Minnesota, Rabbi Bennett entered into a doctoral program at the Graduate Theological Union at the University of California, Berkeley in 1977. There, while pursuing a Ph.D. in theology, psychology, sociology, and anthropology, he taught various Jewish studies courses at Emeritus College at the College of Marin, as well as other Bay Area universities.

In the years that followed, Rabbi Bennett continued and expanded his involvement in the Bay Area Jewish community. In addition to being elected rabbi at San Francisco's Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in 1979, he was later appointed Assistant Director of the Northern Pacific Regional Office of the American Jewish Congress, a capacity in which he served until 1989, at which point he became the Congress' Regional Executive Director. He later served also as the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay in Oakland, until becoming the Rabbi at Temple Israel in 1996.

Since that time, Rabbi Bennett's work has been outstanding not only within the Temple at which he currently serves, but has also been a remarkable force for peace and social justice within the community as a whole. In addition to serving the Jewish community, he has been involved in an astounding number of civic and interfaith initiatives and activities on the local, regional, and national levels. Among these activities are his service on the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, the Mayor's Committee for a Living Holocaust Memorial, the Conference of Black and Jewish Clergy, the San Francisco Interfaith Coalition on AIDS, and the Coalition for Civil Rights. Furthermore, was the Jewish representative taking testimony at the U.N. sponsored Oakland Hearings on Racism as a Violation of Human Rights, and has also served on the Board of Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group in San Francisco. Rabbi Bennett also currently serves on the Leadership Team and the Race and Community Relations Planning Team of the FAITHS Initiative of the San Francisco Foundation, the Alameda Hospital Ethics Committee and its Institutional Review Board, as Chair of the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Chaplaincy Advisory Board, as Vice President of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California, as Treasurer of the East Bay Council of Rabbis, and the Union for Reform Judaism's Regional Committee on AIDS.

On November 13, 2004, Rabbi Bennett will be honored in Oakland, California for thirty years of truly outstanding service to Temple Israel and the greater Bay Area. This occasion is an opportunity for us to recognize him not only for his service within the faith community, but also for his outstanding leadership on the issues of civil rights, social equality, human

rights, and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. By remaining active in and dedicated to these important areas, Rabbi Bennett has contributed immeasurably to Alameda County and the East Bay, and the 9th and 13th Congressional Districts salute and congratulate him for his many years of invaluable service.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE OF ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO, COMMISSIONER TED STRICKLAND

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my appreciation for the many years of dedicated service that Commissioner Ted Strickland has provided to the residents of Adams County, CO. After many years in public office, Ted Strickland has time and again proven his commitment to making Colorado a better place to live, and his presence on the Adams County Board of County Commissioners will truly be missed.

Commissioner Strickland, born and raised in Austin, Texas, settled in Colorado in 1954 after being honorably discharged from the United States Army. His lengthy and distinguished career in public service began with two years in the Colorado House of Representatives and continued with 24 years of service in the Colorado State Senate, including 12 years as President of the Senate. He served as Lieutenant Governor from 1973–1974.

Commissioner Strickland was elected to the Adams County Board of County Commissioners in 1996 and re-elected in 2000. The leadership that he has provided has been instrumental in improving relationships and cooperation with the municipalities within the County. Additionally, his work with Adams County Economic Development has contributed greatly to the growth and progress of the County. His service as a commissioner is distinguished by his business acumen, commitment to improve county facilities and seeing the county recognized as the “can do county.” Commissioner Strickland has proven himself to be a true Colorado statesman.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Ted for his distinguished service on behalf of the citizens of Adams County, and wish him all the best as I’m sure he will remain an active member of the Adams County community.

IN HONOR OF THE 1956 HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION AND VIKTOR ORBAN, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956. These men and women of Hungary, armed with the promise of liberty and hope for a better tomorrow, were the first

to courageously rise up in defiance of the Soviet occupation. Their historical struggle for freedom continues to inspire those who are not yet free. I also rise today in honor and welcome of Former Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orban, who has journeyed to Cleveland to commemorate the sacrifice, determination and heart of the Hungarian “Freedom Fighters” of 1956.

The 1956 Hungarian Revolution marked the beginning of the end of Soviet oppression in Central and Eastern Europe. As the Soviet army blazed a trail of aggression and control, millions of Hungarians fled Europe and sought refuge in America. More than two hundred thousand Hungarians settled in Cleveland, bringing with them the culture and memories of their beloved homeland, and the promise of freedom and democracy.

A leader on the front lines of liberty in Hungary, Former Prime Minister Viktor Orban carried the blazing torch of freedom, passed to him from the generation before. He was one of the founders of the Federation of Young Democrats—one of Hungary’s first parties to oppose communist rule. In a speech delivered on June 16, 1989, the words of Former Prime Minister Viktor Orban rang loud and clear along the streets and countryside of Hungary and far beyond, demanding free elections and the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956. Thousands of Hungarian men and women made the ultimate sacrifice so that all could be free. The Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956 pierced the darkness of tyranny and sparked the first light of liberty throughout Central and Eastern Europe. The rising light of their quest for freedom and their bravery, heart and sacrifice continues to inspire us all, lending us hope for the dawning of a peaceful new day.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW SCOTT A. GALLAMORE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Scott A. Gallamore of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Matthew became an Eagle Scout on August 5, 2004 and he will be recognized at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in November 2004.

Matthew has been very active with his troop by participating in many Scout activities, earning over 40 merit badges, and serving in a variety of leadership positions. At age 9, Matthew joined the Cub Scouts. He advanced from Cubs to Webelos and then crossed over into the Boy Scouts at age 11, achieving the rank of Arrow of Light. Now 17, Matthew is described by his parents, peers, and community as exemplifying the qualities of citizenship: he is loyal, helpful, trustworthy, thrifty, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, brave, clean, and reverent.

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

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOSEPH BAUMGARNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner is a resident of Midvale in Tuscarawas County; and

Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner has devoted his love to his companion, Tammy, and his three children; and

Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner demonstrated a commitment to his country while serving in the Persian Gulf; and

Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner is active with his community and is appreciated by all who know him.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in recognizing Joseph Baumgarner for his dedication to the United States, his community, family, and friends.

RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCON BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the South Central Middle School Falcon Baseball Team of Farina, Illinois.

The Falcons had an outstanding season this year, with a 16–6 record. They placed 1st in Conference and Regional tournaments and took 2nd place at the State Tournament.

The members of the Falcons are: Justin Armstrong, Seth Arnold, Kyle Bischoff, Tanner Bushue, Shane Donoho, Jacob Erwin, Ian King, Ryan Gesell, Tyler Gillet, Isaac Grapperhaus, Brock Johnson, Luke Kulesza, Kyle Monical, Travis Potter, Nathan Powless, Aaron Robb, Treavor Robbins, and Dylan Sill. The team is coached under the leadership of Stephen Phillips and Derick Vincent.

This exceptional group of seventh and eighth graders has shown great sportsmanship, teamwork, and stamina throughout their season. They have made their coaches, fans, and parents very proud.

Congratulations, Falcons, on a terrific year.

HONORING PROFESSOR VINCENT SCULLY, 2004 RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the National

Endowment of the Arts in congratulating Professor Vincent Scully as he receives a 2004 National Medal of Arts. One of our Nation's foremost architectural historians, Professor Scully has not only developed a renowned reputation as a historian, but as an educator and mentor as well.

Over the last two decades, the National Medal of Arts has been awarded in recognition of the extraordinary accomplishments of those engaged in the creation and production of the arts in the United States. Both as an educator and author, Professor Scully has deeply influenced the world of architecture by highlighting its social value. Defining architecture as a "continuing dialogue between generations that creates an environment across time," Professor Scully has taught thousands of architects, planners, art historians, and politicians that architecture is not simply the design of a building, but how that design adds to the character of a community or environment.

Professor Scully's illustrious career began when he enrolled at Yale University at the age of sixteen. After completing his undergraduate studies, he accepted a position with the University and, through his unique teaching style, became one of its most popular professors. His standing room only lectures could boast five hundred students—filling the largest lecture hall on campus. In speaking of his former professor, the New Yorker's Paul Goldberger said, "His thinking has always been based on the notion that architecture is not purely aesthetics, and that the real meaning is how it can be used to make better places." It has been through this vision that Professor Scully has had the greatest influence on the arts—passing it on to generations of scholars and students.

For his invaluable contributions to the arts and in recognition of his lifetime of achievement, I am proud to stand today and extend my sincere congratulations to Professor Vincent Scully as he is awarded the National Medal of Arts. His is a legacy which will continue to inspire others for generations to come.

A TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE KATIE
BROWN KIDD

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd, a loyal and loving wife and mother who has devoted her long and wonderfully blessed life to her family. Mrs. Kidd will be celebrating her 100th birthday with her family on November 26th in my congressional district.

Maggie was born on December 8, 1904 to Lucy and William "Doc" Brown of Stephens, Georgia; the eleventh of twelve children. William received the nickname "Doc" from his neighbors because of his reputation for helping anyone in need. His neighbors used to tell everyone to "go see Doc" if they were ever in trouble. Maggie began to develop a similar reputation as she grew up as she never hesitated from sharing whatever she had, even when she had little.

Lucy and Doc owned a farm in Stephens where the whole family was welcomed when

they needed a place to live. Maggie continued this tradition when she took over the farm, offering a home to all of her relatives that needed one. She even helped raise her grandniece. The people who lived close to her farm knew her as a good neighbor. Her parents joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Stephens where Rosalyn worshipped and studied when she was a child. She still maintains a membership at the church today.

On November 30, 1940, Maggie married Willie Kidd. They had two children, Rosalyn and John and continued to work on her parent's farm. Maggie and Willie worked the farm until 1961, when she and Willie decreased the size of their farm and began gardening. Willie passed away in 1962 from complications due to diabetes. She lived on the same land until 1989. Now she lives with Rosalyn in Riverdale, GA where she continues to make beautiful quilts when her health permits. She is blessed to have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and Maggie's family in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dutchess County Historical Society located in Poughkeepsie New York, which is part of the 22nd Congressional District that I proudly serve. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Historical Society. I am pleased to recognize the Dutchess County Historical Society, which has dedicated itself to discovering, preserving, and interpreting the extraordinary history of Dutchess County.

Originally formed in 1914, the Historical Society received its State Charter in 1918. Although it had been the principal repository for all aspects of Dutchess County history for many years, it was not until 1979 that the organization found a permanent home. It was at that time that Society entered into a cooperative agreement with the State of New York to operate the Governor Clinton House in Poughkeepsie as its headquarters, an agreement that has recently been renewed for a third time. The success of this partnership led to the Society being trusted with the responsibility of managing a second historic site, the City of Poughkeepsie owned Glebe House.

During its nine decades the Society has grown and expanded, adding professional staff, new technologies and innovative programs designed to reach a variety of audiences. Known for its publications, the Society has contributed to as many as 14 books on local history, developed a local history curriculum for use in the 4th and 7th grades and, since 1914, published the oldest continuously printed annual in New York State, a "Year Book" of articles on local history. In addition to its publications, the Dutchess County Historical Society maintains a collection of archival material, photographs and dimensional objects inclusive of the entire county.

Key components in the ongoing success of this exceptional organization are its edu-

cational and community outreach activities. The Society's Board of Directors has made diversity a priority and they have extended their reach into new communities and organizations throughout Dutchess County. Exhibits, lectures, conferences, and tours complete the outstanding array of programming that the Society offers its members and the community at large.

Organizations like the Dutchess County Historical Society play a vital role in preserving and protecting our nations history, one community at a time. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the 90th Anniversary of the Dutchess County Historical Society and commend its dedicated, professional and caring members for their outstanding efforts.

IN HONOR OF THE RESILIENCE,
HOPE AND FAITH OF ST.
STANISLAUS PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker we rise today in honor of Pastor Michael Surufka, Father George Kusy, Father Joachim Studwell, and every member of St. Stanislaus parish community, upon the dedication of the restoration of the parish rectory. We also rise in honor of the legacy and memories of Pastor William Gulas, whose life, though tragically taken from us two years ago, continues to rise in our hearts, memories, and in the Slavic Village neighborhood that he so loved.

The restoration of the St. Stanislaus Parish symbolizes the rebirth of faith and hope that was shattered when Father Gulas' life was felled by senseless violence. As the rectory is resurrected, so is the life of Father Gulas. His gentle guidance and support that he freely and openly offered to every parishioner continues to renew faith and inspiration along East 65th Street and far beyond. His willingness to learn the Polish language to better serve this parish community is testament to the unwavering dedication and love he shared with the people of Slavic Village.

Father Gulas led this parish with kindness, compassion and an undying faith in the goodness of all people. His life-long ministry was framed by his service to others and by his unshakeable faith and strong sense of spirituality. His graceful liturgy, outlined with poignancy and wit, captured the minds and hearts of his parishioners. His legacy of renewing the hearts and souls of all those who knew him, extended to the bricks and mortar of St. Stanislaus Church. Today, as we celebrate the renewal of the parish rectory, we pause in remembrance and honor of the man, Father Gulas, who led the colossal effort to renovate the historic and inspirational St. Stanislaus Church.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join us in honor and recognition of the dedication of the newly restored parish rectory of St. Stanislaus Parish. This restoration reflects the unity, strength and faith of this community to rise above the traumatic loss of their beloved Pastor, Father William Gulas. This celebration also reflects the commitment of Pastor Michael Surufka, Father George Kusy, Father Joachim Studwell, and every parishioner committed to carrying on the vital work of Father

William Gulas. The Peace Garden, planned and cultivated by parishioners, serves as a living reminder that hope will rise from the ashes, and that Father Gulas' light continues to offer guidance, inspiration and hope throughout the St. Stanislaus community, today, and for all time.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT HILL FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Hill, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Robert achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on April 7, 2004 and will be recognized at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor this November.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Robert has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Robert organized a the clean up and repair of a facility used by law enforcement officers for training exercises at Weston Bend State Park.

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

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
LINDSAY CUTSHALL AND JASON
ALLEN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of Lindsay Cutshall of Fresno, Ohio and Jason Allen of Zeeland, Michigan; and

Whereas, Lindsay Cutshall and Jason Allen were both caring and loving individuals who were both active in the Rock-N-River Christian Camp, and

Whereas, Lindsay Cutshall and Jason Allen will certainly be remembered by all those who knew them; and

Whereas, through those lives that they touched, the memories of Lindsay Cutshall and Jason Allen will stand as monuments to two truly fine people.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the families and friends of Lindsay Cutshall and Jason Allen.

HONORING THE LIFE OF 1ST LT.
MATTHEW LYNCH, USMC

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, there are times in our lives when we fully realize the presence of heroes among us. And there are times when we fully realize that we have lost one of those heroes; that is the case with Marine 1st Lt. Matthew Lynch, a young man who gave his life for his country in Iraq. It is difficult to memorialize a man who stood as tall in life as Matthew did and harder yet to memorialize a man who stands even taller in death. I believe the words of his father, Bill Lynch, spoken at Matt's funeral speak best to this fallen hero and not only capture the magnitude of the great life Matt lived but the magnitude of the loss to our nation:

"To all Matt's friends, and you are many; I thank you for coming. Saying farewell to our beloved Matthew is the hardest thing I have ever done. At this time, my thoughts alternately fly through my mind like sharp arrows; or slip through my mental fingers like quicksilver; and I cannot hold them fast. Because of this; and because I have only this one time to pay tribute to Matt, and to tell you about his life, I must affix my thoughts to paper, and read them; and for this, I beg your indulgence.

But for now, I borrow from Shakespeare, and tell you that . . . We gather today to praise Matt, not to bury him. And that is because all the things Matt was; Love of family and friends; gentleness, strength, humor, grace, dedication, honor, loyalty, patriotism, humility, and yes, of course, courage . . . can never be buried, because they are eternal, as is now, our beloved Matt.

While we mourn Matt's loss it brings with it an opportunity for us all, in private moments, to reflect on what he was, and perhaps to develop in ourselves, those attributes he had, which we lack; so that the warm light of remembrance which fills this church today, may one day shine on us.

I will speak to you today of Matt's life, and of ironies gentle, and tragic, which at present you know nothing of, and I will tell you of a curious sign I've lately seen which reassures me.

But for now, to understand Matt's life, you are in the right place; because this is where all that he was, began, on a Summer day in 1979, when my wife Angela and I brought our little Matthew Devin Lynch to that very baptismal font, to be baptized. The Gospel that day, I remember vividly, was the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, and I thought that a very propitious beginning. The name Matthew, we knew, came from Hebrew, and meant "Gift of God."

And what a gift he was! Cherubic, loving, obedient, and oh yes, very active. As he developed, it was evident that he had extraordinary athletic skills. One day when he was about 3 years old, and bounding about with his brother Tim and their friends, a visitor to our neighbor's patio said to me "Is that your son?" "Yes," I replied. "Do you realize that he is a natural athlete?" the man said. "How do you know," I asked? "I am a pediatrician," he said, "I see thousands of kids, and believe me, he is a natural athlete." It was a prophecy, which would be fulfilled.

I raised both our sons as athletes, and spent countless hours drilling various skills into them. I always did it with some zany game I had devised . . . Kids learn best when

they are having fun. In most of those games, I was the villain, the opponent, the one to be conquered, but I always did it with humor, and they came to love "the games."

When they were only 5 or 6 years old, we used to play a game I had devised to build their swimming speed, I called it "Shark and Minnows." In our community pool, I would emplace Matt and Tim near a ladder at one end of the pool. Their mission was to swim to a ladder directly opposite them, and get out of the pool before the shark could catch them. I stood waist deep in the water, at the far end . . . the feared and fearsome Shark.

At first I was a very successful shark, but very shortly, the minnows got much quicker, and the shark caught nothing but air. Soon the Minnows "can't catch me" glee, told me that my days as a big fish were over, and that Matt's were just beginning. A few years later, as Matt swam by me, I raised my head, to see if someone was pulling him on a rope.

At that time, Tim, had his eyes on two Jericho High School swim records, and he decided to join the Long Island Aquatic Club, to begin his assault on those records, which he did in fact, later claim. But in the beginning Matt just tagged along. After their first three hour LIAC workout, I asked Matt "How did it go?" "I . . . NEVER . . . want . . . to . . . do that . . . again," said Matt. But like everything Matt did, he went back, and excelled . . . a theme you will come to recognize.

Soon, he became one of the elite LIAC swimmers. He also swam right across his high school's record board, eclipsing every individual record, even Tim's, leaving his own name in his wake. He set the country record in the 200-yard individual medley, finished third in New York State in that event and the 100-yard freestyle. He was All County swimmer three years in a row; a County champion in two events each of his last two years.

Baseball was the same. All-County catcher his last two years in high school, nominated for the "Diamond Award," as one of the best players in Nassau County; and as a senior, he tied for the home run record, all of this easily fulfilling the prophecy that stranger had made so many years ago.

He continued this at Duke University. He was the swim team's "Rookie of the Year," and became a mainstay of that team. He was also a catcher on the Duke baseball team for two years, but in his Senior year, carrying out the theme which defines his life, he told his swim coach he wanted to return to his swim team "family," his buddies, and he did. As a Senior, and in his very last race, when his team needed him to step up, we saw him swim one of his best 100-yard freestyle times, then sadly walk off, his career over. Between high school and college, he loved his job as a Jones Beach lifeguard; competed on their competition team, and there too, he excelled, and developed many friends.

"What next?" I asked him shortly after he graduated from Duke. "Dad, the Marine Corps, or course." "Are you doing this because Tim and I did it, or because YOU want to do it?" I asked. "Dad, I want to do it," he replied.

The next few years were difficult for Angela and I. Our Marine sons began to go in harm's way. First, Tim in Afghanistan; then Tim and Matt in Iraq. But they always returned. Last Easter, Matt phoned us to say he was ordered to Iraq a 2nd time, as a replacement for some Lieutenants in another unit who had been wounded. But after 3 months, he again returned, and we were overjoyed. But shortly, he said, "Mom, Dad, you will think I'm crazy, but my old unit, my buddies are going back to Iraq, and I really want to join them." Again, that theme of loyalty, family.

All during our son's deployments, I had been haunted by a specter of Marines in Dress Blue uniforms, walking to our door, bearing terrible news . . . and that specter was rooted in my past.

You see, in 1966, I too was a 1st Lieutenant, then serving a short tour at The Marine Corps District Headquarters in Garden City. One of my duties was casualty calls. That meant when a Marine was wounded or killed, I had to personally notify his next of kin. "I'll only be here 3 months," I thought, "I should be O.K."

The next week, my Colonel grimly dropped a Teletype on my desk. "KIA," it started. "Lt., will you handle this?" he said. My stomach rolled. My duty that day was to break a mother's heart. I gathered two NCOs, got a priest, and drove to the Marine's home. His mother was getting out of her car . . . she had just returned from the beach . . . she looked at us . . . and dropped like a stone. We took her inside, neighbors came, someone called her husband, "Come home right now, was all he was told."

When he arrived he told me that he had immediately punched the wall at work, and would have punched me, had he been at home. "I just would not have wanted to hear what I knew you were going to say," he said.

I told my Colonel we had a dangerous situation, and that someone would eventually get hurt. We had no standing operating procedure for these casualty calls . . . no S.O.P. "Write one, Lieutenant," he said, and I did. I specified NCOs for wounds . . . but always an NCO and an officer for a death. I put my heart and soul into it, trying to devise something, which would give aid and comfort to the bereaved, and protection to our Marines. Years later, I encountered marines from that same office, and we discussed casualty calls by then quite numerous. "It's no fun," they said, "but at least we have a really good S.O.P." "I know," I said, "I wrote it."

On August 31, Matt returned with his buddies for a third tour, and, on October 31, he was killed by a roadside bomb. That same day, my wife Angela and I, still unaware, drove to the beach, to walk the boardwalk. It was a gorgeous day, and we spoke of how fortunate we were to have such fine sons, and how proud we were of our two Marines. We passed the beach where Matt worked, and again spoke of him, and then we returned home. I parked the car, we entered our house . . . just as that mother had done almost 40 years ago . . . the day I broke her heart. The door was ajar, and as I heard Angela exclaim, "Oh No!" . . . I turned to see two Marines in dress blue uniforms, grimly walking towards us. One an NCO, the other an officer. Each wore the same stony mask I had worn years ago, and in an instant I knew our Matt was gone . . . you see, I'd written that S.O.P.

How ironic that the pain I'd delivered so long ago to someone else; was now visited on my doorstep; and stranger still, that the procedure I'd then written to console others, was now applied to us. The next day, Angela and I took our shattered hearts to this church. It was All Souls Day, and the Gospel that day . . . was according to St. Matthew. "Wire to wire," I thought, "Saint Matthew."

Matt, our beloved gift of God died trying to free a people from a vicious enemy, whose unspeakable acts of barbarism, even against their own people, while done in the name of God, reveal them to be Godless; and such evil must be opposed. We revere Matt's service, and while we are saddened, we are not angry. Not at our government, not at our President, and certainly not at the United States Marine Corps, that fine fighting force our Matt was so proud to serve.

The days ahead will be difficult for us. When the last of you have gone, and our door has closed, our ordeal will begin. A bright

light has left our home, never to return, and all the sand in Iraq cannot fill the hole in our hearts. But recently, I've noted a sign, although in the strangest place, which suggests reassurance. Now, you may think this forced, contrived, or fabricated for this moment; perhaps the ranting of one whose heart, buffeted too hard by this tragedy, is trying too hard to see, but you are wrong, because I saw this sign long before Matt's death.

Some months ago, I looked down upon a floor tile in our home, and saw clearly what could easily be an artist's rendition of the face of Christ. It stared directly at me. Curious. For weeks, I looked at that visage every day. What to make of it? Eventually, my eyes began to scan around the visage, and recently, I also clearly saw, sheltered in the corner, and under the right shoulder of that visage . . . the perceptible head and face of a very small child. Each had slowly been revealed to me, and until lately I have not known what to make of this; but clearly, the events of this last week suggest to me that Matt, and formerly our little Gift of God, has, as was his custom, made one final return to family and is now, the visage assures me, sheltered, and safely home, and this gives me great comfort.

It is time to close, and I must do this in two ways:

To the heavens I say:

"Lord this is our son Matthew, in whom we are well pleased. He was your precious gift to us, and we return him to you now. Please grant Matt a place of favor, where he may rest comfortably until those of us who have loved him so can join him."

And finally, to our son Matt, I say those words every Marine longs to hear;

"Well done Marine . . . and Semper Fi!"

CHANGING NATURE OF U.S.- CARIBBEAN RELATIONSHIP

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, the United States-Caribbean relationship has long been characterized as one of dependency. More specifically, the Caribbean has historically been portrayed as overly reliant on the United States, while having minimal significance to our country beyond general geopolitical concerns. Indeed, the widespread damage wrought by the recent Caribbean hurricanes has necessitated assistance from the U.S. However, a broader look at the current reality points to a highly reciprocal relationship, with the Caribbean proving to be an increasingly important component of the economic and commercial interests of the United States.

A telling indicator of the evolving U.S.-Caribbean relationship is in the area of trade. The Caribbean is now the 13th largest importer to the United States and the 8th largest destination for American exports. U.S. exports to the Caribbean have helped to sustain nearly 500,000 U.S. jobs. While the magnitude of Caribbean trade with the U.S. is changing, so too is the nature of that trade. The Caribbean is not simply a supplier of agricultural products, or an American tourist destination. It is now becoming a significant source of U.S. energy imports. An October 7th story in the New York Times examined this recent ascendancy, with a focus on the island nation of Trinidad and Tobago.

In the last few years, the Caribbean, led by Trinidad and Tobago, has positioned itself as significant player in energy trade with the U.S. Already an important regional exporter of crude oil, Trinidad is now the leading exporter of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) in the Western Hemisphere. After 9-11, the U.S. sought to find energy sources beyond the Middle East and Persian Gulf. Additionally, rising gas prices, and increasing domestic shortages increased U.S. demand for LNG. Trinidad has impressively stepped in to fill that demand. Since 2001, it has been the leading exporter of Liquid Natural Gas to the United States, accounting for 75 percent of all LNG exports. These exports are projected to further increase over the next decade. Additionally, a planned LNG pipeline from Trinidad to surrounding Caribbean islands will increase the refining capacity of the surrounding region, as well as spur the region's ability to engage in related manufacturing.

Besides Trinidad, other countries in the region have plans to increase their energy market presence. At an October 11th address, Jamaican Commerce, Science and Technology Minister, Phillip Paulwell, stated that three oil and gas systems have been identified in Jamaica for the first time. One of the systems has possible reserves of 2.8 billion barrels of oil (BBO) and 10.6 trillion cubic feet (TCF) of natural gas. With its close proximity to the United States, development of Jamaican energy resources would be a very beneficial endeavor for both nations.

As can be seen, the importance of the Caribbean to the United States has radically evolved over the last several years. This evolution will only be strengthened as we move towards greater regional integration through agreements like the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). Future U.S.-Caribbean policy must take into account this new and mutually beneficial dynamic.

A SMALL ISLAND, A BIG EXPORTER OF ENERGY
TRINIDAD IS SUPPLYING MOST U.S. IMPORTS OF
LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

(By Simon Romero)

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Oct. 7—Cranes are active here again, working around the clock to erect some of the Caribbean's tallest skyscrapers against a backdrop of colonial-era buildings. Traffic snarls throughout this small island country, with imported luxury cars rubbing up against 70's-era gas guzzles left from the last time energy prices soared.

But it is not only the rising price of crude oil that has produced such excitement and activity in Trinidad, the Caribbean's largest petroleum producer and one of the few islands that is thriving these days. Instead, what is transforming the situation here is another fossil fuel: natural gas.

Amid a scramble to meet growing international energy demands and to satisfy an American market where the price of gas has risen to about \$7 for each thousand cubic feet from just \$2 in 1999, Trinidad has emerged as the Western Hemisphere's leading supplier of liquefied natural gas. It has stealthily outpaced rivals, this year accounting for nearly 80 percent of shipments to the United States, up from virtually nothing five years ago.

Trinidad's leap to the forefront in liquid natural gas—a fast-growing area of the energy industry where companies invest billions to chill the fuel to temperatures around 150 degrees below zero and ship it across the seas in supertankers—has ignited rapid growth here. Economic activity increased 13 percent in 2003 and could grow as

much again this year. The economy has expanded for 10 consecutive years on Trinidad and Tobago, a twin-island nation of 1.3 million with an area nearly the size of Delaware.

Trinidad's gas resources has fueled a web of chemical factories, including nine ammonia plants, and iron and steel complex, and two of the largest methanol plants in the world. The conglomeration of factories, largely in Point Lisas, an industrial site and port south of the capital, Port of Spain, exports most of its production to the United States.

"We've become a highly industrialized nation, something that was a pipe dream a few years ago," said Anthony Bryan, former director of the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies on Trinidad.

But some experts here worry that the natural gas boom is taking on the same character as the oil-fueled growth burst of the 1970's, which was followed by a ruinous decade-long bust culminating in a violent coup attempt in 1990 by Muslim militants.

"There's the 'here-we-go-again' phenomenon," said Ronald Ramkissoon, chief economist at Republic Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, the country's largest financial institution. "If we're not wise enough to give away some of the excess money we're getting from this boom, then we stand the risk of getting hit again."

Weighing over everything are fears about what will happen when the energy bounty runs out. Although Trinidad is envied by other energy producers, it has just 0.5 percent of the world's proven gas reserves, far less than big producers like Qatar and Russia. Unless big new discoveries are made, the Inter-American Development Bank says, Trinidad's existing reserves guarantee only 20 years of gas and oil production at current extraction rates.

For now, though, economic opportunities in Trinidad are luring people and money from elsewhere in the hemisphere. A growing number of Spanish-speaking immigrants from Venezuela and Colombia have moved here recently to fill service jobs in restaurants and other work shunned by Trinidadians. Continental Airlines began flying this summer to Port of Spain directly from Houston, ferrying energy executives eager to cash in on the bonanza.

Trinidad owes much of its current good fortune to a plan conceived a decade ago by BP and BG, two of Britain's largest energy companies, together with Repsol of Spain and the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago, to build the first of four large liquid natural gas plants. That strategy transformed BG, formerly British Gas, into the largest corporate supplier of L.N.G. to the United States. By 1999, the venture was, ready to start exporting gas.

Trinidad quickly leapt ahead of Venezuela, where domestic political quarreling stalled ambitions to exploit ample natural gas reserves.

"I'm reluctant to talk about Venezuela because they're the sleeping giant next door," said Frank Look Kin, president of the state-controlled National Gas Company. "You could say we're doing O.K. with what we've got."

The importance of natural gas in Trinidad's economy eclipsed that of oil in recent years, with gas output now worth about \$4.8 billion a year compared with \$1.4 billion for oil, according to the Inter-American Development Bank.

The Bush administration has responded by showering attention on Trinidad, amid concern over a prospective shortage of the fuel, which is used to generate electricity, run industrial processes and heat homes and offices.

President Bush surprised Prime Minister Patrick Manning last December when he came to Washington to meet Condoleezza Rice, Mr. Bush's national security adviser. Instead of limiting the visit to her, the White House granted Mr. Manning an impromptu meeting with Mr. Bush to discuss ways of increasing Trinidad's role in resolving problems in other Caribbean countries like Haiti.

Seeking to further strengthen ties, Spencer Abraham, the energy secretary, declared in a visit here in April that Trinidad was "a very effective example of how a country with natural gas resources can enter the international marketplace."

Much noticed here as well was a meeting over the summer between Mr. Manning and Henry A. Kissinger, the former secretary of state. Mr. Kissinger's visit to Trinidad aroused speculation that he might have lobbied the government on behalf of Freeport McMoRan Energy, a New Orleans company that allied itself this year with Trinidad to build a terminal for receiving L.N.G. off Louisiana's coast. Mr. Kissinger is a director emeritus of a mining concern controlled by Freeport McMoRan Energy's parent company.

In responding to questions from local reporters, Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Manning denied that the purpose of their meeting was related to negotiations with the Louisiana company.

Trinidad's aim to cement its position as the leading supplier to the United States fits into its ambition to help guide the policies of large gas-exporting nations. It has held talks with Algeria and Indonesia to interest them in joining the Louisiana terminal venture. And next year, Trinidad is seeking a more active role in the Gas Exporting Countries Forum, a group of more than a dozen nations that also includes Qatar, Iran and Nigeria.

Trinidad, a former British colony that gained independence in 1962, views trade as another priority, with Port of Spain competing against several American cities, including Miami and Atlanta, to be selected as administrative headquarters for the planned Free Trade Area of the Americas.

The government, meanwhile, intends to invest about \$700 million to build a pipeline that would transport gas to seven islands in the eastern Caribbean, including Barbados and Martinique. Trinidadian officials hope to persuade Venezuela to prepare its own gas for export to the United States from Trinidad plants.

Despite all the activity concern persists over the energy industry's influence as memories linger of the painful adjustment Trinidad faced in the 1980's after oil prices plummeted. But that has not prevented natural gas from ascending to the heights of the economy after oil production reached a peak in 1978.

As in many developing countries that are rich in resources, there is a perception that the wealth generated from Trinidad's oil and gas is not widely shared, creating big problems for a nation whose population is largely divided between people of African and Indian descent.

Unemployment remains stubbornly high, at around 10 percent. Crime is also a prominent concern, underlined by a spate of kidnappings of wealthy Trinidadians in the last two years. A pressing issue Trinidad faces is how to wriggle more royalties out of the multinational energy producers active in its territory.

"The issue of who gets what and how from our gas and oil needs to be revisited," said Winston Dookeran, a member of Parliament and former central bank president.

[In the budget released on Oct. 8, the government laid out a plan to channel substan-

tial energy revenue to social programs and public security. Included are an increase in old age pensions of more than 10 percent, lower taxes on brown sugar and funds to hire 744 police officers.]

Despite a gross domestic product of about \$8,000 a person, about a fifth of the population still lives in poverty. On average, Trinidadians are richer than most Caribbean islanders though still poorer than people in nearby Barbados and the Bahamas, where tourism revenue has improved living standards.

Translating its gas reserves into lasting wealth, of course, depends largely on the growth of the liquid natural gas industry in the United States, where more than 30 projects are in planning phases to import the fuel from countries around the world.

"The boom," Mr. Dookeran, the former, central banker, said, "is aligning our interests with those of the U.S. like never before."

THE EXCELLENT WORK OF THE
NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the second anniversary of a very important organization dedicated to fighting prejudice in the United States in a very constructive manner. The National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, founded in November 2002 by Justin Nelson and Chance Mitchell is, to quote from the statement which the NGLCC submitted to our Financial Services Committee hearing on diversity, "the only national not-for profit advocacy organization specifically dedicated to the economic advancements and opportunities of the American LGBT business community."

The NGLCC carries on this work by its formation of a "broad-based coalition, representative of the various interests of American LGBT owned and friendly businesses, professionals, and students of business to increase economic opportunities among membership, corporate interests and federal, state and local governments."

We hear a great deal in our public debate these days about the importance of people working together, being constructive, avoiding divisiveness etc. This can be overdone—democracy requires the honest airing of differences. But it is also important that these differences take place within a context of recognition of shared values, and the NGLCC plays an extremely important role in this. This organization demonstrates that combating prejudice based on sexual orientation and gender identity is not only not inconsistent with an effort to work for greater unity in our country, but is in fact an essential part of that effort, properly understood.

Justin Nelson and Chance Mitchell through their own commitment to advancing our capitalist system, while simultaneously fighting the prejudice which deprives some people of the full chance to participate in that system, play a very important role. To quote further from the statement which they submitted to our Financial Services Committee, "It is the unfortunate experience of millions of LGBT Americans that homophobia and ignorance has

been the silent killer of developing and growing LGBT enterprises and a better quality of life for all LGBT Americans. Too often it is the experience that LGBT Americans feel compelled to remain in the closet to safeguard their personal and professional financial condition . . . That millions of LGBT Americans live half lives in the financial marketplace, and the workplace is simply not in the best interest of a strong, vibrant and competitive American economy.

"It is a universal truth that as human beings, we are at our best when we can represent ourselves as whole and complete individuals, encouraged to contribute with vibrant creative energy the many talents unique to each of us as individuals. That LGBT Americans are shackled by institutionalized discrimination is not only shameful, it is not good business."

It is not easy to start an organization, and it is particularly difficult when the organization being started is one that seeks to bridge significant gaps that divide people in our society. There are a number of organizations that effectively advocate for the rights of LGBT Americans. There are others that are forceful supporters of the legitimate interests of the business community. I know no other at the national level that exists precisely not simply to show that these two goals are not inconsistent, but that, properly understood, they reinforce each other.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Nelson on several occasions, and I am impressed by the quality of their work. I make this statement today on the floor to call attention to this excellent example of how people can work truly to better our country in every way.

Mr. Speaker, Members seeking more information on this useful organization can consult the hearing of the Subcommittee on Oversight of the House Financial Services Committee on diversity and financial services, which was conducted on July 15, 2004.

IN HONOR OF OUR UNITED STATES
VETERANS AND HOLLY LANE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF
WESTLAKE, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of all veterans of the 10th Congressional District of Ohio—for their service, bravery, and dedication on behalf of our country. Most significantly, we stand in tribute and remembrance of those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice when they answered the call to duty.

I also stand in honor and recognition of the children and educators of Holly Lane Elementary School. By allowing our students the opportunity to meet and know our veterans, we are presenting them living examples of real heroes. We are giving them a true understanding of the meaning of the words conviction, courage and selflessness. We are offering them the understanding of a vital, living lesson that speaks to our American history and to the preservation of our liberty—the brave men and women who have endured great pain and sacrifice in order to secure

freedom and democracy for us all—our United States Veterans.

Every veteran that stands before us today at Holly Lane Elementary School represents the heart and soul of America and reminds us of our quest for justice and peace here at home, and the struggle of those who seek justice and peace around the world. The staff and students of Holly Lane Elementary School reflect the gratitude and respect for our men and women in the armed forces, sentiments that are shared by all Americans. The students of Holly Lane Elementary School also reflect a vision of hope and faith for our future.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, tribute and gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces, past and present. They reflect the quest and struggle for human rights and freedom from oppression, a basic human element that unifies us all. Let us forever remember and honor their ultimate service, great sacrifice and unwavering sense of commitment to the preservation of our American democracy and our freedoms.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC yesterday. Two weeks ago, I injured my leg and my physician prefers that I not put it through the stress of an airplane flight from my home in Seattle, WA to Washington, DC. Were I able to attend today's session in the House of Representatives, I would have voted in support of H.J. Res. 110, H. Res. 750, S. 2693, S. 2214, S. 2640, and H. Res. 641.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUNNYSIDE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to offer my congratulations to the Sunnyside Community Services Center on its 30th anniversary.

The residents of New York's 12th Congressional District have been enriched by this institution's outstanding example of community cooperation, which provides valuable social, recreational, and educational services to the seniors and families of Western Queens. Thanks to the exemplary board, staff, and volunteer base of the Sunnyside Community Services Center, this once small organization that started in a church basement has blossomed, and has grown to provide an array of integrated activities and programs to over 12,000 residents, annually.

The center offers these services to ensure that members have the opportunity to fully participate in all aspects of community life, while maintaining their independence and healthy lifestyle. This institution has also become a local economic engine, employing 90 percent of its staff from within the Queens

community. The staff runs caregiver programs for frail elderly and homebound seniors, after school programs and camps for elementary and middle-school children, and a variety of educational, social, and recreational activities for active adults.

Over the past 30 years, Sunnyside Community Services Center has expanded its services even further to help meet the challenges faced by emerging immigrant and youth populations that reside in the area today. Their work has reached a significant number of residents of all backgrounds and ages and has allowed them to enjoy an enhanced and comfortable lifestyle.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of the Sunnyside Community Services Center, and join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize the organization's outstanding service and dedication in addressing the needs of the Western Queens community.

TRIBUTE TO LEXINGTON VET-
ERANS ADMINISTRATION MED-
ICAL CENTER

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today in honor of Veteran's Day; the day our nation sets aside to honor the sacrifice and service of the millions of Americans who risked their lives to protect our country and promote peace. These brave servicemen and women answered the call to defend freedom and serve our country during its time of greatest need. Now, during the month of November, we should repay our gratitude by honoring our commitment to veterans and their families.

As we stand here today and pledge to work for veterans throughout the nation, I am proud to celebrate a recent victory for the veterans of Central Kentucky. Over the last two years, our local veterans fought to keep the Leestown Drive facilities of our Lexington Veterans Affairs Medical Center open in the face of potential consolidation. Thanks to their commitment, the veterans of Central Kentucky will continue to benefit from the excellent medical services and the unique beauty of this facility.

The Lexington Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a nationally recognized health care center with a number of distinguished awards. Most recently, the facility received a \$500,000 award for "Best Overall Performance" among VA hospitals in the MidSouth Healthcare Network, and received the first-ever John M. Eisenberg award for patient safety co-sponsored by the National Quality Foundation and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. I am proud that this hospital will continue to serve the community and provide our veterans with the quality service they deserve.

Veterans Day is a time to honor our nation's true patriots for their courage and commitment to this country. These men and women have protected our families over the years, and now it is our turn to take care of them. Let us renew our promise to our veterans and military retirees and honor the sacrifices they have made so that we may live free. As our troops

return home let's treat them with the respect they have earned and continue fighting for a guaranteed stream of benefits for all veterans.

HONORING C. STUART HUNT

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. C. Stuart Hunt for his outstanding service, tireless dedication and fruitful endeavors for Western New York.

Mr. Hunt served on the Board of Directors of Buffalo Place Inc. from 1991 through 2004. Buffalo Place enjoyed phenomenal growth during his tenure as Chairman from 1994 to 1998. During that time, Buffalo Place Inc. went from a \$1.8 million organization to a \$3.2 million organization.

Beginning in 1997, under Mr. Hunt's leadership and direction, a strong emphasis was placed on increasing funding for special event production in Downtown Buffalo. The success of the Thursday at the Square concert series positively impacted the Downtown economy, representing \$4.4 million annually.

Under Mr. Hunt's leadership, an annual weekend music festival on Buffalo's waterfront was conceived, Buffalo Place Rocks the Harbor. In addition, the Cars Sharing Main Street initiative became one of the top three priorities on the federal legislative agenda for Western New York.

In 1997, under Mr. Hunt's guidance, the Americorps Ranger Escort Program was launched and received federal funding until 2003 when it was eliminated. This important initiative continues today as the Buffalo Place Ranger Program. He also was involved in the Park N' Go Shuttle Program, converting major streets from one-way to two-way traffic and providing both on-street and off-street parking.

In his professional life, Mr. Hunt serves as Chairman of Hunt Commercial Real Estate, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hunt Real Estate, the largest commercial/residential real estate organization in Upstate New York.

With the purchase of the Brisbane Building in 1984, Stuart began a tireless restoration of this beautiful property. The building holds a special place in his heart, as his father, Charles Stanley Hunt, was a tenant in the Brisbane Building for almost 50 years. I'm proud that my district office is located at this historic site also.

Mr. Hunt's career spanned more than half a century. He is a consummate professional and gentleman. His work ethic and professionalism place him at the top of the list of the most well respected professional civic leaders of our time. His commitment to Downtown Buffalo has never wavered and future generations will benefit from and enjoy the fruits of his labor.

Mr. Hunt's college career was interrupted when he answered the call to serve his country. Mr. Hunt is a veteran of World War II and a 1947 graduate of Colgate University.

In addition to a successful civic and professional career, Stuart has enjoyed a wonderfully fulfilling personal life. On December 27, 1946, C. Stuart Hunt married the beautiful Jane Helfrich. They have enjoyed a full and rich life and were blessed with three sons and one daughter.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hunt touched the lives of so many Western New Yorkers and while he vacates his seat on the Board of Directors of Buffalo Place Inc., he will always remain a role model and mentor to the staff of Buffalo Place Inc. C. Stuart Hunt leaves a unique and indelible mark on Downtown Buffalo, as he will never be forgotten.

Thank you, Stuart, for your strong leadership, diligent effort and personal commitment to our community. Thanks also for your friendship.

RECOGNIZING GARRETT KENT,
BRANNAN SMITH, NICHOLAS
MANLEY, AND WILL WATTS

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the achievements of four outstanding young men from Griffin, Georgia: Garrett Kent, Brannan Smith, Nicholas Manley, and Will Watts of Griffin Christian Academy. These young men recently visited our Nation's Capital while working on their Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge for the Boy Scouts. During their trip they studied the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Federal Government. They learned about our system of checks and balances and how our government is financed. In addition, each of these Scouts wrote to me to share their views on important national issues.

I am proud that these young men are learning about our government and the freedoms and principles on which our Nation was founded. I think we can all learn from the example of Garrett, Brannan, Nicholas and Will, and remember to learn about the great history of our Nation. I encourage everyone to read the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, or to come to the United States Capitol and walk through its storied halls. All Americans should be active citizens and be conscious of this magnificent creation, and our duty to serve it well. May God bless this great Nation.

RECOGNIZING WORK OF MR.
PERLEY BEANE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Mr. Perley Beane, Maine's Director of Economic and Community Development, for more than 40 years in public service at the federal, state and local level.

A graduate of Waterville High School and Thomas College, Perley's first job was as a teacher in Jackman. After working as a business manager, Perley was appointed as the first director of the Waterville Public Housing Authority. He also served as director of the Maine Affordable Housing Alliance at the Department of Economic and Community Development before being appointed to his present position in Madison, Maine.

Perley has dedicated his life to bettering his community. He has served as a board mem-

ber for such organizations as The Salvation Army, the Waterville Housing Authority, the Somerset County Jail Committee, the Somerset County Rural Housing Replacement Committee, the Somerset County Economic Development Corporation, the Waterville Zoning Board and the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program.

Though Perley's retirement is well deserved and begins a new and exciting chapter in his life, it also signifies that Maine is losing one of its most valued service providers. His dedication to the people of Maine has been a blessing for our State, and has improved the lives of countless Mainers. I am both honored and privileged to pay tribute to Perley for his hard work and commitment to the people of Maine. I offer my sincere appreciation on behalf of the entire State.

RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF CADET STEVEN J. SARKEES
TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER,
USNSCC

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Steven J. Sarkees, on his appointment to Chief Petty Officer in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. While a high school senior in Grand Island, New York, Cadet Sarkees is a member of the Sullivans Division, Naval Sea Cadet Corps located in Buffalo, New York. Cadet Sarkees' appointment to Chief Petty Officer is bestowed on less than one half of one percent of the ten thousand Naval Sea Cadets in the program, and is a reflection of his exceptional leadership skills and mastery of seamanship training.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps was established in 1958 in order to provide youth with a drug-free and gang-free environment where individuals between the ages of 11 and 17 could develop an appreciation for the United States' naval history, customs, traditions and its significant role in national defense. The goal of the Sea Cadet Corps is to encourage young people to develop an interest in basic seamanship and teach Cadets patriotism, courage, self-confidence and self-reliance. Chief Petty Officer is the highest level a Cadet can attain and reflects years of hard work and dedication.

Cadet Sarkees has developed into a mature leader, and is a fine example of what the Sea Cadet Corps strives to develop in young people. He has earned his appointment to Chief Petty Officer by completing a challenging course load, passing a leadership exam, completing 6 months time in rank, and attending 2 weeks of advanced training. Again, Cadet Sarkees is a positive role model to his fellow cadets, and exemplifies the best qualities of a patriotic American.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cadet Sarkees for his significant achievement as a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

TRIBUTE TO THE JOYCE H. WILLIAMS CENTER OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell you about a wonderful organization in the Third Congressional District of Kansas that is celebrating its 25th anniversary of serving domestic violence victims in Kansas City, Kansas.

In 1979, I was the District Attorney in Johnson County, Kansas, and involved in helping that county provide domestic violence services to its citizens. At the same time, just to the north, community leaders in Kansas City, Kansas, in Wyandotte County, were coming together for the same purpose. In 1979, the Joyce H. Williams Center was incorporated, and began its services to the KCK community. I first learned of their efforts through working with their leaders in the Kansas City Metropolitan Coalition on Domestic Violence. The Joyce H. Williams Center was begun by the Yates Branch of the YWCA. A few years later, when the Yates Branch YWCA branch closed, the Joyce Williams Center and most of the YWCA services continued under the sponsorship of Friends of Yates, Inc.

Twenty five years later, the Joyce Williams Center continues to provide hope and help to women and children in abusive situations. The center has helped hundreds of families over the last 25 years. Today, their services include a hotline for victims to call, counseling, case management, substance abuse assistance, and a transitional living shelter.

I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating the staff, board of directors, and community volunteers of the Joyce H. Williams Center on this anniversary of their founding. I know they will continue to serve their community for many years to come.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
CAPTAIN TONY TORRES

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tony Torres for his thirty years of service in the City of Phoenix Fire Department.

Mr. Torres was born in Phoenix and attended Phoenix College, where he is currently a member of the adjunct faculty. He served our nation in Vietnam, and is a member of American Legion Post 41.

Mr. Torres joined the City of Phoenix Fire Department in 1975 and retired this year as a Captain in the Fire Operations Division. From 1999 until his retirement, he held the position of Public Information Officer and earned various departmental awards. He is also a recipient of the Department of Public Safety Citizens Life Saving Award.

Mr. Torres' service to the community extends beyond his career as a fire fighter. He has worked with numerous neighborhood ac-

tivist organizations, as well as with the Mayor and City Council members, in order to improve the safety of all valley neighborhoods. He is also a past vice president of the Valley Hispanic Bomberos and was an active member of the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Union.

Mr. Torres currently lives in North Phoenix with his wife of 25 years, Susan. On behalf of the Phoenix community, I thank him for his many years of service and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5218, MATT'S
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ACT
OF 2004

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss H.R. 5218, Matt's Health Insurance Plan Act of 2004, which I introduced last month. This bill has a very personal meaning to me, and I believe it is integral to solving America's health care crisis.

Today in this country, over 40 million Americans live without health coverage. These Americans are people just like you and me. Citizens who work full-time jobs where no health care is offered. Parents who work two and three part-time jobs just to feed their children and provide a safe place to live. Entire families where values like hard work and responsibility mean something, but where no member of that family can find full-time work with full benefits in a struggling economy.

Americans who don't have health coverage too often don't have access to health care. In a day and age when morals dominate the political landscape of this country, how can we remain indifferent to the millions of Americans who can't receive the care they need? This is the biggest moral problem our country has. It's time we fixed it.

Let me tell you why this is so important to me. Three decades ago, when I was an attorney in St. Louis, my two year old son Matt was diagnosed with what they said was terminal cancer. My wife Jane and I were told he probably wouldn't last six weeks.

In the end, we were among the most fortunate in more ways than one. My law firm had a health plan, and it was the only way we could afford the new and experimental therapies. That insurance plan, the talented doctors and nurses, and the grace of God saved Matt's life.

But I remember the nights we spent in the hospital waiting room talking to the parents of another patient—a child with severe cancer from a family who couldn't afford health insurance. Those parents didn't know what to do. All they could do was pray. As long as I live, I will never forget the terror in their eyes. In this country, it should never be this way.

Matt's Plan, named after my son, is my vision for how we can cover everyone in America with health insurance—with no new bureaucracy and no nationalized plan. This is more than just a health care plan. It's also an economic stimulus plan designed to create jobs and get this economy moving again.

The plan is essentially this: we pass a law requiring every employer to provide access to quality coverage, with employer tax credits covering most of the cost.

Today, an employer can take a tax deduction that would cover about 30 percent of the cost of health insurance. But that deduction is effectively worthless when a company is struggling and losing money in this economy.

There are also far too many employers who fail to provide health insurance because the tax deduction doesn't come close to covering the cost of the insurance premiums. As a result, millions of families are left without health insurance.

My plan would change that. Employers who don't currently offer health insurance would be required to offer a quality health plan, and they'd receive a refundable tax credit equaling 60 percent of the full cost of the premium. A tax credit they'd pass through completely to their employees in the form of health insurance. Employers would only be responsible for 60 percent of the full cost of the premium and would not be required to contribute to the cost of health coverage beyond the nominal administrative cost of providing health insurance coverage. Employees would not be required to pay more than 40 percent of the premium cost.

And for those employers who currently do offer health insurance, my plan replaces the existing tax deduction with a 60 percent refundable tax credit—a tax credit on the employer's share of the premium, which puts more money directly into the business that has been doing the right thing. 'Refundable' means the employer will receive the credit, regardless of whether they're making a profit.

This health care plan leaves no American on their own. The 60 percent tax credit would apply to part-time employees. It would apply to retiree health benefits paid by former employers. It would apply to the self-employed. And state and local governments would receive federal assistance equal to 60 percent of their health care costs.

My plan would allow individuals between the ages of 55 and 64 to buy into Medicare coverage at no cost to the federal government. It would subsidize 65 percent of the cost of COBRA health insurance for the unemployed. It would subsidize low-wage workers who are below or near the poverty line who can't afford their share of the premium. And it would modify the SCRIP Program for uninsured low income children, expanding it to include their parents, and expanding efforts to find those families who qualify.

Under my plan, employers who already offer health insurance would see an immediate reduction in their overhead. The economic stimulus would result in billions of dollars in increased wages and benefits, more money in the pockets of the average family, and more jobs. And the result of adding millions of Americans to the ranks of the insured means more preventive care, far fewer trips to the emergency room, and lower health care costs for everyone.

Mr. Speaker, I have introduced this bill so that Matt's Plan will become part of the public record on the health care debate. I hope that as Congress continues to deal with the health care problem in America, someone will reintroduce this bill and develop this plan further.

To me, this plan is a bold, innovative idea that can work—an idea that can bridge a canyon of fear and illness and cover everyone in America with health insurance, and jump start the economy at the same time. It's morally

right and economically sensible. Healthy workers are productive workers. And healthy families make for a stronger America.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MR. GLENN AND MRS. LYDIA
HUNDERTMARK IN CELEBRATION
OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNI-
VERSARY: NOVEMBER 6, 2004

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor and recognition of Glenn and Lydia Hundertmark, as they celebrate 50 years of devotion to each other, to their family and to their extended family and many close friends. This unbreakable union represents a deep and abiding love, not only for each other, but also for their children, grandchildren and for their community.

Glenn Hundertmark and Lydia Nikishin met in the early 1950s while working at the Pick-n-Pay grocery store at Fulton and Memphis. Glenn left to serve our country during the Korean War in the United States Navy as an Aviation Mechanic. When Glenn returned home, he and Lydia dated, fell in love and became engaged in 1954. On November 6, 1954 they were married at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church by Reverend Herbert Blickensderfer.

Glenn worked for Cleveland Twist Drill Co. and American Steel and Wire until he became a fireman for the city of Cleveland in 1961. He worked in various fire stations over the years as a Lieutenant, then as Captain, until retiring in 1984. Lydia worked at Associates Finance Co. before they started their family in 1955. Being a full-time mom to Lynn, Ruth, Paul and Kathryn quickly became the main focus and joy of Lydia's life.

Together, Glenn and Lydia created memorable holiday celebrations. Every Christmas morning, their children would wake up to a beautiful tree and gifts that they built. Lydia would sew Halloween costumes, and Glenn made carving a pumpkin an art form. Birthdays were special days with favorite meals being served and grandparents, aunts and uncles joining the party. Their young family played board games, went on picnics and hikes and went for boat rides on the "Busy Liz." Glenn and Lee took their family on a variety of vacations each year from camping and fishing trips, to the trip of a lifetime traveling out west for a month in 1973. The beloved Rustic Rest in Vermilion holds cherished memories that began with Glenn's childhood and has continued throughout his grandchildren's lives.

Glenn and Lydia taught their children the value of tradition by sharing stories and keepsakes of their ancestors—giving them a clear understanding and appreciation of their German, Russian and Ukrainian heritage. The family baptismal gown was sewn in 1911 by Glenn's grandmother Ida Christianer, and has been worn by every newborn baby since. The Santa Claus suit that was made by Gordon and Ruth Hundertmark in 1960 thrilled their children and grandchildren when Santa Claus visited them every Christmas. On Easter, you will still hear Mildred and George Nikishin's blessing: "Christos Voskres; Voyistino

Voskres," being spoken, while Millie's tradition of homemade Paska bread is shared by all.

As much as Glenn and Lydia love their family, they also love their friends. Glenn's fellow firemen and their families, and the families of the Orchard Avenue neighborhood, became like second families to the Hundertmarks. There was always a neighborhood picnic or party planned, ending with everyone being thrown in their neighbor's pool. They had Halloween parties, Christmas parties, and 35 Dance Club parties. They vacationed together in large groups, taking the party on the road. Lifelong friendships were formed.

Throughout their lives, Glenn and Lydia have volunteered their time and talents within their community. Their dedication to helping others is evidenced at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, homeless shelters and in causes including Cerebral Palsy and Habitat for Humanity. In their spare time, they could always be found at their grandchildren's sporting events, choir concerts and award nights.

Their great joy for life radiates throughout every aspect of their lives. Glenn and Lee are fabulous dancers, they are animal lovers, they have traveled all over the world—they are can-do people who have always been there for everyone. Lydia has nursed her adult children back to health, proving you will always need your mother. She is famous for her exceptional potato salad—and a picnic wouldn't be a picnic without it! Glenn has an unbelievable memory and tells wonderful, colorful stories. They have an extensive collection of slides capturing their life's story.

Glenn and Lydia were faithful children to their parents—George, Mildred, Gordon and Ruth—who are no longer with us, but are here today in spirit. They are parents, grandparents, a brother, a sister, a mother and father-in-law, a brother and sister-in-law, an aunt and uncle, cousins, a friend—and together, they are surely one. Their legacy will be one of dedication to their family, to their church, to their community, and their devoted faithful service to the Lord.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Glenn and Lydia Hundertmark, as we join them in celebration of this momentous occasion—their 50th wedding anniversary. Glenn and Lydia Hundertmark continue to inspire us to understand our past, to follow our dreams, to give back to our community, and to hold family closest to our hearts.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBERTY SAFE
SCHOOL TASK FORCE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Liberty Safe School Task Force. The Liberty Safe School Task Force is a group of about 35 dedicated citizens, who work closely with the United States Attorney's Office, the Kansas City office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Liberty Police Department, the Missouri State Patrol, and Liberty Hospital to increase public awareness of the important issues facing our children today. One example of a successful past initiative organized by the Task Force was the "Buckle

Up" campaign, which encouraged safety belt use. Without the Task Force, "Buckle Up" and countless other lasting and effective child safety oriented community initiatives would have been impossible.

The success of the Liberty Safe School Task Force has been so dramatic, that the program is now being used as a model for other schools. I am confident that thanks to the Safe School Task Force, Liberty's children will be better prepared to address difficult and complex issues as the future leaders of our communities, state, and nation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating the Liberty Safe School Task Force. This group of fine citizens has demonstrated a truly outstanding commitment to the safety of Liberty's children, and I am proud to call them constituents of Missouri's Sixth District.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
JEWELL DUVALL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Jewell Duvall has provided outstanding service and contributions to the House community during her tenure in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer; and

Whereas, Jewell Duvall provided support to not only the CAO, but also to Leadership, the Committee on House Administration, other House officers, Member and Committee offices, and the general public; and

Whereas, Jewell Duvall has worked diligently during her time in Washington, D.C., to serve the individuals with respect and a sense of priority; and

Whereas, Jewell Duvall provided extensive administrative support to the Incident Commander during the September 11th and anthrax crises of 2001; and

Whereas, Jewell Duvall was a valuable asset to the House of Representatives community and the general public.

Therefore, I join with members of Congress and their staff in recognizing Jewell Duvall for her exceptional work and immense contributions, and wish her the very best during her retirement.

RECOGNIZING JOHN R.
BLACKBURN, JR.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John R. Blackburn, Jr. upon his retirement from the Board of Directors of UPMC Bedford Memorial. His presence on the board, which has become a symbol of security and stability, will be sorely missed.

As a life-long resident of Bedford County, Mr. Blackburn has connected with citizens in the area in a way that few are able. Since 1955, Mr. Blackburn has worked diligently to make positive changes throughout the hospital so that the area's health care would improve.

In the nearly fifty years that Mr. Blackburn has had a significant hand in the hospital's operations, Bedford Memorial has become a driving force of health care in Bedford County.

Mr. Blackburn has served this nation honorably, touching the lives of every American citizen through his service in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Having taken the reigns as a strong leader since his youth, he has been a pillar of strength within his community, and his ceaseless dedication to the health care system is unparalleled. His uncompromising sense of duty to the community in which he lives has been a source of inspiration, and the impact he has had is immeasurable.

For his incomparable generosity, service to the Bedford Memorial Hospital, and unabated commitment to excellence, John Blackburn, Jr. deserves the highest recognition. He has demonstrated enthusiasm and care for the county which he has served, and his spirit and dedication have infiltrated his every action. The legacy he has created is one that every American should emulate, and his contributions will not go unnoticed by the business for which he worked nor the community in which he lives. I would like to congratulate Mr. Blackburn on his many accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID N.
MESCHES

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Dr. David N. Mesches. Since 1961, Dr. Mesches has provided outstanding medical care to the residents of Ulster County and he has worked tirelessly to improve the delivery of health care services not only in Ulster County, but also throughout the Hudson Valley. I am pleased to join the health care community, his family and his friends in honoring Dr. Mesches for his outstanding career.

During his four decades of practice in Ulster County, Dr. Mesches has served as Captain in the United States Air Force at Stewart Air Force Base, providing care to servicemen and their families; operated a private practice while serving as Director of the Student Health Center at SUNY New Paltz; served as Director of the Mid-Hudson Rural Family Practice Residency Training Program; and currently, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Mid-Hudson Family Health Institute.

Dr. Mesches' membership in a number of medical and scientific societies and committees is a testament to his dedication and desire to provide citizens with the best possible healthcare available. In fact, in his current role as the President and CEO of the Mid-Hudson Family Health Institute, Dr. Mesches has increased access to healthcare for the under-insured and uninsured residents of the Hudson Valley by forging strong alliances. Through his efforts, regional health care agencies have begun to work collaboratively to build a seamless, integrated healthcare delivery system that will effectively be able to identify and address the needs of the most at risk member of our community.

In addition to his professional achievements, Dr. Mesches has participated in numerous community activities including, serving as the Chairman of the Ulster County and New Paltz Planning Boards and Ulster County Planned Parenthood, and serving on the Board of Directors of Patterns for Progress, Mid-Hudson Savings Bank, First Union Bank, and Atlantic States Mortgage Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Dr. David Mesches. His commitment to improving the lives of people around him has yielded a distinguished record of service and has made Ulster County and much of the Hudson Valley a better, healthier place to live.

TRIBUTE TO TAIWAN PRESIDENT
CHEN SHUI-BIAN

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, last week I had the opportunity of visiting Taiwan, the Republic of China and I was very impressed with what I saw. Taiwan has clearly grown to be a modern democracy and its people are well educated and prosperous. The people whom I talked to were all friendly toward us and supportive of our global war against terrorism.

In fact, I was most impressed with Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian. This young statesman was reelected president of the Republic of China last March and was inaugurated on May 20. In my conversation with him, he said again and again that he is seeking a genuine dialogue with the leaders of the People's Republic of China. He said Taiwan does not seek confrontation but a friendly dialogue with mainland China leading to talks on all issues. President Chen would like to see more cooperation and less confrontation in dealing with mainland China leaders. In addition to its "relationship" with mainland China, President Chen considers Taiwan's relations with the U.S. a matter of utmost importance and he would like to see further strengthening of this relationship. I personally believe that Taiwanese people are truly lucky to have President Chen as their leader for the next four years.

I am delighted that Taiwan is now ably represented in Washington by its young and energetic ambassador, Dr. David Lee. Ambassador Lee knows Washington well and he will most certainly strengthen the ever-growing bonds between Taipei and Washington. Taiwan and the United States, I wish to assure both President Chen and Ambassador Lee, have always stood together shoulder to shoulder and will always remain strong partners in maintaining peace and stability.

I had a good visit to Taiwan and I hope my colleagues and my fellow countrymen will follow my steps in visiting this beautiful island of freedom and prosperity soon and often.

IN HONOR OF JULIE PACKARD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend Julie E. Packard, the Executive Director and Vice Chairman of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation's Board of Trustees and the recipient of the Ted Danson Ocean Hero Award. The award is given annually, in recognition of the recipient's strong commitment toward protection and restoration of the marine environment. Ms. Packard is a woman of principle and conviction. She has worked tirelessly to protect and preserve our delicate ocean ecology.

On October 20, 1984, Ms. Packard was instrumental in opening the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Today, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation is a \$124 million institution and has consistently drawn 2 million people to its exhibits each year. It and its sister institution, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, are some of the finest marine life and ocean science research institutions in the United States. She has been its Executive Director since it opened.

Ms. Packard was born in Los Altos, California. She is one of four children, along with a brother, David, and sisters, Susan and Nancy. She went on to earn a masters degree in biology from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Julie is married to Robert Stephens. Together they are raising wonderful twin daughters.

Through her involvements, Julie has inspired and educated many about the wonders of our oceans and the environment of Monterey Bay and the central coast. She has been instrumental in making the schools of Monterey Bay some of the finest on the central coast, making it possible for future generations of students to nourish a passion for the ocean as strong as hers.

Ms. Packard has been a board member of numerous organizations and committees, including the California Nature Conservancy, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. She was also a member of the Pew Oceans Commission in 2003, which issued recommendations for a comprehensive overhaul of national ocean policy. Ms. Packard has also received numerous awards. Perhaps one of the milestones of Julie's life and work with the oceans is when she received the Audubon Medal for Conservation in 1998, one of the premier recognitions given to those in this field.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to honor the many accomplishments of my friend Julie E. Packard and express sincere gratitude for her accomplishments and contributions to our community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICK
HANSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Rick Hanson, a strong-willed individual

who has persevered through near insurmountable physical challenges and provides inspiration to his fellow citizens. I am proud to stand here with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his triumph of will, and strength of conviction.

During Rick's early teens, it was discovered he had a brain tumor. Rick's condition continued to worsen, and doctors and family members feared he would not pull through. Eventually, Rick was diagnosed with a rare condition of adrenal insufficiency, and his hormone and hydrocortisone treatments have helped him finally turn the corner. After twenty-five years of illness, at age forty-three, Rick on the road to recovery, is taking therapeutic horseback riding lessons, a pastime that he enjoyed as a child growing up in Arkansas.

Mr. Speaker, Rick Hanson's unrelenting will and sheer determination has helped him to stave off illness in the face of the gravest of circumstances. His story of improvement is an inspiration to us all, and I am honored by the opportunity to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. (MIKE)
HENRY

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John M. (Mike) Henry who is retiring after a long and distinguished career of public service. A dedicated and selfless individual, Mike has served as County Coordinator for Berrien County for the past sixteen years. During his tenure, Mike assisted the citizens of Southwest Michigan in a number of capacities, all with great distinction.

Since 1988, Mike's contributions to our community have been tremendous. He has consistently received accolades and recognition for his inspired work. During his time as County Coordinator, Mike crafted, managed and executed budgets exceeding \$2 billion, had the unique ability to manage large sums of public funds—always meeting the highest level of auditing standards, and exhibited great competence and success in working with the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government.

In addition to his remarkable service to Berrien County, Mike also served his country with great distinction. He served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, including two tours in Vietnam, flying attack helicopters. During his extraordinary years of service, Mike was awarded with, among others, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Our community is in debt to Mike for his continued public service since 1988. I wish him and his family all the best in retirement. His service will be truly missed by the folks in Southwest Michigan.

A TRIBUTE TO IRIS S. CHANG

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Iris Chang, a courageous historian, author and champion of Asian and Asian American history, human rights and historical redress. During her brief yet remarkable professional career, Iris touched the lives of countless people, shedding light on past injustices and atrocities that had been forgotten or ignored. In her personal life, she was a loving wife and mother, a close friend and an inspiration to many. Iris is survived by her husband, Dr. Brett Douglas, her son, Christopher Douglas, her parents, Shau-Jin and Ying-Ying Chang, and her brother, Michael Chang.

Iris Shun-Ru Chang was born on March 28, 1968 in Princeton, New Jersey. She studied journalism at the University of Illinois, and received her Master's in Science Writing from Johns Hopkins University. While at Johns Hopkins, Iris was commissioned to research the life of Tsien Hsue-Shen, a Chinese American scientist who was deported to China during the Communist scare of the 1960s and subsequently founded China's ballistics program. Her research led to her critically acclaimed debut, *The Thread of the Silkworm*, which addressed the paranoia and racism of the McCarthy era.

As a historian and an activist, Iris fought passionately for historical justice and reconciliation. Her book, *The Rape of Nanking*, chronicled the horrific capture of Nanking during Japan's invasion of China in 1937, and was instrumental in educating the international community about Japanese military atrocities during World War II—human rights violations that had gone unwritten and unacknowledged for decades. Her efforts to seek redress for the crimes at Nanking brought her in conflict with the Japanese government and communities worldwide, but Iris was unwavering in her commitment to justice and truth.

In addition to her books, which decried social and historical injustices against the Asian and Asian American communities in the United States and internationally, Iris was also a member of the Committee of 100, a national nonpartisan organization of Chinese-American leaders who work to address issues important to the Chinese-American community. For her work, she earned the Peace and International Cooperation Award from John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and was named "Woman of the Year" by the Organization of Chinese-American Women.

Iris will be remembered for her work and service to the community. Certainly, the millions of people whom she touched through her writings and her activism will not forget the moral vision she brought on past injustices to the international community and the public impact of her work in promoting peace between peoples of differing races and backgrounds. Her fierce pride of her Chinese-American heritage empowered others with the certainty that they were truly Americans despite their ancestry. Our community has lost a role model and close friend; the world has lost one of its finest and most passionate advocates of social and historical justice.

ASSISTING THE PEACEKEEPING
EFFORT IN DARFUR

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, the ongoing crisis in Darfur, Sudan continues to be an issue of high concern to the American people. According to United Nations and U.S. officials, the situation in Darfur is the worst current humanitarian and human rights crisis in the world.

Out of a population of 7 million people, 1.2 million are internally displaced, 200,000 have been forced into exile, and an estimated 70,000 civilians have been killed. The crisis necessitates not only financial assistance, but also that of a military and logistical nature. A November 17, 2004 editorial in the *Washington Post* spoke to the current state of the Darfuran peacekeeping effort.

Despite widespread condemnation by the international community regarding the Darfur genocide, few in the West have been willing to offer troops or logistics to the peacekeeping effort. The African Union has attempted to fill the void through its seven hundred man observer force. However, the AU force is severely undermanned and underfunded.

The AU asserts it will need \$80 million just to sustain a force of 3,000 for one year. Many experts believe that an additional 30,000 to 60,000 troops will be needed to adequately secure the Darfur region. This is in addition to the need for logistical support and increased provision of military vehicles and aircraft.

The AU will no doubt need assistance in such an endeavor. America, as the greatest military power in the world, should not allow this deficiency to continue. Indeed, the U.S. currently has a contingent of 2,500 troops in nearby Djibouti, from which it can initially draw. The U.S. military airlifted several hundred African soldiers from Nigeria and Rwanda into Darfur last month, but this represents the only major U.S. logistical operation to date.

More can and must be done by the U.S. in providing military and logistic resources for the Darfur peacekeeping effort. The Administration has long cited the liberty and freedom of the Iraqi people as a rationale for its military commitment in that country. I know we all agree that the people of Darfur deserve the same, so I am hopeful that progress can be made on this important issue.

[From the *Washington Post*, Nov. 17, 2004]

DIPLOMACY AND DARFUR

A full arsenal of diplomatic tricks has been tried on behalf of Darfur, the western province of Sudan where the government is orchestrating genocide. A number of A-list statesmen—Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, U.N. Secretary, General Kofi Annan—have journeyed to Sudan to demand an end to the killing; still the genocide continues. Ceasefires, undertakings and protocols have been negotiated and signed; still the genocide continues. Two U.N. Security Council resolutions have condemned the government's behavior; still the genocide continues. Tomorrow and Friday, in a triumph of hope over experience, the Security Council will convene an extraordinary session in Kenya, hoping to shine the spotlight on Sudan's suffering. But unless the council members

stiffen their rhetoric with sanctions, they will spotlight their own impotence.

Sudan's pragmatic dictatorship has bowed in the past to determined external pressure. It expelled Osama bin Laden and negotiated an end to its long-running war with rebels in the south, both thanks to the threat of sanctions. But Sudan's rulers do not make concessions if they don't have to do so, and they believe they can exterminate tens of thousands of people in Darfur and get away with it. When outsiders wax especially indignant, the junta signs another protocol and makes a tactical concession. But its strategy remains unchanged: to cement control over Darfur by decimating the tribes that back various local rebels.

The first phony concession came in April. Sudan's government signed on to a cease-fire promising to "refrain from any act of violence or any other abuse on civilian populations." Since then the government has participated in unprovoked assaults on villages, murdering men, raping women and tossing children into flames that consume their huts. In July Sudan's rulers signed a communique with Mr. Annan, promising to "ensure that no militias are present in all areas surrounding Internally Displaced Persons camps." Since then militias have continued to encircle the camps, raping women and girls who venture out in search of firewood. In August Sudan's government promised Jan Pronk, Mr. Annan's envoy, to provide a list of militia leaders. No list has been forthcoming. Last week, in a concession that perhaps reflected nervousness about the approaching Security Council meeting in Kenya, the government signed two new protocols, committing itself among other things to protect the rights of Internally Displaced Persons." A few hours later, government forces stormed a camp for displaced people.

In sum, the considered judgment of Sudan's rulers is that they can flout international commitments with impunity. Unless that judgment can be changed, the Security Council session in Kenya will not achieve anything. Sudan's dictatorship must be credibly threatened with sanctions that target officials responsible for war crimes, and these officials must also be made to face the possibility of prosecution. Beyond that, outsiders need to recognize that there is little prospect of security for Darfur's people—and therefore little prospect of a return to destroyed villages, a resumption of agricultural production and an escape from starvation—without a serious peacekeeping force. Gen. Romeo Dallaire, the U.N. commander in Rwanda during the genocide a decade ago, has suggested that a force of 44,000 is needed. Charles R. Snyder, the senior State Department official on Sudan, has estimated that securing Darfur would take 60 to 70 battalions.

More than a year and a half into Darfur's genocide, the United States and its allies have proved unwilling to consider that kind of commitment. They have moved at a snail's pace to support a 3,500-strong African Union force, which in any case would be inadequate; the record of deploying underpowered peacekeepers in war zones is that the peacekeepers get humiliated. The allies are starting to discuss another U.N. resolution, but this seems likely yet again to lack a real threat of sanctions. Up to a point, this is understandable: Security Council members such as China are opposed to strong action, and the United States is conserving limited military and diplomatic resources for Iraq and the war on terrorism. But Darfur's crisis is so awful that the usual balancing of national priorities is immoral. Some 300,000 people may have died in Darfur so far, and the dying is not yet finished.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
SOLOMON EADDY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Rev. Dr. Solomon Eaddy, Pastor of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Timmonsville, South Carolina; and Elizabeth Baptist Church of Florence, South Carolina. And join with his congregations and community in wishing him well as he celebrates his 40th anniversary as pastor of Mount Carmel on December 4th.

Rev. Dr. Eaddy has made service to the church and his community a cornerstone of his life. He began his formal higher education at Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina from which he received a Bachelor of Theology. Later, he would receive an Honorary Doctorate from this same school. He also earned a Bachelor of Divinity at Morris College. He attended the Moody Bible Institute, and completed additional studies at Florence Darlington Technical College and McLeod Regional Medical Center.

As a young man, Rev. Dr. Eaddy was one of the first black policemen in the City of Florence, South Carolina. He served in that capacity for 15 years. It was during his tenure as a policeman that he founded the Boys Club of Florence that still thrives today. He also served for five years in the United States Navy as a Petty Officer, First Class. Rev. Dr. Eaddy's first church calling was as pastor of the Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Evergreen, South Carolina. He served at Mount Tabor for four years before being called to Elizabeth Baptist Church and Mount Carmel Baptist Church, both of which he still serves today. As Pastor of Elizabeth Baptist he has worked to rebuild the sanctuary and remodel the education building and fellowship hall. During this period, he worked with the young members of the congregation to organize a Junior Missionary Society.

Mount Carmel also saw remodeling and innovation under the pastoral guidance of the Rev. Dr. Eaddy. Here, too, he remodeled the church sanctuary. He also led in establishing a Sunday School Choir and a Junior Choir. Rev. Dr. Eaddy also established a Baptist Teaching Union not only at Mount Carmel, but also at Elizabeth and Mount Tabor Baptist Churches.

Rev. Dr. Eaddy has been honored with the South Carolina House of Representatives Service Award for 35 years of pastoral care in the Pee Dee area. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge #381 and an Eastern Star Brother. He also maintains membership in the Mutual Aide Lodge #5, where he once served as President and is now a Noble Father. He is also the moderator of the New Hope Union.

Rev. Dr. Eaddy is married to and shares his church service with Mrs. Susanna Law Eaddy. They have four children, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me and my fellow South Carolinians in honoring Rev. Dr. Solomon Eaddy for a lifetime of dedicated service to God and country.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. LEAH
GASKIN FITCHUE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Reverend Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue.

Dr. Fitchue is the first woman to serve as President of Payne Theological Seminary, a 160 year old institution sponsored by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is the first African American woman president of the 244 Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the first woman to serve as president of any historically black theological seminary.

As Dr. Fitchue is inaugurated, I am pleased that all her efforts have led to this most deserving position. It was my pleasure to know this promising young woman when she was an outstanding student at South Side High School (currently Malcolm X. Shabazz) in Newark, New Jersey where I served as faculty member. Dr. Fitchue was active in community and civic organizations and among her achievements was placing 15th in the NAACP Youth Council's Annual Oratorical Contest. Over the years, Dr. Fitchue has returned to Newark to visit her mother and to participate in various community events. We still count her as a Newarker.

A published author and a poet, Dr. Fitchue holds degrees from Rutgers University, the University of Michigan, Princeton Theological Seminary and Harvard University. Her motto for Payne Theological Seminary, "So High A Mission, So Holy A Calling" taken from founder Daniel Alexander Payne, depicts an ethos that centers on educating leaders in African American Studies, Biblical Studies, Historical Studies, Theological Studies, Practical Ministry and Supervised Ministry.

Dr. Fitchue's civic, community, professional and social affiliations include Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Founding Board member of New Jersey Coalition of 100 Black Women; Links, Inc.; Minority Arts Resource Council (MARC); Christian Community Development Association (CCDA); Sojourners; Call to Renewal; Association of Urban Theological Education and Ministry (AUTEM); Board of Regents for Northwest Graduate School of Ministry and International Urban Associates; American Academy of Religion and the Society for the Study of Black Religion.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues will agree that Dr. Fitchue's historical election was well deserved and that she will serve Payne Theological Seminary well as its President.

TRIBUTE TO VALERIE WILLIAMS,
THE BUCKHANNON BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL WOMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Valerie Williams, the Buckhannon

Business and Professional Woman of the Year, and to proclaim October 18–22, 2004 National Businesswomen's Week.

Working women now number 62.7 million strong in America's workforce and strive to serve their communities, their states, and their nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities. In particular, I acknowledge the significant contributions of the Business and Professional Women of Buckhannon, West Virginia, to their city, state, and nation.

Women-owned businesses account for over one-third of all firms in the country and employ one in four American workers. Major goals of business and professional women are to promote equality for all women and to help create better conditions for businesswomen through the study of social, educational, economic, and political problems.

All of us are proud of women's leadership in these many endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Valerie Williams as Buckhannon Business and Professional Woman of the Year and in proclaiming October 18–22 National Businesswomen's Week.

IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDIO OF
MONTEREY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Presidio of Monterey and its historic status for our nation, and for the State of California. This month the Sons of the American Revolution will be honoring the Presidios of San Diego, Monterey, Santa Barbara and San Francisco as historical sites for their role in the American Revolution.

Indeed, many of our fellow citizens are unaware of the role of Spain in our founding as a new nation, but it was an important part of the global politics of the time. On June 21, 1779, King Carlos III declared war on England in support of the American colonies, a declaration that affected not only the Iberian Peninsula, but also the Spanish colonies in the New World. Monterey was one such colony.

In order to assist the militias and people of the united colonies, King Carlos requested that all citizens and residents of Alta California donate money to the struggle. These donations, when gathered together by Father Junipero Serra, totaled 2,683 Spanish silver dollars, a sizable amount that no doubt greatly assisted the funding and financing of this new nation. Besides the local assistance provided by the residents of the Presidio and surrounding missions, Spain's contributions to the fight for independence were of vital importance in bringing about the eventual defeat of the British army and the Treaty of Paris.

Mr. Speaker, most of my constituents already know the Presidio of Monterey well, because it is still an operating military base today. While the fact that it is still a major training center for today's military may mask its historical importance overall, it is recognition such as this month's presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution that keep that history alive. I commend them for their work in highlighting this important institution, and thank them for continuing to remind us of how important our national history is to us all.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KEN REYHER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ken Reyher, colorful storyteller, author, and performer from Olathe, Colorado who educates his fellow citizens about the history of the America's beginnings in the West. Ken is an excellent teacher who stimulates his listeners interest in our Nation's history, and it is my privilege in recognizing his service and passion for history before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Ken is an avid historian, and former school-teacher who reenacts the Western lifestyle by hiking the old trapper trails in authentic clothing from the 1830's. He shares his experiences and understanding of Western Colorado in a couple of performances every month, including using his own cowboy poetry and costumes. Additionally, Ken has published several books and magazine articles on the subject. Growing up on a cattle ranch in Southeast Colorado as a kid, Ken has always had a passion for the West and believes that it is important that history is passed on from generation to generation.

Mr. Speaker, Ken Reyher is a man who has developed his passion into a wonderful learning tool for children and adults of all ages that yearn to discover the mysteries of the American West. I am honored to recognize such a dedicated teacher and storyteller before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks for your passion and your service to Colorado, Ken, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

VALIANT HEROES

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, as we come together as a nation to celebrate Veteran's Day, I would like to honor two American patriots who are receiving long-overdue medals commemorating their service to our country. The sacrifices that these heroes made to protect our country and defend freedom will never be forgotten.

Mr. David Matthew Bielski, a Vietnam War veteran from Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been awarded with the Silver Star and the Army Commendation Medal. From April 25th to April 26th, 1968, in the A Shau Valley of Vietnam, David gallantly fought enemy soldiers, and located trapped and wounded American troops. During his service, David was wounded three times, which he received the Purple Heart. In addition to these two high honors, David has also been awarded with the Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Miland W. Bills, a World War II veteran from Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been awarded with the POW Medal. During his service to our country, Miland was a POW in Germany from December 31, 1943 to May 3, 1945. In addition to the POW Medal, Miland has also received the Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal,

American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, World War II Victory Medal, and the Honorable Service Lapel Button, WWII.

The sacrifices that these two individuals gave to our country are immeasurable—they both answered their country's call to serve with great honor. I wish I could have been present to celebrate these awards with both Mr. Bielski and Mr. Bills. However, on behalf of the Sixth District of Michigan, I would like to extend my greatest wishes and tribute to these valiant heroes.

COMMEMORATING JUDGE WILLIAM
M. MARUTANI

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of the Honorable William M. Marutani, who recently passed away at the age of 81. He will be fondly remembered for his contributions to civil rights and social justice issues, and for his tenure as a distinguished Judge. I am honored to stand before Congress to recognize his significant accomplishments.

During World War II, Judge Marutani and his family were among the numerous U.S. civilians of Japanese descent who were wrongfully forced into internment camps in 1942. Following his incarceration, he and his two younger brothers served on the U.S. Military Intelligence Service.

In the landmark case *Loving vs. Virginia* (1967), Judge Marutani became the first Japanese American to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court. Representing the Japanese American Citizens League as an amicus curiae petitioner, Judge Marutani urged the reversal of the anti-miscegenation laws in 17 states. As a result of *Loving vs. Virginia*, the 17 states were forced to reverse their laws, and interracial marriages became legal.

Judge Marutani was a practicing attorney in Philadelphia until his appointment as a Judge on the Common Court of Pleas. He was appointed by Governor Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania in 1975, and was elected for a full ten year term in 1977. He served as the first Pennsylvania Judge of Asian American descent.

In 1981, Judge Marutani served as a Presidential appointee and sole Japanese American commissioner on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The Commission's recommendation prompted Congress to pass the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which issued a formal apology as well as symbolic payments to surviving individuals incarcerated during the war. In this victory and throughout his career, Judge Marutani was instrumental in fighting for the civil rights of Japanese Americans.

Earlier this year, the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley commissioned a portrait of Judge Marutani, which is displayed in Philadelphia's City Hall. This honor was conferred for his dedication to the Asian American legal community, ensuring that its voice was heard and well-represented.

Judge Marutani's passion for human rights and the advancement of social equality in our

nation will not be forgotten. As a proud advocate of civil rights, he serves as a role model to the local and national communities on whose behalf he selflessly served. I am honored to pay tribute to his distinguished life of dedication, kindness, generosity, and wisdom.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Judge Marutani's family and friends. Please join me in honoring Judge William Marutani, a truly exceptional individual who dedicated his life to the service of others.

FULL CIRCLE: TURNING LIVES
AROUND

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the work of the Full Circle Life Enrichment Center (FCLEC) located in the Bronx, New York.

Founded in 1999 by Derek Suite, MD, the FCLEC serves as a non-profit faith-based community mental health education and training center. The center is dedicated to destigmatizing attitudes towards mental health problems, increasing access to mental healthcare and helping to empower families that deal with life's challenges. Problems such as depression, anxiety, unemployment, domestic violence, trauma, marital conflict, drug use, HIV/AIDS, asthma, diabetes, racial disparities, homelessness, and unemployment have become steadily more pressing over the past decade. This organization has contributed valuable resources to the Bronx community and has set an exceptional example of service.

Full Circle has again and again demonstrated its commitment to compassion by offering over 50 workshops in 2003 that addressed some of the most troubling trends in urban communities such as the rise in depression, domestic violence, marital conflict, drug use, HIV/AIDS, asthma, heart diseases, diabetes, racial disparities, homelessness, and unemployment. These seminars bring together leading urban health care experts and educators who share a strong belief in a spiritually-sensitive approach to tackling the most pervasive of inner-city concerns.

Full Circle has positively affected over 10,000 lives, and its impact has spread hope in people's lives. Once again, let us as a body commend the efforts of Full Circle and acknowledge publicly the contribution of this organization.

TRIBUTE TO COACH WILLIE
JEFFRIES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazer, an athletic legend and a dear friend—Coach Willie Jeffries. Coach Jeffries has dedicated much of his extraordinary career to my alma mater, South Carolina State University in Orangeburg,

South Carolina. But his impact has been felt far beyond that campus.

Coach Jeffries is a man of humble beginnings. He was born in Union, South Carolina. His widowed mother raised him in a two-room house in this segregated Southern town. Earning money by working various jobs at the local white-only country club, he got to see how the other side lived.

He graduated from South Carolina State University with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a Master's degree in guidance and counseling. Having played football and baseball for the historically black college, Coach Jeffries secured coaching jobs at segregated high schools in Lancaster and Gaffney, South Carolina. After compiling a six-year 65–7–2 record with three consecutive state AAA championships, North Carolina A&T came calling with an assistant coach's job, which started Coach Jeffries in college coaching. He was next lured to Pittsburgh as an assistant coach. There he tasted coaching against big-time college football schools such as Florida State, UCLA and West Virginia.

But when his alma mater sought him out, the 36-year-old Coach Jeffries jumped at the chance to come home and lead his beloved Bulldogs. In six seasons as his alma mater's head coach, he compiled a 50–13–4 record and became a hot prospect for other head coaching positions. It was an offer from Wichita State in Kansas that enticed Coach Jeffries to leave S.C. State. It was historic. Coach Jeffries became the first African American to serve as the head football coach of a predominantly white university. At Wichita State, he led a team that had lost 14 of its last 15 seasons to an 8–3 season after four years of rebuilding. After five years, he left the program, which later folded, and became the head coach for Howard University, where he spent another five years.

In 1989, another tug from S.C. State brought Coach Jeffries back to the place where his love of football began. He coached another 13 years, before retiring following the 2001 season to become the Director of Athletic Fund Raising for the Bulldogs. During his 29-year coaching career, Coach Jeffries amassed a 179–132–6 record. This tremendous record included six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships, two national titles, several post-season appearances, and numerous coaching awards. He holds the title for the most wins of any S.C. State coach and the most MEAC victories.

Coach Jeffries has been inducted into the South Carolina State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame and the MEAC Hall of Fame. He has been honored with South Carolina's Order of the Silver Crescent, the state's highest award for community service. He has received the Black Coaches' Association with a lifetime achievement award and is enshrined in the Palmetto State's Black Hall of Fame. Since 2002, he has served on the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Coach Willie Jeffries for his extraordinary contributions and courage. His is a legendary football coach that has touched many lives on and off the playing field. He is an inspiration to young people who aspire to rise above their current circumstances and even break barriers. This humble man from humble beginnings is a role

model, a resilient leader, and a renowned motivator. In short, Coach Willie Jeffries is a national treasure.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD HONORING THE MEMORY OF DOLORES "DELL" A. RAUDELUNAS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to honor the memory and legacy of Dell Raudelunas, former Chief Executive Officer for the United Way of Union County.

When Dell passed away on October 12, 2004, she left behind a lifetime of achievements to her family, community and the United Way. As a pioneer in leadership for social services, Dell exhibited great courage and served as a role model for many women and United Way professionals. She was a true leader who has been described as being dynamic, professional, insightful and determined.

In addition to her role as CEO for the United Way of Union County, she helped to launch United Way organizations in Hunterdon and Sussex Counties. She served on the United Way's National Task Force for Development of Women and the National Professional Advisory Council. In their first Annual Tribute to Women, the Boy Scouts honored her for being an exemplary role model. As an advocate for education, she served as a member of the Union County College Board of Governors where she chaired the nominating and auditing committees.

As Dell is remembered during a Memorial Service on October 23, 2004, many will recall her caring of others and the impact she made in the community. Her vision for the social and economic development of Union County led to her being a founding member and chairperson of the Union County Alliance. Dell also served on other Councils and Boards where her membership was valued.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in letting Dolores "Dell" A. Raudelunas' family, friends and associates know that her memory will always be honored and cherished.

TRIBUTE TO MARANATHA
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Maranatha Fellowship Church in Saint Albans, West Virginia, and their celebration of twenty-eight (28) years of service to the Kanawha Valley and surrounding area.

On October 13, 1976, Pastor James R. Wright, Jr. held a service in the living room of a home in Dunbar, West Virginia. Twenty-eight (28) years later, Maranatha and Rev. Wright minister to a loving, caring congregation of over 3,000 people from every walk of life.

In particular, I acknowledge Dr. James R. Wright, Jr., Pastor of Maranatha Fellowship

Church. Through Dr. Wright's vision and leadership, this church has made a significant contribution to the lives of thousands of West Virginians.

Maranatha is also widely known for the Semi-annual Passion Play that was created by Virginia Wright, wife of Pastor James Wright. This play reaches 15,000–18,000 people in eight performances, which is another example of this church's ever-growing ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Maranatha Fellowship Church as they celebrate their twenty-eight years of ministry to the Kanawha Valley and West Virginia.

IN HONOR OF THE WESTERN
STAGE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Western Stage on the 30th Anniversary of its first performance in our community.

The Western Stage, founded in 1974 on the campus of Hartnell College, is the Salinas Valley's public theatre and is a leading arts institution of Monterey County with a national presence and impact. For over three decades The Western Stage has served the diverse population of the central coast region of California, presenting an annual season of plays and musicals and educational programming of the highest professional standard. Over 400 students, community members and professionals participate each year, and the annual audience numbers exceed 25,000 patrons.

The Western Stage also engages the community via its involvement with Hartnell Community College. The Western Stage Auxiliary Corporation is governed by a board of directors composed of community leaders and elected trustees of the College. The Western Stage manages the Hartnell College Performing Arts Center and administers the academic theatre program for the Hartnell College District under the direction of John Light, Melissa Chin Parker and Jon Patrick Selover, three company veterans with an average of 15 years each of experience with the Western Stage.

Furthermore, The Western Stage is a founding partner of the John Steinbeck Chair at Hartnell College and The National Steinbeck Center, the Salinas Public Library and Partners for Peace, and has numerous artistic accomplishments of note with adaptations of major works of American literature and that of John Steinbeck: *East of Eden* (1992, 1994, 2000), *Tortilla Flat* (2001), *Viva! Zapata* (2000), *Cannery Row* (1995 & 2005) and *Travels With Charley* (1998); as well as adaptations in collaboration with authors Studs Terkel (*The Good War* 1988), Ray Bradbury (*Something Wicked This Way Comes*, 1991) and Victor Villaseñor (*Rain of Gold* 2003 & 2005); and world premieres of *Summer Stock* (for Harold Arlen, 2000) and *Song of Survival* (for WWII Dutch POW Helen Colijn, by California's Ray and Eleanor Harder, 1997).

Today's performance of *Sweeney Todd*, the *Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, directed by Jon Patrick Selover, commemorates 30 years

since That Championship Season opened the Hartnell College Performing Arts Center, directed by founder of The Western Stage, Ron Danko.

Clearly, The Western Stage has a commitment to the artistic health of the community providing support and assistance to and nurturing young artists and arts organizations. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Western Stage for the outstanding work it has done and honor the many accomplishments of its staff and volunteers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACK QUINN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jack Quinn, the Director of the Housing Authority for the City of Pueblo, Colorado who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of others in need. It is a privilege to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his outstanding record of service to the Pueblo community today.

Jack grew up in Connecticut and graduated from Fairfield University with a degree in Chemistry, but his life took a different path when he took a volunteer job with the Catholic Diocese of Pueblo. After teaching grade school Jack found his passion working with the Pueblo Housing Authority where he has served with distinction for thirty-six years.

Today, he and his sixty-five person staff manage 2,500 housing units in the city. They are responsible for renovating several Pueblo properties and turning them into affordable housing for low-income families, preserving historical landmarks in the process. In addition to his work with the Housing Authority, Jack spends his spare time serving on local boards such as the United Way, the Packard Foundation and the Boys Club.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Quinn is a dedicated member of his community who has made a difference in the lives of his fellow citizens. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his exemplary record of service. Thanks for all your hard work Jack, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE OBITUARY
OF DR. BOBBY JOE TOLBERT

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform the House that during the October break, a great American, the Reverend Doctor Bobby Joe Tolbert passed away. His memorial service was held October 12th at the Bethel Baptist Church in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Rev. Tolbert was a strong man of faith and he was a pillar of strength in St. Joe County. He was respected by all and made a difference for thousands—whether it was thru his service on the school board, pulpit, business board member, Dad, and husband. All that knew him miss him but know he is now praying for us.

I ask that the Celebration of Life obituary be printed in the RECORD.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Dr. Bobby Joe Tolbert was the fourteenth child born to the union of Woodie and Jatie Tolbert in Montevello, Alabama. He was preceded in death by both parents and nine siblings; Woodie, Jr., Madelyn McComb, Andrew Tolbert, William Tolbert, Lonnie Tolbert, Rosie Bell Tolbert, Georgia Harris, Lois Mays, and Earlene Williams. Dr. Tolbert received his early education and confessed his faith and hope in God in Montevello.

As a young man, Dr. Tolbert moved to Chicago, Illinois where he played professional baseball in the Negro American League. From there he entered the White Sox Organization, playing in the Minor Leagues for the Kansas City Monarchs.

He attended Cortez Peters Business College where he met his loving and devoted wife. This union was blessed with two sons Darryl Wayne and Reginald Fitzgerald. Under the mentoring of his father-in-law, Reverend F.L. Porter, Sr., he received his call to the ministry—thereby moving from the ball team to "God's Team."

Desiring to prepare for the ministry, he matriculated to Chicago Baptist Institute, De Paul University and he received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Tennessee School of Religion, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Tolbert was called to the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Church in Three Rivers, Michigan over thirty-six years ago, where he served as a steadfast and devout leader of God's people until he went home to be with the Lord. Under his charge, they built a new church edifice; he developed and built a Recreation and Learning Center; and he set up a College Scholarship Program for underprivileged students. In addition to all of Dr. Tolbert's spiritual endeavors, he made a lasting impact on the whole city of Three Rivers.

His civic activities over the years of dedicated service include: Three Rivers Community Chest Board, St. Joseph County Mental Health Board, President of Three Rivers Ministerial Association, Sixteen years as President of the Three Rivers Branch NAACP, Sixteen years on the Three Rivers Hospital Authority Board, Kalamazoo/St. Joseph County Private Industry Council (five years), Three Rivers Community School Board of Education (five years), two of those years as President.

Dr. Tolbert participated in the organization and implementation of the Biddy Basketball program (now called Junior Pro), and Fraternal Order of Police Baseball Program which he coached for five years. As a member of the Civitan Service Club, he helped organize the first youth chapter of Civitan.

Dr. Tolbert served on the Three Rivers School Board Committee for the building of Three Rivers Middle School, and many other advisory committees. Pastor Tolbert has supported the total community, all while serving his people in the Pastoral Ministry position.

Dr. Tolbert's life work centered on his deep commitment to do God's will as a spiritual leader, his family and his community. He was a man of faith, integrity, and deep conviction. The legacy he has left will be a guiding force for countless numbers. His memory, the lessons he taught and the love he shared is motivation for us to continue to carry the torch and make this world a better place.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his beloved wife of forty-five years—Henri'Etta; two sons—Darryl Wayne (Connie) of Flint, Michigan and Reginald

Fitzgerald (Victoria) of Jacksonville, Florida; six grandchildren—Wayne Tolbert, Daniel Tolbert, and Dylan Tolbert of Three Rivers, Michigan and Jessica Tolbert, Brittany Marie Tolbert, and Joshua Tolbert of Jacksonville, Florida; four sisters—Mary Ella Bender of Montgomery, Alabama, Ethel Crenshaw (John) of Chicago, Illinois, Helen Tinker of Chereville, Indiana, and Wilma Abrams (Walter) of North Chicago, Illinois; a host of nieces and nephews; a very special friend, Dr. Leroy Shelton; adopted parents, Dr. W.G. and Mary Terry; his wonderful and loving Bethel Church Family; and a countless number of friends.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE COLIE
NICHOLS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judge Colie Nichols, Jr., on his retirement from the Santa Rosa County Courthouse.

Colie Nichols was born in Graceville, Florida on February 5, 1935 to the proud parents Colie, Sr. and Gladys Nichols. In 1955, he married Freida King and had three children, Rod, Stan, and Garth. After earning his Bachelor's of Science degree at Florida State University in 1959, Colie went on to become a probation and parole supervisor for the next eight years.

In 1973 Governor Reuben Askew appointed Colie Nichols for County Judge, and for the last thirty years Judge Nichols has been a fixture on the bench. Since 1982 he has been re-elected without opposition and now a state age limitation for judges is forcing the 69-year-old to retire this year.

His retirement is the ending of an era, an era in which any profession could be a means into the judicial sector. Judge Nichols was not an attorney, yet excelled at providing justice for all in his courtroom.

Even though Judge Nichols was busy as an overseer of justice, he also remained active in his community. He was a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice, a member of Alcoholism Rehabilitation Advisory Subcouncil, First Vice-President of the Florida Conference of County Judges, President of the Milton Lions Club, President of the United Way of Santa Rosa County, and many other educational and community centered organizations.

Today, I salute a man who has dedicated his life to protecting freedom, ensuring liberty, and defending the principles of this country. His exemplary service has guaranteed that the United States will continue to prosper as the world's greatest nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Judge Colie Nichols, Jr. on his retirement and wish him many more years of success and happiness.

CAFTA

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, during my nearly two decades in Congress, our country has made major efforts throughout the world to develop the growth and success of democratic governments. Because of our efforts in Central America over the years, the specter of Communism has receded and the democracies and economies of El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras are beginning to flourish. These countries have now had at least three peaceful changes of government through elections. I think we in this body should be proud of the part we have played in their success.

Mr. Speaker, much of this success is due to opening up trade between the U.S. and Central America. With the Caribbean Basin Initiative, we have helped build growing economies based on trade with the United States. More prosperity in CBI countries leads to more successful democratic governments in this hemisphere and more prosperity and security here at home.

At the present time we are undertaking a similar mission in the Middle East. Increasing democracy and freedom in that region is vital to the war on terrorism and America's security. However, we must not let our focus on Iraq and Afghanistan cause us to forget the work that remains to be done to strengthen our neighbors in Central America. We have come too far to abandon them now.

Five Central American nations and the Dominican Republic have negotiated a free trade agreement with the United States that, despite concerns voiced by some in this country, is beneficial to all concerned. The presidents of the Central American nations have approved this agreement and these nations are now waiting for us to join them in making the Central American Free Trade Agreement a reality.

Mr. Speaker, as we continue to divert our attention elsewhere, time is running out for our legislature to approve DR-CAFTA. Without this agreement, the democracies we have helped build in Central America will be less prosperous in the increasingly competitive global marketplace. Unless we allow these fledgling democracies the access they need to compete with the rising tide of Chinese imports, they will be more likely to revert to corrupt regimes that base their existence on trade in illegal drugs instead of trade in goods and services.

It would be a tragedy to abandon our Central American neighbors now. We in this body have done so much to foster democracy and economic stability in Central America—we cannot allow them to fail at this crucial moment. I urge my colleagues to support DR-CAFTA and I urge the House leadership to bring it to the floor for a vote this year.

HONORING OWENSBORO SOUTHERN
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Owensboro Southern Little League Baseball Team for their remarkable season and recent participation in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They demonstrated great sportsmanship before a national audience, representing competitive values that make Kentucky proud.

The hours of extra practice under the leadership of Manager Vic Evans, Jr, brought this impressive distinction to the State of Kentucky and City of Owensboro. I want my colleagues in the House of Representatives to know of the pride that I have in representing these athletes and their families.

I would like to commend Owensboro Southern for their magnificent season—an effort that epitomized team work, sportsmanship, and persistence. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these young athletes for their achievement and wish them continued success in seasons to come

IN HONOR OF DAVID W. HOLMES

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to David W. Holmes for his twenty years of service as a SCORE Counselor in Delaware. Dr. Holmes, born and raised in Fremont, Ohio, earned a Bachelor's degree from Amherst College and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Michigan. After completing his education, Dr. Holmes began what would become a thirty-seven year career with the Dupont Company.

During the course of his career with the Dupont Company, Dr. Holmes took on assignments in research, sales, and manufacturing. In addition, he spent his final twenty years with the company handling senior management responsibilities in manufacturing and worldwide sales. Upon his retirement from Dupont, Dr. Holmes spent three years working in the small business world. It was during these three years that he was able to gain valuable experience in various different business environments, from the small to the very large.

In 1983, Dr. Holmes joined SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives). SCORE, an organization that counsels the small business community, is staffed entirely by volunteers. These volunteers give their time and energy to assist others in both starting up and effectively operating small businesses. Specifically, Dr. Holmes' service to SCORE and the small business community has centered around counseling, training and information sessions for small businesses throughout the State of Delaware. He has assisted with entrepreneurial educational projects and presented a plethora of business training workshops.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Dr. Holmes on reaching the tremendous milestone of twenty years of volunteer service with

SCORE in Delaware. Also, I would like to point out that as he celebrates twenty years of volunteer service, Dr. Holmes is also celebrating his ninetieth birthday. The time and effort that Dr. Holmes has given to his fellow Delawareans is both commendable and much appreciated. He is certainly an inspiration to those around him. I am truly proud that he is a Delawarean.

IN RECOGNITION OF RENE F.
RODRIGUEZ, M.D.

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to a very dedicated physician, Dr. Rene F. Rodriguez, who has been devoted not only to his patients and the underserved, but also to the improvement of America's healthcare system by breaking barriers, improving access to medical services, treating all patients equally, and integrating Hispanic doctors and other Hispanic healthcare professionals to these efforts.

Dr. Rodriguez has been recognized as an excellent advocate for the underserved in America and has been the recipient of a very distinguished award, "The 2004 Freddie-Public Service Award".

He has been an enthusiastic and compassionate physician who has done admirable work throughout years of advocacy. His distinguished medical career spans years of commitment to public service and he has been a leader with numerous achievements.

He studied medicine at the University of Salamanca in Spain, and is licensed to practice medicine in several states in America. He was a Colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and retired after more than 35 years of service in the Military. While on active duty, he directed the Orthopedic Clinic at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He was appointed to the Council on Graduate Medical Education of the Department of Health and Human Services, the President's Commission of the National Medal of Science, the Surgeon General's National Workshop on Hispanic-Latino Health Executive Planning Committee, the NIH Office of Minority Program Fact-Finding Team, the Hispanic Advisor Task Force to the U.S. Senate, and the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

He is a member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association, and is the Founder and President of the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons, which is the largest and oldest organization of Hispanic doctors. He founded the National Hispanic Youth Initiative to encourage High School students to study careers in sciences and research, and has been the founder of medical journals for Spanish speaking doctors and patients, such as "Medico Interamericano", "Medico de Familia", and the book "Usted y su Medico". He is currently the Chief of the Orthopedic Section at the Veterans Medical Center in Miami, Florida. Please join me in recognizing Dr. Rodriguez for his outstanding accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAROL G.
WHITESIDE

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carol G. Whiteside, an individual who has dedicated her life to public service at the local, state, national, and international levels. Her impressive career deserves recognition, and her years of dedicated service to her local community of Stanislaus County, the State of California, and our nation, warrants tremendous respect. Throughout her successful life, Carol has remained equally committed to her family. She is married to Superior Court Judge John G. Whiteside. Carol and John are the proud parents of two adult sons, Brian and Derek.

Carol began her career by earning a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Davis in 1964. Dedicated to her education, she pursued postgraduate studies at Golden Gate College in San Francisco and continued her studies abroad through the University of Southern California in Ramstein, Germany. She entered the business world as a Personnel Manager for Emporium Capwell Company in Santa Rosa, California in 1964, but it was not long before returning to Germany, this time to serve as an Education Counselor at the Army Education Center in Landstuhl.

By the mid-1970's Carol returned to Modesto, California and began to build what would become one of the most reputable careers in public service known to our community. For the past three decades, Carol Whiteside has held various positions with the City of Modesto and the State of California. In all arenas of service, and with tremendous commitment, Carol rose through the ranks of public office. She began her service in the City of Modesto in 1979 as a Modesto City School Board Trustee, and by 1987 she was elected the City's Mayor, having served as Modesto City School Board President, and as a member of the Modesto City Council before her Mayoral victory.

Continuing to pursue greater and grander opportunities, Carol moved on to California State Government in 1991, being appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary of the Intergovernmental Relations, Resources Agency where she specialized in resource conservation, land use and growth management issues. Within two years, she became the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for California Governor Pete Wilson on issues of land use, finance, restructuring and economic development.

Throughout the years, Carol has also been extremely involved and held numerous positions with countless associations, boards, organizations, political committees and international entities. She has served as Chairperson for committees within the League of California Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National League of Cities. Over the last twenty years, Carol has been involved in the National Women's Political Caucus, as well as several other political committees at the state and national level.

In addition to her tremendous achievements, Carol has found time to serve as a Board Member for more than 15 groups which in-

clude the United Way of Stanislaus County, the American Red Cross, High Speed Rail Authority, California Center for Regional Leadership, and the Public Policy Institute of California.

It appears that there is no existing realm of public service that Carol Whiteside has not touched. Her career is not limited to the San Joaquin Valley, California, or the United States. Since Carol resided in Landstuhl, Germany in 1972, she has remained actively involved abroad. Her international endeavors have taken her to Poland, Ukraine, the Baltic States, Morocco, and Korea.

It is without question that Carol Whiteside is a remarkable individual, professional businesswoman, and motivated entrepreneur, characteristics that were most recently demonstrated by her latest accomplishment. Today, Carol is the President of the Great Valley Center, an organization she founded in August 1997. This organization's primary focus is to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of California's Central Valley. Under Carol's leadership and guidance, the Great Valley Center has elevated the region's identity throughout our state and nation.

Carol's work ethic, professionalism, and dedication have earned her many honors throughout the years, which include the 1990 Soroptimist Woman of Distinction in International Relations, the California State Assembly Woman of the Year 1991 for the 27th Assembly District, the Civic Entrepreneur of the Year in 2002, and the 2004 Excellence in Public Service Award. Most recently, the American Legion Post 74 honored Carol by naming her the 2004 Woman of the Year.

This recognition that I am offering today before the House of Representatives for Carol Whiteside is clearly deserved, and well overdue. She is an invaluable member of the community, an exemplary civil servant, and an outstanding human being who will leave behind a legacy to be admired for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in honoring Carol G. Whiteside for her many years of dedication to public service, for her countless contributions to the economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley, and for her continued commitment to a brighter and more prosperous tomorrow. I am most certainly honored to call her my friend, and it is my pleasure to recognize all of her accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF LAURA MUÑOZ-
VELAZQUEZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Laura Muñoz-Velazquez, who was named (LULAC) League of United and Latin American Citizens Woman of the Year. Mrs. Muñoz-Velazquez is one of several outstanding women who were nominated for this prestigious award.

Mrs. Muñoz-Velazquez was born in Colusa, California to a family of farm workers. Her parents, Juanita Castañon Muñoz and Lucas Placencia Muñoz, always stressed the importance of education and encouraged her to go to college. Laura heeded her parents, and in 1973, graduated from California State University Chico with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

Psychology. Mrs. Muñoz-Velazquez also obtained an Elementary Teaching Credential and began teaching kindergarten for the Marysville School District. Soon after her time there, she moved to San Benito County with her husband, Felipe Velasquez, and has been teaching for the Hollister School District since 1975. They have four sons: Richard, Adrian, Alejo, and Junior.

While she was growing up, Mrs. Muñoz-Velazquez attended a school system that did not support maintaining Spanish language while learning to write and speak in English. Because she recognized the value of having a good grasp of two languages, she purposely chose to become a bilingual teacher, allowing her to reclaim her primary language and culture. Mrs. Muñoz-Velazquez truly believes in providing and promoting bilingualism and biliteracy, which she feels is instrumental in the success of children learning a second language.

Of course, with her giving nature, Mrs. Muñoz-Velazquez knows how significant it is to give back to the community and has been involved with multiple organizations such as the United Way, American Cancer Society (ACS), Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD), Mexican American Community on Education (MACE), and League of United and Latin American Citizens Council (LULAC) #2890. She has also taught religion classes at Sacred Heart Church, preparing many young ones for Holy Communion.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Laura Muñoz-Velazquez for the outstanding work she's done in my district. I would like to honor and congratulate her on her accomplishments and express my sincere gratitude for her commitment to the community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO AL AND
JOANNA LACY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Al and Joanna Lacy, a retired Baptist minister and his wife who have authored numerous educational books for children. The research and historical background that Al and Joanna present in these books have helped educate kids about American history and simultaneously encourages them to read. Today I have the privilege of recognizing their service before this body of Congress and this Nation.

After retiring from thirty-two years of traveling as a pastor, Al decided he wanted to write novels. Al first started with Western themes and expanded into narratives that covered religious experiences, the Civil War, the gold rush era, immigration through Ellis Island, and the lives of orphan street children. Joanna also contributed to her husband's work with her extensive background in nursing. They have spent countless hours traveling, researching, and talking with people to learn more about the local cultures and customs for the settings in their books, which makes them a source of education and excitement for young readers. Together they have made the best seller list numerous times in publishing over 102 works.

Mr. Speaker, Al and Joanna Lacy have contributed much toward the education and learning of numerous children all across the country, giving parents a reliable source of entertainment for their kids. I am honored to recognize the accomplishments of Al and Joanna before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thank you, Al and Joanna for all your hard work, and I wish you both all the best in your future endeavors.

NATIONAL HUNGER AND
HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and to pay tribute to the countless shelters and staffs throughout the country who tirelessly work to address this ever-growing problem.

Throughout our nation help is increasingly needed to create safe places for people to call home. The face of homelessness does not have an age, race, or creed. Over one million of our nation's homeless are children and families comprise of nearly 40 percent of the entire homeless population. There is no question that homelessness is a serious problem, and we must ensure that our shelters are provided with the necessary assistance.

One particular shelter that is truly making a difference is the Emergency Shelter Service Inc., of Benton Harbor, Michigan. The service, care, and opportunity that this shelter provides for the homeless folks of Southwest Michigan is tremendous.

I recently had the chance to visit with the staff and residents of the shelter. It was heartwarming to see firsthand, individuals getting back on their feet, ready to start anew. The shelter provides the helping hand that many folks need.

The nine-bedroom shelter, a 100-year old house along Pipestone Street, currently houses 35 people, many of which are children. Residents stay for a maximum of 30 days, and the shelter staff work with them to find affordable, appropriate housing.

I am pleased to report that the top floor of the house was recently insulated for the winter which will allow a few more people to have shelter during the coldest months of the year. But the unfortunate reality is that more people seek assistance than the shelter can provide for, and folks seeking a warm bed and a roof over their heads must find shelter elsewhere.

On behalf of the Sixth District of Michigan, I pay tribute to the great service of this admirable shelter. I commend the selfless efforts of Alysia Babcock and her staff who dedicate themselves to provide a safe haven for those in need. Southwest Michigan is better off for their efforts.

As we approach the holiday season, it is vitally important that our communities and cities get involved to raise awareness and work to combat the problems of hunger and homelessness. Any contribution to the Benton Harbor shelter will be greatly appreciated, whether it be a blanket, some food or even a couple of dollars. Even the smallest donation makes an impact.

CONGRATULATING SHARON HAMMERSLA UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AFTER 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, at the end of the 108th Congress, Sharon Hammersla will be retiring from government service after thirty-two years as a dedicated and distinguished public servant.

Sharon has served as the Information Resource Manager for both the House Committee on International Relations and the House Committee on the Judiciary under my chairmanship. In fact, Sharon worked for the House Judiciary Committee during the impeachment of President Clinton. Her efforts at that time toward making the Committee's work on related events accessible to the public will be instrumental to historians when studying that period of our Nation's history. Prior to working on the Judiciary and International Relations Committees, she served seventeen years with the House Science Committee.

Just because Sharon is leaving The Hill doesn't mean that she won't be busy. She will maintain her position in history-making and continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Museum in Bryantown, Maryland, where she has been a docent, and she will be publishing her first book on her family's genealogy early next year. Most importantly, however, she will be joining her husband, Don, in catching up with family and friends and enjoying life with their grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Sharon Hammersla has served her country with honor and distinction. Please join me in congratulating her on an illustrious career in federal service and wishing her well as she embarks on new adventures.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. TANNER
JOHNSON LIVISAY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. RAYHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who had a very distinguished career as a State extension specialist in the State of West Virginia Mrs. Tanner Johnson Livisay. Mrs. Livisay was a retired State extension specialist and associate professor at West Virginia University and was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia. Mrs. Livisay graduated in 1923 from the former Douglas High School in Huntington, West Virginia and later went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from West Virginia State College in 1927. She then taught in Jefferson and Wyoming counties for the next 14 years. Mrs. Livisay earned her Masters degree from West Virginia University and completed further studies at Merrill Palmer Institute in Detroit, Michigan, University of Michigan, University of Cincinnati, Cornell University and Colorado State University. In 1941, Mrs. Livisay began her work as a home demonstration agent in West Virginia. Her territory

included Mercer, McDowell and Cabell counties in my district. She organized home and garden clubs, 4-H clubs, and established the West Virginia State Farm Homemakers Council, under the auspices of West Virginia State College, West Virginia University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She was the district home demonstration agent and became program development leader. After 27 years in the Extension Service, Mrs. Livisay retired as a specialist in child development and human relations. A personal account of the work of the West Virginia Extension Service for African-Americans is recorded in the book, "Reaching Out with Heart and Hands—The Memories of An Extension Worker," written by Mrs. Livisay in 1994.

A diamond soror and life member, Mrs. Livisay was initiated into Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. in 1925. She was a charter member of Epsilon Delta Omega Chapter in Beckley, West Virginia and at the time of her death, she was a member of Eta Iota Omega Chapter, in Inkster, Michigan. Mrs. Livisay, was the proud mother of four children, Carolyn L. McGhee, Marilyn L. Stewart, Jackson P. Livisay, Jr. and Osborne Livisay.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Tanner Johnson Livisay, for her many accomplishments and achievements and the legacy she leaves for her family and the great State of West Virginia, and in particular, my third congressional district.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
REPRESENTATIVE BILL LIPINSKI

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate my good friend Representative BILL LIPINSKI his retirement after 22 years of dedicated service in the House of Representatives. BILL has been a close friend of mine since we were freshman together in the 98th Congress, and I know that reporting to work each day will not be the same without BILL around.

Representative LIPINSKI is a native of Chicago and works incredibly hard for the residents of the 3rd Congressional district. Even after 11 terms in Congress he still flies home nearly every weekend to address the concerns of his constituents. BILL has spent his entire career working for the people of Chicago, first in Chicago's Park District for 17 years, then as the 23rd Ward Alderman in the Chicago City Council, and then as a U.S. Congressman.

Some of BILL's greatest achievements lie in his work on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. He has done an incredible amount both for Chicago and for the entire state of Illinois and has secured millions of dollars in federal funding for improvements at both Midway and O'Hare airports. For example, in 1990 Representative LIPINSKI sponsored and helped pass the Passenger Facility Charge BILL to enable both Midway and O'Hare to finance important airport infrastructure projects.

In the 105th Congress, BILL was instrumental in passing the Transportation Equity

Act for the 21st Century, under which Illinois continues to receive an average of \$885 million per year for highway funding and \$150 million per year for mass transit programs. During the 107th Congress, Representative LIPINSKI was the author of legislation to allow Chicago's Mayor Daley to expand O'Hare International Airport without consulting the Illinois Governor, an important step of autonomy for the city.

I cannot say enough about how much I have enjoyed working with BILL. Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to convey my sincerest thanks to Representative BILL Lipinski for his friendship and counsel, and congratulations to both him and his family on this well-deserved retirement. He has built an outstanding career during these past 22 years and will be sorely missed in the halls of Congress. I will look forward to working with his son, incoming Representative DANIEL LIPINSKI, during the coming years.

IN HONOR OF DR. STEVEN K.
WEBSTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Steven K. Webster, a dedicated educator and community volunteer, upon his retirement as Senior Marine Biologist at the Monterey, Bay Aquarium. Dr. Webster has diligently worked to develop and shape the aquarium's education, teacher training, and outreach programs. His dedication to the people of the Monterey Bay region has been a great benefit to the community for over twenty-five years.

As an educator at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Dr. Webster developed the Discovery Lab programs that have served over 1.5 million children to date. There is scarcely a child in Monterey County who has not participated in one of the aquarium's free education programs, thanks in great part to Dr. Webster's vision and advocacy. In addition, Dr. Webster has initiated teacher education workshops in which over 10,000 teachers have participated free of charge. He has encouraged thousands of aquarium guides and volunteers in the aquarium's nationally recognized volunteer guide training program which he developed. Dr. Webster has served as an inspiration and has offered great encouragement to those consulting him on a career in marine biology.

Beyond his extensive career in marine biology, Dr. Webster has served in numerous volunteer community and board positions, including the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Cetacean Society, the Cannery Row Foundation, the Lyceum of the Monterey Peninsula, the State Underwater Parks Advisory Board, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and the Friends of Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. An avid diving instructor and underwater photographer, Dr. Webster is a popular speaker on natural history topics ranging from the Monterey Bay to the Galapagos Islands.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Dr. Webster for his outstanding and invaluable contributions to our community, and commend him for his many accomplishments. I congratulate him on his much deserved retirement and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COL. JOHN E.
STAVAST (USAF RET.)

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to pay tribute to the passing of a great man from my district. John Stavast, a native of Denver, Colorado, recently passed away at the age of 78. Colonel Stavast dedicated 33 years of his life the armed services, in both the Army and Air Force. I am honored today to bring his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this Nation.

John joined the Army in 1944 and served in Europe during World War II as a gunner on B-17s. He was discharged in 1946 and enlisted again in 1949 earning his pilots wings. John trained Japanese Self Defense Force pilots in the USAF Air Training Command. While flying over North Vietnam in 1967, Colonel Stavast and his crewmate were shot down near Hanoi. Both men safely ejected and were taken prisoner. He endured torture for seven full days after his capture and remained a POW until 1972. During his time in the POW camp, the colonel, as the senior ranking officer, was responsible for over 200 American POW's at the prison near the Chinese border.

Colonel Stavast suffered numerous injuries during his imprisonment including broken bones in his back, arms and legs, and a skull fracture. He had over 6,000 flying hours when retired from the Air Force in 1980, and was awarded many medals for his service. These include three Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star for Valor, and six Air Medals. After his retirement he was a member of the Military Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, VFW, American Legion, and others. He was also a dedicated volunteer at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, John Stavast was a dedicated patriot that selflessly served his community and country, and I am honored to pay tribute to his memory. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN LA
MONTAGNE—A TRUE PUBLIC
SERVANT

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John La Montagne, Ph.D., Deputy Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who died suddenly on November 2, 2004. He was a true public servant who worked tirelessly to improve public health in the United States and across the world. He is sorely missed in the public health community, by Elaine, his beloved wife of 37 years, his family, and the many persons in his community who were blessed to be able to call him friend and know his warmth, compassion for others, humor, and quiet modesty and dignity.

Dr. La Montagne's contributions to the national and international effort against infectious

diseases are remarkable. Trained as a microbiologist, Dr. La Montagne was a leader in the effort to develop a safer pertussis vaccine and new vaccines against childhood diarrhea and pneumonia. He guided the National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Disease's response to the emerging AIDS crisis and led the effort to respond to severe respiratory syndrome within months of the first outbreak.

Globally, he played a central role in the organization of the Multilateral Initiative on Malaria. He served as a member of the Scientific Advisory Groups of Experts on Vaccines and Biologicals as well as for Vaccines and Immunization for the World Health Organization. He chaired the WHO Task Force on Strategic Planning for the Children's Vaccine Initiative, advised the Pan American Health Organization on its programs in vaccine research implementation, and served as a member of the board of the Global Alliance for Tuberculosis Drug Development.

As an influential contributor to the field of infectious diseases, Dr. La Montagne delivered many major lectures all over the world. He received many prestigious awards for his scientific accomplishments, including the Public Health Service Special Recognition Award for leadership in childhood vaccine research programs, the Surgeon General's Certificate of Appreciation, the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, the Distinguished Executive Award for his work in the areas of infectious diseases research of global health relevance, the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for leadership of acellular pertussis vaccine trials, and most recently the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for design and implementation of critically important biodefense strategies.

As Dr. Zerhouni, the Director the National Institutes of Health said, "Personally, he was a dear friend and one of the finest people I have ever known. Professionally, in an NIH career spanning nearly thirty years, his leadership and commitment to improving global health were remarkable. His generosity, wit, even-handedness and kindness made him a friend to all who knew him. He will be sorely missed."

On November 2nd, our country and the world lost a great and good man.

HONORING BETTY MOSELY-
MABERRY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 1811, located in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. On December 9, 2004, civic and community leaders will join family, friends, and members of Local 1811 to honor Ms. Betty Mosely-Maberry, who was unanimously selected by the Local's Executive Board to be the first recipient of their Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award.

The Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on UAW members who have authenticated 20 years of notable service. It honors the extraordinary contributions they have made to advance the cause of working people, their families, and commu-

nities. As Walter Reuther championed human dignity and social justice for all, the men and women who have received the award in his name have committed themselves to these same ideals.

Betty Mosely-Maberry began her career at Buick Medical in December 1967. She was one of the driving forces behind Local 1811's organization in 1972 and 1973, and as a result, was elected Chairperson of their bargaining unit. Over the years, Betty has fulfilled the duties of interim President and Vice-President of Local 1811, and officially represented them as Recording Secretary for over 16 years. Betty also served on their Civil Rights, Community Service, and Education Committees as either a member or Chair. Betty retired on July 1, 1999, although the influence she had on her peers was so great that she was asked to continue as Recording Secretary. She selflessly and respectfully declined the offer, citing that active members should hold the position. However, Betty decided to run for a trustee seat, which she won and holds to this day.

Mr. Speaker, all 22 members of UAW Local 1811's Executive Board feel that Betty Mosely-Maberry truly exemplifies the spirit in which the Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award is given. Her willingness, hard work, and dedication to her brothers and sisters in labor as well as the community, are deserving of the highest respect. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to join me in commending her.

PROJECT INTELLICARE

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to speak about Project IntelliCare, a groundbreaking innovation in health care delivery that will revolutionize the way health care providers manage patient care, in addition to imparting tremendous improvements in the quality of care available to Americans.

As we all have undoubtedly read or witnessed in our districts, forecasts for the future of health care delivery are dire. Developments in medical technology have long been confined to procedural or pharmaceutical advances, while neglecting a most basic and essential component of medicine: patient information management.

The information systems that maintain patient files and transmit care history are antiquated in many of our hospitals and clinics. In fact, many systems are still paper based. The result: a patient's complete medical history is difficult to transmit when necessary and may not be available to new health caretakers, leaving the physician with a limited understanding of prior illnesses, treatment, and complications. This, in turn, leads to unnecessary and redundant testing and treatment and greater health risks due to preventable errors.

I would like to draw your attention to a May 3, 2004, New York Times op-ed by former Speaker Newt Gingrich and Congressman PATRICK KENNEDY. The writers correctly assert that information sharing may be one of the greatest issues facing health care provision

today, expounding on escalating costs and medical mistakes attributed to an archaic information system. They urge for bipartisan support of "moving American medicine into the 21st century" by standardizing information systems with technology readily available today.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to report that the innovation discussed as "a matter of life and death" has already arrived in the State of California. Project IntelliCare was first implemented by the Adventist Health System in 1999, over four years ago. The program is hailed by the Department of Health and Human Services as ahead of its time in Healthcare IT and is positioned to serve as a model for other systems throughout the country.

Project IntelliCare employs cutting edge technology to provide seamless integration of a patient's whole medical history. Through this initiative, medical records are maintained electronically and securely, available only to the patient's health care provider. Project IntelliCare ensures that when a patient goes to visit a physician, regardless of when, where, or why, the patient will receive treatment that is current and relevant. No longer will those in need of medical help suffer from incomplete or inaccurate care.

Project IntelliCare not only protects Americans from substandard health care, it promises more efficient and cost-effective delivery. Inflating health care costs and skyrocketing insurance premiums are highly salient issues today. Duplication or incorrect prescription of services places a large burden on insurance companies. Greater costs to insurance companies translate to higher premiums for employers that provide insurance, the self-employed, and individuals who pay out of pocket for their health care. In addition, redundant or unnecessary care strains the capacity of health care providers. However, Project IntelliCare poses a mechanism to mitigate some of the factors that contribute to these higher costs.

Project IntelliCare promises to modernize the way American health care is administered with tremendous benefits in quality of care, efficient, and cost-savings anticipated to accrue.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important and exciting topic and urge my colleagues to support further funding for Project IntelliCare. By supporting this program, we work to collectively improve American health care standards and delivery.

TRIBUTE TO EDDIE N. WILLIAMS

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eddie N. Williams, admired journalist, researcher, and civil servant who is retiring as President of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Mr. Williams has led the Center for 32 years in its mission to improve the socioeconomic status of African Americans and other minorities, through research, policy analysis, and political engagement. In every sense, Mr. Williams' life and career are emblematic of how one courageous and hard working American can overcome challenges, take advantage of opportunities and make people's lives better.

Mr. Williams was born in Memphis, Tennessee where he was reared mostly by his mother, after the death of his jazz and blues musician father. Growing up, Mr. Williams was a stellar student and writer at Manassas High School in Memphis. From there, he went on to earn a degree in journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1956. He later pursued graduate studies at Howard and Atlanta Universities. Pursuing a career in segregated America, Mr. Williams encountered barriers because of his race that prevented him from pursuing a journalism career in Illinois.

Illinois' loss was our gain because Mr. Williams returned to Memphis, where he began his career as managing director of the Memphis Star-Times, a local African-American newspaper. After working as a congressional fellow for U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey and as a Foreign Service Reserve officer in the Kennedy administration, Mr. Williams returned to Illinois as vice president of public affairs and executive director of the University Center for Policy Study at the University of Chicago.

Unwilling to rest on his laurels, Mr. Williams resigned from his prestigious positions to take on the helm of a new, little-known think tank. The Joint Center's original purpose was to support and train African-American elected officials nationwide and measure their growth subsequent to the Voting Rights Act. Under Mr. Williams' direction, the Center expanded its focus to examine and document public policy issues affecting African Americans. Mr. Williams' determination to maintain a non-partisan approach to the Center's problem-solving activities serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Williams leaves a legacy of innovation and courage in his efforts to address issues such as education, voting rights reform and the spread of HIV/AIDS in the United States. Mr. Williams has received numerous accolades and awards for his civic contributions, including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Award. Most recently, the Joint Center, under Mr. Williams leadership has studied and explained the rise of a new generation of the African-American elected officials into the mainstream of public life. He continuously reminds us not to be shy in our goal of reaching new heights on behalf of all Americans while staying connected to, in his words, "the useful values of the past." His life and career demonstrate to all Americans that we stand on the shoulders of a generation that fought and stood and often sat down to create a more perfect union.

For his unselfish contributions and commitment to our Nation, Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. Eddie Williams for his many years of dedicated service to the American people.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE
HON. JOSEPH N. LANGAN

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, the city of Mobile, 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.

Mayor Joseph N. Langan was a devoted family man and dedicated public servant throughout his entire life. In 1939, at the age of 27, he entered the field of politics, serving for 6 years in the Alabama House of Representatives. He later served from 1947 to 1951 in the Alabama State Senate. From 1953 to 1969, he served as a Mobile city commissioner, including several terms as mayor at a time when the city was governed by a three-member commission. Mayor Langan enjoyed a very successful career as mayor and was known particularly for his efforts to expand the size of the city. As a result of his efforts, the city expanded its westward boundaries and grew in size from an area of approximately 33 square miles to an area of over 160 square miles.

During his time in both local and State government, Mayor Langan developed a strong reputation as a leader who felt duty-bound to do his part in the strengthening of relations between the black and white communities in Mobile and throughout the State of Alabama. In spite of progressive policies that led to strong public outrage and the end of his careers in both the State legislature and city hall, Mayor Langan dedicated himself to assisting the members of the African-American community in their efforts to advance their causes. During his tenure in the State legislature, he argued for equal pay for both black and white public school teachers. Additionally, during his service as mayor, Mayor Langan was an important part of keeping the community calm at a time when racial riots and crimes were tearing apart Alabama and much of the South. His strong and enduring relationship with Alabama civil rights activist John LeFlore was crucial to maintaining this calm.

Mayor Langan, a graduate of both Murphy High School and Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, was also a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving during both World War II and the Korean conflict. Later in his military career, he held the rank of general and served as commander of the Army National Guard's 31st Infantry Division.

In addition to both his public and military careers, Mayor Langan found time to become actively involved in many community and charitable organizations. He served as a member of the Spring Hill College Board of Trustees and of the University of South Alabama Foundation. He was recognized for his community service and charitable work with the 1957 Mobilian of the Year award.

This sad time for so many in the Mobile community has also given many of Mayor Langan's colleagues and friends the opportunity to remember him and recognize the many accomplishments of his career. Alabama State Senator Vivian Figures said, "He was always for government being sensitive and inclusive to all citizens. . . . He was a real gentleman of distinction." Former Mobile city clerk Richard Smith said, "He wanted to serve, and he served well. He had vision, he had brains, he had leadership." And without fail, many in the Mobile community will remember Mayor Langan as one of the finest mayors and public servants to have ever worked on behalf of their city.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant and friend to many in Mobile, Alabama. Mayor Langan will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Maude Adelle Langan, and his broth-

er, John C. Langan, and his many nephews and other family members—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

IN MEMORY OF PETER CUTINO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter J. Cutino, a coaching legend in the sport of water polo, who passed away Sunday, September 19th in his Monterey home. During his lifetime Mr. Cutino was a strong pillar of the water polo community. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 51 years, Louise; two sons, Paul and Peter; daughter, Anna; brother Bert; two sisters, Rose Marie and Josephine; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Cutino was born April 3, 1933 in Monterey. He graduated from high school a star athlete in 1951 and earned Junior College All American honors at Monterey Peninsula College. He then transferred to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, earning water polo all-conference honors, and graduated with a master's degree in education.

He began his coaching career at Oxnard High School and then moved on to coach the Cal Golden Bears for 26 victorious years. He was the most successful water polo coach in collegiate history and was awarded NCAA Coach of the Year four times. His successes in collegiate sports earned him the coveted role as coach to the U.S. national team in the 1976 Olympics. While at Cal, he coached 68 all-Americans, 6 Pac-10 conference and NCAA players of the year and 5 Olympians.

In 1989 he stepped down as UC Berkeley's head water polo coach in order to open and run the Monterey Sports Club in my district. At the same time, Peter continued his service to the international sports world by serving as chairman of the Men's International Olympic Committee. Additionally, in recognition of his life of leadership and mentorship, he received UC Berkeley's Alumni Centennial Award and Chancellors commendation, and an athletic scholarship at Berkeley was established in his name in 1989. Mr. Cutino was also an active leader in the Italian-American Community in Monterey and was a member of the Campari, Paisano and Amici clubs. In addition to numerous professional water polo publications, he authored a book on the Italian-American community in Monterey.

Mr. Speaker, today I wish to join the local community and Mr. Peter Cutino's family and friends in honoring the life of such an inspirational coach, husband and father.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BERNARD E.
KERST

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to recognize the passing of

Bernard Kerst, a great man from my district. Bernard spent most of his 87 years living in Yuma, Colorado, and during that time he made a significant impact on the life of countless individuals and his county. I am honored today to bring his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this Nation.

Bernard Kerst was born on July 9, 1917. When the Great Depression swept the country, he left high school and got a job to support himself and his family. He started a trucking business in his twenties and then built Victory Ships in Oregon during World War II. Afterward, he moved back to eastern Colorado, married DeVonna Gregory, and began farming and ranching. Being an avid conservationist, Bernard served on the board of the East Yuma County Soil Conservation District and was awarded the Bullshippers award from the Farm and Ranch Association for his outstanding service and leadership.

Bernard was a dedicated family man, raised two children, Carolyn and Dan, had many grandchildren and was able to know his first great grandchild, Isabel Carolyn. Due to health problems, Bernard and DeVonna moved to Arizona. After DeVonna passed away in 1999, Bernard moved back to Colorado to be close to his family living in Glenwood Springs.

Mr. Speaker, Bernard Kerst was a dedicated man who worked hard, supported his community and loved his family, and I am honored to pay tribute to him before this body of Congress today. I had the pleasure of knowing Bernard and worked with members of his family during my time in office, and I will miss his kind heart and wisdom. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this time of bereavement.

HONORING BATTELLE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Mrs. PRYCE and Mr. TIBERI to congratulate Battelle, a global science and technology enterprise, on its 75th anniversary.

Although founder Gordon Battelle never lived to see his dreams come to fruition, it was his and his mothers' estates that led to Battelle's existence. The estates were generously left for the establishment of the "Battelle Memorial Institute . . . for the purpose of education in connection with and the encouragement of creative and research work and the making of discoveries and inventions . . .". It was Mr. Battelle's desire to recover zinc from Ozark mines that led him to his first patent. This initial success produced the grand vision which Mr. Battelle's business partner, Joseph Frantz, is credited with carrying out.

In 1929, Battelle opened for business with only 30 staff members. Today, including the national labs that they manage, Battelle oversees 16,000 staff members and conducts \$3 billion in annual research and development.

It is hard to believe what this Columbus, Ohio-headquartered institution has accomplished since those humble beginnings. In fact, their innovative technologies touch most Americans on a daily basis.

Possibly the most well known of Battelle's innovations is the development of xerography, which eventually led to today's copying machines and the company Xerox. Other innovations include: armor plating for U.S. Army tanks during WWII, fuel for the first nuclear powered submarine *Nautilus*, the metal composition of most of the 52.5 million coins produced each day by the U.S. Mint, cruise control for the automotive industry, the technology that led to the compact disc, and "no-melt" chocolate.

In addition to their commercial customers, Battelle provides services to over 800 federal, state, and local government agencies concentrating on important issues from national security to transportation and space.

As Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, I have the distinct pleasure of working very closely with Battelle on a number of issues. Through the annual Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, I provide funds for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Labs. One of Battelle's primary services includes the management or co-management of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the National Renewable National Laboratory. In fact, just last week, Battelle won a 10-year contract to operate the newly created Idaho National Laboratory, and congratulations are certainly in order regarding this new addition to the Battelle family.

As we look forward with great anticipation to the next 75 years of Battelle innovations, one can only dream of what may come. Battelle projects that they will concentrate on a broad range of issues in the upcoming years including: advanced healthcare, sustainable and renewable energy, clean water, and nuclear power.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with Battelle on these issues, and many more, and I congratulate them on their continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on November 16, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 531. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN MEMORY OF JOHN H.G. STUART

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I stand in mourning to honor my good friend John H.G. Stuart, who passed peacefully on October 23, 2004, at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, his son Orin, his daughter Oria, his sister Kathleen of Toronto, Canada, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Mr. Stuart was a great contributor to the global community, and an example of the American dream.

Mr. Stuart, who was known to one and all as Harry, was born in 1918 in County Silgo, Ireland. He and his family later moved to Dublin, where he attended engineering school, and graduated with his degree from Trinity College. He later joined the British Navy, and spent the whole of the Second World War as a naval engineer, including two tours as chief engineer. After the end of World War II, he returned home to Ireland where he met and married Sheila, his wife and lifelong love of 58 years.

In 1948, Harry joined the Calcutta Electric Supply in India. He worked with their three power plants to make sure that Calcutta had plenty of power. Then, after almost 6 years in India and many months of applications and waiting, the Stuarts were granted visas and entry into the United States. They went to San Francisco in 1954 via Hong Kong, and ended up settling in Santa Cruz a year later in 1955.

As an engineer, Harry did power work with local companies and offices such as Pacific Gas & Electric and Lockheed Martin. He was able to help build geothermal plants in Iceland, Hawaii, and southern California. Through this work, he helped the world community to use better and cleaner power.

Harry had many faces. He was an avid traveler, as anyone would know just by reading these exploits, and he loved to fish and smoke salmon. In fact, I spent many a long night with Harry, discussing his travels throughout the British Isles, his passion for the outdoors, and most of all his thoughts on the best whiskey. In short, Harry was one of "the best," a friend and companion to one and all and a beautiful human being.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we can all stand today and honor this man. He bettered the global environment, exemplified America's true diversity and opportunity to those who want to make a life here, and gave of his time to better the lives of his fellow travelers. I will miss him deeply and extend my deepest condolences to Sheila, Orin, Oria, Kathleen and the rest of his wonderful family.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NORMA ANDERSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Senate Majority Leader Norma Anderson and thank her for her tireless efforts serving the people of Colorado as a three-term member of the Colorado State Senate. Norma will always be remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader of her community. As she continues to serve the citizens of District 22, let it be known that she has made a great commitment to the Colorado General Assembly and the State of Colorado.

Norma began her public service career when she was elected to the Colorado State House of Representatives in 1986, and has been a champion of education, transportation, crime and tax reform issues in the General Assembly. She served as the Chair of the Education, Transportation and Energy, and Audit Committees and previously as the Vice-Chair of Long-Term Health Care Task Force,

and Higher Education Planning Committees. After serving ten years in the State House, Norma continued her service to Colorado when she was elected to the Colorado State Senate in 1998. As a State Senator, Norma currently leads her party as the Senate Majority Leader. She serves on the Finance and Legislative Audit Committees and is the former chair of the Business Affairs and Labor Committee. Norma's major accomplishments include such important laws as the School Finance Act of 1994, the Third Grade Literacy Act and the creation of the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Norma is a dedicated legislator whose leadership has been awarded with the honor of being the first woman to hold the position of Majority Leader in both the state House and state Senate. Over the course of her tenure she has been the recipient of more than sixty-five recognitions and awards including the Denver Women's Commission, the Colorado Women's Chamber Senator of the Year, and the Colorado School of Mines Medal. In addition to her service to the General Assembly, Norma is also a member of the Great Outdoors Colorado Board, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Higher Education, the American Cancer Society and several other community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Norma Anderson has ceaselessly dedicated her time and efforts to serving her country and the people of Colorado as a Colorado State Senator. I am honored to bring her hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service Norma and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE MARYLAND COALITION FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, one of the major goals of our education system is to produce knowledgeable and informed citizens. We accomplish this, in part, through effective civic education programs in our schools—like the innovative We The People program sponsored by the Center for Civic Education.

The first annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education was held in September 2003. The event was sponsored by the Alliance for Representative Democracy and co-hosted by our four distinguished congressional leaders: Senator FRIST, Senator DASCHLE, Speaker HASTERT and Leader PELOSI. One of the very positive outcomes of the congressional conference was the establishment of state delegations that returned home with the mission to enact specific policies designed to restore the civic mission of our schools and make available programs like We the People in each of our fifty states.

In that regard, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. Marcie Taylor-Thoma, the facilitator of the Maryland delegation, for her leadership in designing an action plan to improve civic education in our state. As a result of her efforts, the Maryland Coalition for

Civic Education, representing over 40 community leaders and organizations, has been formed; a tool kit of best practices in civic education has been developed; and Maryland's teachers will soon have access to further professional development in the area of civic education.

Moreover, I'm proud to note that these exciting developments come on top of Maryland's substantial existing commitments in the area of civic education—including our Student Service Learning requirement, our mandatory Government Civics course and our nearly finished state curriculum, which will include the teaching of civics and government from pre-K through high school.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dr. Taylor-Thoma and the rest of her colleagues again for all of their hard work, and I look forward to the success of the Maryland Coalition for Civic Education as they participate in the second annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education on December 4–6 of this year.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY PV2 JUSTIN RAY YOEMANS, A MODEL OF VALOR IN SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Army PV2 Justin Ray Yoemans of Eufaula, Alabama, who lost his life November 6 while defending our nation.

Private Yoemans was manning his gun position when his Humvee encountered a roadside bomb during a street patrol of Baghdad, Iraq. According to military accounts, Private Yoemans gave his life to protect his fellow soldiers. His was posthumously awarded a total of five military medals, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Private Yoemans, who was assigned to the Fourth Battalion, Fifth Air Defense Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas, gave the ultimate sacrifice to his country at the age of 20. His family and friends describe him as a loving son and a patriot who was proud to serve in the military.

I cannot express the proper words to console his family at the loss of their beloved son. However, I do wish to convey that America shares in your grief as we struggle together to protect our homeland from terrorism.

Private Yoemans loved life and was described by his younger sister as "a little boy inside a great man." America is fortunate to have such "great men" standing up for the cause of freedom. His valor and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. STEVE F. AIKEN

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I want to extend my warmest thanks and my most sincere best wishes to Mr. Steve F. Aiken who is retiring after 35 years of faithful service to

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District.

Currently serving as Chief of the Programs Management Branch, Steve has had a distinguished career with the Corps of Engineers. A recipient of the Sustained Superior Performance Award and the Exceptional Performance Award several times, Steve has also received the District Humanitarian Award, the South Atlantic Division Program Management Chief of the Year award, and the Commander's Award for Civilian Service. Clearly, his record has been one of stellar performance and superb leadership. In addition, both my staff in Washington and in the Wilmington area have immensely enjoyed working with Steve and benefiting from his professional advice on some many key projects in our area. Each of them joins me in thanking you for being so accessible and informed. As the father of an Eagle Scout, I am also very grateful for his dedication and service to the Boy Scouts of America.

When I think of Steve's commitment to the public good, the words "spirit, sacrifice, and service" come to mind. Steve's positive spirit has always been to do the task at hand—a spirit that inspires others to achieve. Steve's sacrifice in time and commitment has been to make southeastern North Carolina a better place to live and work—a sacrifice that meant doing the right thing and not being concerned with who gets the credit.

Pearl S. Buck once said, "To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and free mind." There is no question that his years of service have been the epitome of this statement. Service to others has been the embodiment of his life—service that sets a path for others to follow and that we all should emulate.

As he enters this next stage of life, I am confident that his talents and energy will continue to be of benefit to many. Through his commitment to family and community, a shining gem he will continue to be.

Bart Giamatti, the former president of Yale University, said it well in 1987, "Be mindful of what we share and must share; not the least of which is that each of our hopes for a full and decent life depends upon others hoping the same and all of us sustaining each other's hopes . . . If there is no striving for the good life for any of us, there cannot be a good life for any of us."

On behalf of the citizens of the Seventh Congressional District of North Carolina, thanks to Steve so much for the good life he has given to so many. Now, may he enjoy the same, and may God's strength, peace and joy be with him always.

IN RECOGNITION OF GREECE'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN HOSTING THE 2004 SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Greece for its outstanding performance as host of the 2004 Olympic Games. As Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues and as the House Member privileged to represent Astoria, Queens, one of the

largest and most vibrant communities of Hellenic Americans anywhere in this country, I join with all of my Caucus colleagues and fellow residents of New York's 14th Congressional District in saluting the people of Greece. On October 29, 2004, the Hellenic community, together with many friends, convened in Astoria's Athens Square Park to recognize this outstanding accomplishment.

While it has been nearly three months since the Olympic flame was extinguished in Athens, the memory of how wonderful the 2004 Summer Games really were remains with us. The Athens Games attracted the largest American audience ever for an Olympic competition held outside the United States. The impact will be felt worldwide for generations to come. To me it was always clear that Greece would be an excellent host for the 2004 Olympic Games. Greek hospitality and warmth is renowned throughout the world. Thus, it is no surprise to report that the Greek people proved the naysayers wrong by hosting an impeccably organized and safe Olympic Games, an extraordinary world event in which the athletes took center stage.

For three weeks in August, the people of Greece welcomed the world to participate in a competition that allowed countries to set aside their political differences for a brief time and to come together in the spirit of peace and sportsmanship. Wanting to help make the 2004 Olympics a great event for visitors many volunteers, including those from New York City such as Andreas C George, Katherine George, Vlasia Anastasiou, Julia Anastasiou, Helen Skarla, Katerina Papaioannou, Joanna Savaidis, Irene Aindili Kalliroe Argenas, Yeannis Kaltsas, Spilios Gianakopoulos, Elizabeth Bogiatzi, Marika Gianakopoulos, Argyris Ignatiades, Stephanos Pavlides, Ieanni Michaelides, Theodora Ziongas, George Costacos and Zacharoula Karyammi, gave generously of their time and energy. While they were there, the volunteers were able to see Greece's beautiful historic and natural treasures, ensuring that they would remember forever their experience in Greece.

On October 29th, the members of Hellenic cultural and civic organizations, Greek Orthodox churches, constituents and friends joined together to pay tribute to Greece for its extraordinary showing in the Olympics. The organizations represented included the Federation of Hellenic Societies and its members: Grinion Benevolent Society; Daughters of Roumeli Society of New York, Inc., Society of Diplatanos, Saint Marina, Inc., Nafpactian Brotherhood of New York, Galaxidi Brotherhood Eanthe, Thermopyles Phiotidos, the Laconian Brotherhood "Mani" Inc., Calavrytan Fraternity, Geros Tou Morea, Inc, Society Vryseon Anavretis, Pankerkyraikos Association, Kephalos, Society of America, Ithacan Society, "Odessus" Ithacan Society, "Odessus" Aesculapian Thessalian Brotherhood, Inc., Society of Epirotes, Pyrrhus Benevolent Society, Inc., Society of Epirotes Ladies Auxiliary, Souliotissaithealonikian Society of Kastorians, Pontion Society of Kastoria, Inc., Panthracian Union of America, "Orpheus" St. John Theologos Society, Pan-icarian Brotherhood, Mytilenian Society of America, Pan-Iemnian Philanthropic Association "Hephaestos" Inc., Gnomagoras Nisyrian Society Inc., Zoodohos Pighe of Andros Society, Cretans Association, "Omonoia" Cretan Women's Association, "Pasiphae" Syllagos

Kreton "Minos" Pancyprian Association, Inc., Greek Cultural Center Inc., Northern Chios Society of "Pelineon", United Pireotes of America, Aetoloakarnanian Mutual Society, Mutual Aid Society, Aigioton Vostitsa Epidavrou Limiras Association, Inc., Pan-eliakos Society of New York, Kalamata Society, Ltd., Aristotelis Society of Halkidikipansamian Brotherhood "Pythagoras" of New York, "Labrys" Cretan Youth Organization of New York, Pontian Society "Kominioi", NY Greek American Folklore Society, Inc., Greek American Folklore Society, Inc., El Greco Society of Visual Arts, Inc., "St. Demetrios" Naupaktias Brotherhood of America, Greek American Homeowners Ass., Society Agiagalousion Amerikis, Greek-American Labor Council, Greek Society Elatousion of "St. Stefanos", Syllagos Noumou Magnisias "Argonaytes", Benevolent Association of Calamatahellenic Veterans Society of Greater New York, Inc., Panhellenic Organization "Martyrs of Kavo Melanios" Othoni Society of USA, Inc., Association of Logastra, Inc., Hellenic Organization of University Graduates of America, Philoptohos Adelfotis Arahoviton Nafpaktias Olympiakos Fan Club of NY, USA Greek and American Retirement Club, Pankritiki Enosis Athlismou, Inc., Pan-Grecoian A.E.K. Fan Soccer Club of USA, Inc., Greek-American Mothers Association of USA, Omilos Metanaston Karitsis Messinian Benevolent Association, Hellenic American Educators Association, Gnomogoras Nisyrian Society, Inc., Benevolent Society of Athanasios Diakos "Apostole", Association Magoulioton of Spartasyllagos Patrino Kostis Palamas and other prominent organizations, including PSEKA, Athens Square Park Inc., American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, St. Paul Soc., Pan Dodecanese Society of America, Krikos; Eastern Orthodox Lawyers, Pan Macedonian Cultural Center; the Modern Greek Studies Center; the Hellenic American Medical Society; Euro-American Women's Council and the Pan Erikoussa Society of America, as well as our friends in the Greek press: National Herald, Hellenic Harmonies, Hellas News, National Greek TV, Hellenic Times, Estiator & Greek American Review, Antena, Aktina, Eseis Magazine, Maria Papadatos Show; Orthodox Observer, Hellas FM, and Mike Zapitis Hour.

The millions of Americans who watched the Games achieved a better understanding of the Greek people, their warmth, generosity and graciousness. These Olympics helped solidify the reputation of Greece and the Hellenic people for abundant hospitality, or "filoxenia". Greece has earned our gratitude and sincerest congratulations. "Axie!"

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise to pay tribute to Greece for giving the world a spectacular 2004 Summer Olympics.

IN HONOR OF FOREST HILL
MANOR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Forest Hill Manor on its fiftieth anniversary of serving our community's seniors. This historic building was once the illustrious

Forest Hill Hotel, and is still known today for the fine service it offers its guests.

In 1954 the hotel was acquired by the California-Nevada Methodist Homes for the purpose of providing a retirement residence in picturesque Pacific Grove. Throughout the years the Manor has continued to undergo improvements, designed to maintain the high quality of life residents have come to expect from this institution.

Currently the Manor is beginning work on the latest expansion project, responding to the growing needs of the community. There will be an additional thirty-two independent living apartments, and six more assisted living apartments. The Manor is also adding a skilled nursing facility on the property, with twenty-six beds, so residents will not have to receive care offsite. These new developments will expand the Manor's ability to work for the elderly community in the Monterey Bay.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the Forest Hill Manor on the outstanding service it has provided our community for the last fifty years. The Manor is a model retirement home, offering a pleasant living experience for 693 residents since 1954. I extend my congratulations to Forest Hill Manor and wish it many more successful years.

IN HONOR OF SHERIFF MARK
TRACY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Tracy who is retiring after ten years as the Santa Cruz County Sheriff. Mr. Tracy's lifelong dedication to the Santa Cruz community consists of over 32 years as a police officer, as well as numerous volunteer and leadership positions within local organizations. Beginning his career as a Deputy Sheriff with Santa Cruz County, Mark rose through the ranks to become a Sergeant and a Lieutenant. He was elected Sheriff-Coroner of Santa Cruz County in 1994.

During his years with the Sheriff's Office, Mark has worked in and represented nearly every bureau and capacity in the department and has received numerous awards and commendations. Notably, he has acted as Coordinator of the Search and Rescue Team, was a founding member of the Hostage Negotiating Team, and has served as Chairman for both the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council and the Santa Cruz County Commission on Domestic Violence. By establishing the Domestic Violence Unit and working with advocacy groups throughout the county, he has promoted better services to victims of domestic abuse. Additionally, Sheriff Tracy established the High Tech Crime Unit to address the growing problem of identity theft and computer crimes.

In his career as Sheriff, Mark has also established unprecedented levels of trust and cooperation with the community, including women's groups, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, as well as medical marijuana organizations. He has overseen the opening of new service centers throughout Santa Cruz County and has placed school resource officers at high schools and junior high schools throughout the region.

The Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office has a proud history of aggressively attacking crime in a proactive and timely manner. Mark has been at the forefront of working towards unbiased policing and problem-solving techniques. In his partnerships with local organizations, he has established himself as an integral part of the Santa Cruz community. I have personally enjoyed working with Mark, and I wish to thank him for his dedicated service to our community. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Tracy on his upcoming retirement as Sheriff, and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

SPEECH OF

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 110, legislation that commemorates the upcoming 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.

As we all know, our Allied forces fought against great odds, outnumbered and outgunned, to hold back German forces from December, 1944 to January, 1945. Victory over Germany was secured 4 months later.

This year has given us many opportunities to thank the members of the World War II generation for all that they have achieved. The 60th anniversary of D-Day, the opening of the long-awaited National World War II Memorial on the Mall here in Washington, and the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge are reminders that these men and women fought to save the world from tyranny. The passage of time should not diminish their sacrifices.

I would like to thank the Speaker of the House, my friend and colleague from Illinois, for sponsoring this resolution. It honors the 600,000 U.S. troops who fought in this battle 60 years ago. One of those troops is another friend and former colleague, Bob Michel. The former Minority Leader of the House, Bob Michel was wounded by machine gun fire at the Battle of the Bulge, for which he earned two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. I know he has never forgotten that more than 81,000 of his fellow American soldiers were also injured in Belgium 60 years ago, and, through this resolution, we show these veterans that we do not forget, either.

I am proud to join my colleagues as a cosponsor of H.J. Res. 110, and urge its swift passage.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN OPEN ELECTIONS ACT OF 2004

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4324, the Thrift Savings Plan Open Elections Act of 2004. This simple, but important legislation will allow eligible individuals the opportunity to elect or modify contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) at any time, without penalty.

The TSP is a voluntary, tax-deferred defined contribution plan for Federal employees and members of the uniformed services, through which Federal agencies provide matching funds to an individual's own retirement contributions. However, under current law, an eligible employee has only two opportunities a year to join the TSP fund and receive matching contributions, or to adjust their individual contribution amount. The changes implemented by H.R. 4324 will allow for greater participant access to the TSP, and will simplify administration. Given the hard work that our Federal employees and uniformed servicemen and women perform day in and day out, it is commonsense that they should have this increased control over their retirement contributions.

RECOGNIZING DEREK E. WILLIAMS FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Derek E. Williams of Kearney, MO, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Derek has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the 3 years Derek has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Chaplain Aide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Derek is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Order of the Arrow, and Brotherhood.

For his Eagle Scout project, Derek built a bridge at the Lions Club Park. With the addition of Derek's bridge, the park is now handicap accessible. The project took approximately 120 hours to complete.

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

IMPROVING ACCESS TO PHYSICIANS IN MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to make it possible for foreign doctors to provide medical services in geographic areas which have been designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as having a shortage of health care professionals. S. 2302 is almost identical to H.R. 4453, which I cosponsored with my colleague, Mr. HOSTETTLER. H.R. 4453 passed the House on October 6 on the suspension calendar. The Senate bill has an additional

provision which ensures that specialists sponsored by Federal and State agencies are placed in areas that have a shortage in that specialty. The additional provision requires the sponsoring agency to determine criteria for demonstrating a specialist shortage and to meet that criteria in order to sponsor the specialist.

Aliens who attend medical school in the United States on J exchange program visas are required to leave the country afterwards and reside abroad for two years before they can receive a visa to work here as physicians. In 1994, Congress created a new temporary waiver of this 2-year foreign residence requirement which allowed states as well as federal agencies to sponsor the doctors. It applied to foreign doctors who would commit to practicing medicine for no less than 3 years in a geographic area designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as 2 having a shortage of health care professionals. This program has been successful for 10 years in bringing highly qualified physicians to medically underserved areas. It sunsetted on June 1 of this year.

The first physician recommended for a waiver in Texas was Dr. Maria Camacho, a Pediatric Intensivist. Her services to the residents of Harlingen in Cameron County provide a level of health care to children that was previously unavailable in that county.

Dr. K. M. Moorthi is a Nephrologist who was recommended for a waiver to serve at a facility in Pecos, TX, in Reeves County. He works at a dialysis center. Patients requiring dialysis 3 times per week in that part of Texas used to have to travel more than 70 miles each way for the treatments. Now it is available in Pecos.

The bill will provide a 2-year extension for this waiver program. When it was marked up by the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, the extension was only for one year. Although I had sought a 5-year extension at that 3 markup, I subsequently accepted a compromise of 2 years. I also negotiated a flexibility provision which will allow a State agency to place a doctor at a location that has not been designated as underserved if the doctor will nevertheless serve patients from an underserved area. The exception is limited to five doctors in each state. It targets rural underserved areas that typically get specialty medical care from a major medical facility that is not itself located within an underserved area. The bill also provides that the doctors who receive a waiver to come here with H-1B visas will not count towards the annual H-1B cap.

I urge you to vote for S. 2302.

BE PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN AN ESSAY BY HELEN LU

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an essay composed by Helen Lu, a 16-year-old junior at Washington High School in Fremont, CA. Miss Lu delivered her essay at the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission's Veterans Day commemoration on November 11, 2004.

BE PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

Be proud to be an American. Be proud that you are part of this great democratic society, founded on the ideals of liberty and freedom that our forefathers have fought for in the American Revolution.

Be proud to be an American. Remember our role in the destruction of that Fascist dictatorship in the Second World War.

Be proud to be an American, that you live in the most democratic nation in the world and take part in the most dynamic and developed economy.

Be proud to be an American, though you may look at what is going on these days, and sigh in disappointment at our divided condition regarding a war. But we have known greater division, the American Civil War. Yet we still come together as a nation. We still have come together to build this great nation into what it is today.

Be proud to be an American, even though we are uncertain if every war has been justified. There are those who call Vietnam a mistake. There are those who call the war in Iraq an error. You can dwell on those issues the other 364 days of the year, but today just remember the millions of men and women who have so selflessly devoted their lives to their country.

Be proud to be an American, for there is one thing certain, and remember it when you feel lost amidst all the political argument: there have always been brave men and women who would lay down their lives to protect those of yours and mine. There have always been courageous men and women who would sacrifice themselves for their country. We may look back at any war and condemn it as a grave mistake. We may look back on this war in Iraq, where thousands of young men and women have died, as a grave mistake. History may show that we had mistakes, but we will always be certain of the absolute heroism of those who sacrificed for their country.

Be proud to be an American. Your country is a nation in which people may disagree over values and beliefs, yet always come together in the end to fight any battle that needs to be fought.

To all our veterans, those who are here with us and to those who gave their lives in the service of their country, you have our utmost respect.

A TRIBUTE TO NISARUL HAQUE,
M.D.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Nisarul Haque for his dedication to Interfaith Medical Center and excellence in patient care.

Legendary for his gentle and caring manner, Dr. Haque has been affiliated with Interfaith Medical Center for nearly his entire medical career, joining as a medical resident in 1966 at one of Interfaith Medical Center's predecessor hospitals, Jewish Hospital and Medical Center of Brooklyn, or "Brooklyn Jewish." He has been married to Lois Haque for 38 years and they have two sons, Kamaal and Jameel.

Dr. Haque came to the United States from Pakistan on July 4, 1964, arriving to see Independence Day fireworks from a helicopter, which was shuttling him from JFK Airport to New Jersey to start his American medical career at Perth Amboy General Hospital. After

completing his Rotating Internship at Perth Amboy, Dr. Haque went to Kingsbrook Medical Center as a first year resident in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Haque says he finally found the right place when he came to Brooklyn Jewish for his second and third year residencies in Internal Medicine from 1966 to 1968 and Chief Medical Resident from 1968 to 1969. He joined the Medical Staff in 1971, worked as a part-time attending physician in the medical clinic in 1976 and was named to his current position as the Medical Director of the Department of Psychiatry in 1985. Dr. Haque is Board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and is a member of the Kings County Medical Society and Medical Society of the State of New York. He graduated in 1960 from the Khyber Medical College of the University of Peshawar, Pakistan. He did his internship at Lady Reading Hospital and served as Medical Director at the Cantonment General Hospital, both in Peshawar.

For his long-time commitment to the Interfaith Medical Center and its patients, Dr. Haque has received the 2004 Spirit Award for Excellence in Patient Care from the Center.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Nisarul Haque has dedicated his professional career to serving patients in the Brooklyn community at Interfaith Medical Center. 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.

IN MEMORY OF LANCE CPL. SEAN
M. LANGLEY

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lance Cpl. Sean M. Langley. On November 7, 2004, Lance Cpl. Langley made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while serving in Iraq. The work of our young men and women in the armed services is vital for the safety and security of our Nation. The death of Lance Cpl. Langley is a true loss to the United States. I salute his dedication while serving in the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. My thoughts and prayers are with his parents, Bill and Patricia Langley, and all those who loved him.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY WILLIAM
HAYNES FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeffrey William Haynes of Kearney, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeff has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

nine years Jeff has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Jeff attended H. Roe Bartle each year since becoming a member of Troop 397, and is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Order of the Arrow, and Brotherhood.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jeff disassembled and removed the old playground equipment in Lion's Park in Kearney; and then assembled and installed new playground equipment.

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

CONGRATULATING LARRY
HERBSTER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my respected colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Larry Herbster as he retires from his position as General Manager of WBRE-TV, the NBC affiliate in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Larry has worked for Nexstar Broadcasting for five years and was named Vice President and General Manager of WBRE in 2000.

Larry was born in Scranton and is a 1961 graduate of Scranton Preparatory School. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Scranton and his master's degree in business administration from New York University's Stern Graduate School of Business.

Larry has worked in the media since 1967, beginning with LIFE Magazine, TIME-LIFE Broadcast and Cable and TIME-LIFE Books. He also worked in various capacities with The Washington Post and The Gannett Co., Inc. Larry was President of two Gannett television stations in Oklahoma City and in Buffalo, New York before retiring in 1999. He then became Vice President and General Manager of Nexstar Broadcasting's Rochester, New York CBS affiliate before coming back home to Northeastern Pennsylvania. He and his wife Anna reside in Wilkes-Barre.

Larry has been active in community affairs throughout his entire life, serving on the boards of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, the Diamond City Partnership, the Boy Scouts of America and Scranton Tomorrow. In his spare time, Larry is an avid sailor. Larry will teach on the graduate school level now that he is retiring.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Larry Herbster upon his retirement. It is truly a privilege to represent a man who has worked diligently to dispense the news to the public and who has served his community with a variety of civic activities.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHAKER SQUARE

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of one of Cleveland's most cherished landmarks, Shaker Square.

The Square was built in 1927–29 by Otis and Mantis Van Sweringen, the brothers who developed Shaker Heights, Ohio. The oldest shopping district in Ohio and the second oldest in the Nation, Shaker Square was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. What you see at Shaker Square today is a happy combination of nearly 75 years of preservation, enhanced by a multi-million dollar renovation in 2000–2001.

The Square has been viewed as the gateway to the Eastern suburbs. In addition to the development of Shaker Square was the creation of a rapid transit (light rail) connection to downtown Cleveland via the Terminal Tower, which is now a part of The Tower City Center.

Shaker Square is home to many unique shops and restaurants and is home to the Historic Colonial Theater, which was built in 1937.

But Shaker Square is more than a shopping area. It is the heart of a lively, diverse neighborhood. There are more than 4,000 units of high-quality rental and condominium apartments near the square—the largest concentration of multi family housing in Cleveland—plus townhouses and many private homes.

Therefore, it is with great pride and pleasure that I congratulate Shaker Square and the community-at-large as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of this historic landmark in the city of Cleveland and the 11th Congressional District of Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Denton Housing Authority to commend them for receiving four National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Merit Awards this year.

The Denton Housing Authority has been active in the North Texas community for years, working hard to provide quality public and affordable housing. This year at the 2004 NAHRO awards ceremony, the Denton Housing Authority was recognized for their achievements. The Denton Housing Authority raised the bar once again by winning more merit awards than in 2003.

The Denton Housing Authority was recognized for four of their programs. The Class Apprenticeship Program, created by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, provides career training programs, on-the-job training, and associated technical instruction to program participants and members of the community. The Denton County Health Department Dental Clinic teams with the County Health Department to make available low-cost and free

services to area residents who cannot afford insurance. Also, Project READY teams with the University of North Texas to encourage social and academic success and reinforce positive behavior of youth living in the Phoenix housing development. Finally, Resident Outreach Clean Up Project in cooperation with the University of North Texas and Keep Denton Beautiful improved the community surroundings and eliminated trash and graffiti. I believe these programs will better enhance our community by investing in our citizens and forming a safer environment for our neighborhoods.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the Denton Housing Authority for their innovation and hard work in providing community outreach services to the city of Denton and surrounding communities.

COMMENDING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ITS DESIGNATION AS ONE OF THE TOP THREE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Palm Beach County School District for achieving a rating of "Best" in the report released by the America Prepared Campaign on Preparedness in America's Schools. In the twenty school districts rated on their emergency preparedness regarding terrorism, Palm Beach County scored in third place.

The America Prepared Campaign is a non-profit, non-partisan initiative that uses the expertise of national leaders on a range of matters to give citizens the tools and information they need to prepare themselves and their families for a large-scale disaster, particularly a terrorism event.

In their report entitled "Preparedness in America's Schools: A Comprehensive Look at Terrorism Preparedness in America's Twenty Largest School Districts," the foundation examined how well these school districts are prepared to protect their students in the event of a terrorist attack or other major emergency.

With 193 schools and more than 160,000 students, the School District of Palm Beach County was lauded for its "long history of robust school security and safety efforts." School District Police Department Chief James Kelly was singled out for his focus on implementing effective and efficient security methods, such as identification badges for school personnel, including students, a GPS tracking system for county school buses, and the introduction of violence-intervention programs.

This report also cited the School District's outstanding use of communication, employing the use of the existing local notification system rather than a brand-new, expensive phone tree. This method ensures that parents and local officials have up-to-date emergency information.

While the School District has every right to feel proud of their accomplishment, officials know that there is still plenty of work to be done. The school district has, for example, ap-

plied for a grant to print an emergency preparedness pamphlet in four languages to be distributed to every home. Not only would families with children in public school receive this pamphlet, but so would families with students in private and charter schools.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Palm Beach County School District for its efforts to prepare students, faculty, parents, and community members for emergency situations.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER COBLE KREEGER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Coble Kreeger of Kearney, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the 10 years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Den Chief, Patrol Leader, Bugler, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Alex attended H. Roe Bartle Camp for 6 years, becoming a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2000, Ordeal in 2000, and Brotherhood in 2001.

For his Eagle Scout project, Alex cleaned and repaired the Lion's Club garage in Kearney.

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

CORRECTING ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 1417

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. Con. Res. 145, a bill for correcting the enrollment of H.R. 1417, the "Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act." I commend Messrs. Smith, Mr. Berman, and Ranking Member Conyers, for their respective hard work in crafting this legislation.

The underlying bill would replace the existing administrative procedures within the U.S. Copyright Office that determine copyright royalty rates and the distribution of related royalties under various compulsory licenses.

Under the Copyright Royalty Tribunal Reform Act of 1993, the Librarian of Congress has the authority to convene Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels, or "CARPS," to resolve failed private negotiations between parties that fail to establish rates or to distribute royalties regarding the commercial use of movies, music and other specified copyrighted works.

For years, the CARP system has been criticized for rendering unpredictable and inconsistent decisions, employing arbitrators lacking the expertise to render sound decisions, and for being unnecessarily expensive.

H.R. 1417 is a reasonable bill to cure these concerns and is based on the input and recommendations of government and industry experts.

H.R. 1417 addresses the problem of lack of arbitrator expertise by appointing a "Copyright Judge" to preside over the new process. The Copyright Judge will be appointed by the Librarian of Congress, have full adjudicatory responsibility, and have the authority to make rulings on both the law and rates. The Copyright Judge will select two professional staff members with knowledge of economics, business, and finance. These staff qualifications will also improve the quality of the decisions rendered.

H.R. 1417 redefines the role of the Copyright Office. Presently, acts as an intake agency answering initial case intake questions, as well as an appellate court for CARP decisions by advising the Librarian on cases. This dual role forces the Copyright Office to often decline to answer threshold intake questions for fear of having to review its own decisions at the appellate stage. Under H.R. 1417, the Copyright Office's appellate responsibilities will be removed and the Office will only act in an administrative and advisory capacity by counseling the Copyright Judge on substantive issues as requested.

For small claimants who participate in the CARP process, the substantial expenses are practically preclusive. H.R. 1417 contains provisions to make the process more accessible. First, claimants must declare an "amount in controversy" during a distribution determination phase of the proceedings. If the dollar figure is \$500 or less, the claimant will be assigned to the small claims process which is an less expensive, "all-paper" claim resolution method.

Another provision of H.R. 1417, that benefits both large and small claimants requires the filing of a "notice of intent to participate" in either a rate-making or distribution proceeding. This not requirement will discourage entities from disrupting the process by participating at the last minute. If a party failure to file in a timely manner or fails to pay the required fee, they will be an exclusion of either written or oral participation in that determination. Those exempted as small claimants would not be affected by this requirement.

H.R. 1417 contains several procedural changes to make the claim resolution process more convenient for the parties. H.R. 1417 expands the duration of the discovery phase from 45 to 60 days to give parties more time to file their claims. Additionally, the 180-day time-frame for completing the CARP hearing process is amended to require parties complete the hearing phase of a rate-making or distribution determination in 6 months. The Copyright Judge, at their discretion, could extend this period up to a maximum of 6 additional months.

Mr. Speaker, after the corrections made by S. Con. Res. 145, H.R. 1417 will make changes to the CARP system that will benefit the parties as well as the agents of the copyright adjudication system. I support H. Con. Res. 145 and H.R. 1417, and I urge my colleagues to join me.

STEVE LOHR'S NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE: "IS KAISER THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN HEALTH CARE?"

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an excellent article recently published in the New York Times. For years I have talked about the benefits of real managed care, not the managed cost model Republicans in Congress and the Bush Administration blindly push at the expense of patients.

In his article, Steve Lohr presents the facts about Kaiser Permanente and its non-profit staff model health maintenance organization. For thousands of people in my district and millions across the country Kaiser provides quality, cost effective care, while still finding the resources necessary to be a leader in the development of health information technology. At the same time, Kaiser keeps costs down by effectively managing chronic conditions and educating healthy members to avoid chronic conditions down the road.

Tax credits and personal responsibility will do little or nothing to ameliorate the crisis of 45 million uninsured Americans. The Kaiser model is the most reasonable approach to creating a single-payer universal health care system. Obstacles to reaching the goal of universal coverage are many, but this article presents the hard fact that Kaiser is the future of American health care.

It is with pleasure that I submit the attached article, "Is Kaiser the Future of American Health Care?" for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The article originally appeared in the October 31, 2004 edition of The New York Times.

[From the New York Times, Oct. 31, 2004]

IS KAISER THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN HEALTH CARE?

(By Steve Lohr)

OAKLAND, CA—After 18 years in private practice, Dr. Victor Silvestre was exhausted from his lonely battle, day after day, with a health care system that seemed to be working against him. A general practitioner, Dr. Silvestre found it increasingly difficult to get his patients appointments with specialists, who tended to focus on lucrative procedures instead of routine care. Paperwork and haggling with insurance companies, he said, took more and more time. "There just had to be a better way," he recalled.

For Dr. Silvestre, the better way was not across the border in Canada, or in some affluent nearby suburb, but in his own backyard, in Oakland. Two years ago, he joined Kaiser Permanente, the huge health maintenance organization based here. "So many of the solutions, the ingredients of a more rational system for delivering health care, were there," he said.

It may seem unlikely, given Kaiser's past image as a ham-handed H.M.O., but plenty of others are reaching the same conclusion. High-level visitors from across the political spectrum—the Bush administration and National Health Service of Britain, for example—are coming to California these days to look at Kaiser as an institution that is actually doing some of the things needed to improve health care.

Obviously, there is no single model for re-vamping the nation's costly, disjointed

health care system, and Kaiser certainly has its share of problems. But according to economists and medical experts, Kaiser is a leader in the drive both to increase the quality of care and to spend health dollars more wisely, using technology and incentives tailored to those goals. "Quality health care in America will never be cheap, but Kaiser probably does it better than anywhere else," said Uwe E. Reinhardt, an economist at Princeton who specializes in health issues.

HEALTH care systems in most industrialized countries are in crises of one form or another. But the American system is characterized by both feast and famine: it leads the world in delivering high-tech medical miracles but leaves 45 million people uninsured. The United States spends more on health care than any other country—\$6,167 a person a year—yet it is a laggard among wealthy nations under basic health measures like life expectancy. In a nutshell, America's health care system, according to many experts, is a nonsystem. "It's like the worst market system you could devise, just a mess," said Neelam Sekhri, a health policy specialist at the World Health Organization in Geneva.

In this political season, the health care debate has been mostly about who will pay the bill. President Bush talks about tax credits and health savings accounts that are intended to give people more control over their care but would also mean that they would pay more out of their own pockets. Senator John Kerry wants the government to pay more, and he has proposed a major, and costly, program to cover the uninsured.

The favored solution of many liberals—and of no small number of health care experts—is a single-payer system of health insurance, covering the entire population and underwritten by the government. For the foreseeable future, that is considered politically off-limits, which was the message Washington absorbed from the abandoned effort to fashion a national health program in the Clinton administration.

How to finance health care is only one side of the problem. The other is how to deliver the care more intelligently, and that is where the Kaiser experience holds lessons. Given the demands of an aging population and steady advances in medical technology, national health spending will continue to climb. Yet by all accounts, there is plenty of waste—estimates range up to 30 percent or more of total spending—from unnecessary clinical tests, hospital stays and prescriptions, and the bedeviling sea of paper used to handle bills, claims and patient records.

"We're not going to spend less, but figuring out how to get the most value out of our health spending is going to be the big issue of the future," said David Cutler, a health care economist at Harvard.

But Kaiser as a model? Wasn't Kaiser, an H.M.O., part of the "managed care" movement that faltered in the 1990's amid protests from doctors and patients? In fact, Kaiser, with its origins in the 1930's and 1940's, when the industrialist Henry J. Kaiser provided health care for his construction and shipyard workers, has always been a hybrid. The managed care concept of the 1990's was about having an outside bean counter, usually an insurance company, looking over the shoulder of the doctor—managing costs instead of managing care.

Kaiser has a different setup with different incentives. It emphasizes preventive care and managing chronic diseases like heart disease and diabetes to keep people healthier. And that saves money because healthier people require less costly care like hospitalization.

The country's largest private-sector provider of health care, Kaiser employs more than 11,000 physicians and 135,000 other workers, owns 30 hospitals and hundreds of clinics

and serves more than eight million members in nine states and the District of Columbia. Seventy percent are in California. Kaiser is both insurer and provider; employers typically pay fixed yearly fees for each member, no matter how much care is provided.

Clearly, Kaiser has its limits as a model for others. It is unlike many mainstream health plans in that it is a not-for-profit company—though one with annual revenue of more than \$25 billion and operating margins of 5 percent. Its facilities tend to be large, and it has a lingering reputation for practicing an impersonal, regimented style of medicine that limits patient choice, despite recent efforts like the creation of physicians' personal Web pages and e-mail communication with patients.

Still, most health care experts who have studied Kaiser are impressed. "Kaiser has a model that consciously manages both quality and costs in a way that has been very effective," said Margaret O'Kane, president of the National Committee for Quality Assurance, an independent group that monitors health plans.

Kaiser's approach is best illustrated in two ways: its management of chronic illnesses like heart disease and diabetes, and its \$3 billion initiative to use information technology to improve clinical care and streamline operations.

Across the country, health costs are skewed. In any given year, 90 percent of spending provides care for 30 percent of the population, and more than half of total spending goes to 5 percent of the population. Much of it is spent on people with chronic illnesses like heart disease and diabetes. So helping people with those ailments stay as healthy as possible offers much opportunity for cutting costs—and for improving lives.

In Northern California, Kaiser has sharply reduced the death rate for its three million members there in recent years by monitoring and controlling blood pressure and cholesterol levels and by promoting the use of aspirin and beta blockers (to reduce the risk of heart attacks) and statins (to lower cholesterol). The death rate from heart disease among the Kaiser members is 30 percent lower than it is in the rest of the Northern California population, adjusted for age and gender.

Four months ago, Jose Flores, 44, a postal worker in San Francisco, had double-bypass heart surgery. While still in the hospital, he was enrolled in a program of education and treatment, which is run by nurses and lasts a year. Patients receive instruction on diet, exercise and cholesterol management; smokers are placed in a course to help them quit.

Mr. Flores says he is on a drug regimen that includes beta blockers and Lovastatin, a generic cholesterol-lowering statin. He takes large doses of niacin, a vitamin that raises the level of high-density lipoprotein, the "good" cholesterol that protects against heart attacks. He walks for an hour, five days a week. His eating habits have been transformed, too: fried foods were once a staple of his diet, but no more. Blacklisted, too, are sour cream, cheese and corn chips. "Now, I try to avoid all that," Mr. Flores said.

In Northern California alone, Kaiser spends \$55 million a year on chronic-care management programs. "But what's really expensive is if we don't take care of these people and manage their chronic conditions," said Dr. Robert Mithun, chief of internal medicine at Kaiser's medical center in San Francisco.

Dr. Mithun's comment may seem like no more than common sense, but it does not reflect the typical logic of the dominant fee-for-service model of health care. Most doctors and hospitals get a fee from insurers for each patient visit, clinical test, surgical procedure or day a patient spends in a hospital.

In practice, the fee-for-service system is often an invitation to do more of everything—more visits, more tests, more surgery. What gets done is what gets paid for, and insurers usually do not pay for preventive care or chronic care management provided by nurses or in group classes, like the ones at Kaiser.

In the fee-for-service medical economy, doctors and hospitals routinely strike different deals at different fees with many different insurers. The results are complexity, inefficiency and a constant bureaucratic tug-of-war between health care providers and insurers over claims.

The Kaiser economy seems a world apart. "What works at Kaiser is the integration of the financing and delivery of care, and the aligned incentives that allow you to make more rational decisions about health care for members," said Ms. Sekhri, the policy expert at the World Health Organization, who has studied Kaiser.

Ms. Sekhri was a co-author of a 2002 report that compared Kaiser in California with the National Health Service of Britain. The report found that for comparable spending, the Kaiser system in California did a better job of keeping people with chronic conditions out of hospitals. And when Kaiser patients were admitted to hospitals, their stays were generally shorter. Recently, Britain sent groups of primary care physicians and hospital administrators to California to learn from Kaiser.

The Labor government in Britain may look to Kaiser as an efficient model for its health service, which is run by the government. But the Bush administration is more interested in Kaiser as a model for the efficiencies and integration that can be achieved through information technology.

In May, the Bush administration appointed Dr. David J. Brailer to the new post of national coordinator of health information technology. His mandate is to prod the nation's health care system into the computer age. Bringing patient records and prescriptions out of the pen-and-ink era promises to save both dollars and lives. The automation of an electronic system could sharply reduce medical errors, which are estimated to be responsible for 45,000 to 98,000 deaths a year, according to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Kaiser has been investing heavily in information technology for years. Its clinical information system includes electronic records with a patient's history, prescriptions and preventive health recommendations. A doctor can call up a patient's X-ray or magnetic resonance image on a desktop personal computer. Electronic prescribing—a goal in the government plan—is routine at Kaiser.

Yet Kaiser is in the midst of a several-year, \$3 billion program, called KP HealthConnect, to drastically improve and integrate its clinical and administrative systems and Web-based services for members. Once it is in place, Kaiser clinicians will be able to tap into a vast but flexible storehouse of data that uses intelligent software to automatically flag potentially harmful drug combinations for a patient or to suggest what treatments have been most effective for other people who are of the same sex, age group and—eventually—genetic profile.

Dr. Brailer, for one, checks in regularly on the progress of HealthConnect. George Halvorson, Kaiser's chief executive, said, "Policy makers are looking to us as the cutting edge of how health care can be supported electronically."

Kaiser has had setbacks in the program. Last year, it abandoned I.B.M. as its main partner on the project and chose to go with specialized health care software provided by Epic Systems, a private company in Madi-

son, Wis. Despite the switch, HealthConnect is scheduled to be rolled out during the next couple of years across Kaiser's operations.

The conversion of inefficient paperwork to a digital network also opens the door to fostering more efficient markets in health care. Markets rely on information, yet the health care economy is one in which information on patients, treatments and outcomes is trapped on paper and isolated in clinics, hospitals and insurance offices—instead of being shared, analyzed and compared, while still insuring privacy.

The fee-for-service model exists because patient visits, clinical tests and surgical procedures can be measured. They are inputs, in economic terms. Whether those inputs are effective is another matter.

In recent years, there have been efforts to focus on the quality of health care. The National Committee for Quality Assurance conducts annual reports based on a health plan's use of practices shown to improve patients' health, from timely prenatal care to cholesterol management. Kaiser plans consistently earn excellent ratings in the group's reports, and, this year, it had four of the five top-rated plans in the Pacific region, its stronghold.

Dr. Francis J. Crosson, the executive director of the physicians' side of Kaiser, said, "Our future has to be to compete on quality, offering people demonstrably better care and better value."

And the Kaiser system delivers quality while controlling total costs. A recent survey of health care costs in 15 metropolitan areas by Hewitt Associates, the human resources consulting firm, found that the cost for care per employee last year was lowest in the San Francisco area, where Kaiser members were about 35 percent of the insured population, at \$5,515, and was highest in regions where Kaiser did not operate—led by New York, at \$6,818 a worker.

Quality yardsticks are helpful, but they still measure inputs—ones associated with better health—instead of tracking how patients fare. The longer-term goal is for health plans to use technology more, as leading companies in the rest of the economy do. For the health plans, that may mean constantly tracking patients, treatments and results. "To have a real market for quality in health care, you need a product," Mr. Halvorson said. "And that means reliable, timely information about outcomes, clinical-trial sorts of databases that show things like, for example, 50-year-olds in our system have fewer heart attacks."

"With the right information and the right incentives," he added, "capitalism creates very good solutions."

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID J. MANNING

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of David J. Manning for his dedication to Interfaith Medical Center and continued community efforts.

David was elected Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs of KeySpan Energy in April 1999. He is the Senior Officer reporting to the Chairman, with responsibility for public affairs, government relations, internal and external communications, community development and altruism, corporate brand strategy, and environmental policy and operations.

Before joining KeySpan Energy, Mr. Manning had been President of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)

since 1995. From 1993 to 1995, he was Deputy Minister of Energy for the Province of Alberta, Canada, the source of approximately 14 percent of the natural gas used in the U.S. From 1988 to 1993, he was Senior International Trade Counsel for the Government of Alberta, based in New York City. Previously, he was in the private practice of law in Alberta, Canada. Mr. Manning is eligible for admission to the New York Bar. KeySpan Energy is the 4th largest natural gas distributor in the United States, serving much of New York City, Long Island, Boston and New Hampshire. It is also the largest investor owned electric power generator in New York State, and operates the LIPA electric system on Long Island under contract. David is past Chairman of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of the Long Island Housing Partnership Board, and Coordinating Committee Co-chair of the current National Petroleum Council Natural Gas Study.

Most recently, for his community service and contributions to the Interfaith Medical Center, David is receiving the Spirit Award for Excellence in Community Service from the Center.

Mr. Speaker, David J. Manning has used his position as a national leader in the energy industry to strengthen and improve our community. 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.

IN MEMORY OF CORPORAL
NICHOLAS DIERFUF

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Corporal Nicholas J. Dierfuf. On April 8, 2004, Corporal Dierfuf made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while serving in Iraq. The work of our young men and women in the armed services is vital for the safety and security of our nation. The death of Corporal Dierfuf is a true loss to the United States. I salute his dedication while serving in the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, a unit in the 1st Marine Division. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Emily Duncan Dierfuf, his parents, and all those who loved him.

RECOGNIZING PAUL WESTFALL
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paul Westfall of Blue Springs, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Paul has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the

many years Paul has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

CONGRATULATING ST. MICHAEL'S
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my respected colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church on the joyous occasion of its 75th anniversary this Sunday in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

This church has a rich and proud history in the Eleventh District of Pennsylvania. Groundbreaking for St. Michael's began on September 2, 1929. The dedicated men and women were the founding members who provided the community with a place to worship. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue to worship at St. Michael's. Members of the congregation are involved in a variety of civic activities that show their dedication to helping those who are less fortunate.

The church community shares its heritage through food each June. Visitors can partake in delicious foods such as homemade pyrohy, holubtsi and halushki, just to name a few. Through the Annual Food Festival, church members celebrate culture. But more than that, the festival unites people as it exposes a different ethnicity, fostering understanding and appreciation.

I would like to recognize Rev. Nestor S. Kowal, pastor of St. Michael's, as well as Karen Nebesky and Charles Warholak, Jr., co-chairpersons of the anniversary celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in acknowledging the significant contributions made by St. Michael's Ukrainian Church and to congratulate its members on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2004
CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF BLACK
NURSES HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding achievements of four distinguished healthcare professionals—Drs. Dorothy Bradford, Valerie George, Daisy Alford-Smith, and May Wykle.

Their endless acts of community service, excellence in the field of nursing education and many nursing affiliations are testimonies to their accomplishments, which have been recognized both locally and nationally.

Their sensitivity and willingness to help others were critical ingredients throughout their il-

lustrious careers. May the legacy of their work continue to inspire the hearts and minds of others.

I am honored to join with the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses and the people of the 11th Congressional District in celebrating the "Living Legacy" of these visionaries.

CONGRATULATING J. ROGER WIL-
LIAMS AS TEXAS' 105TH SEC-
RETARY OF STATE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, Texas Governor Rick Perry named J. Roger Williams, a Weatherford businessman, Texas' 105th Secretary of State.

A nationally respected businessman, Roger Williams will be a powerful statesman. Mr. Williams will represent Texas entities both home and abroad by promoting all our great state has to offer. The Secretary of State serves as liaison for the governor on border and Mexican Affairs. As a dedicated civic leader and generous philanthropist, Mr. Williams comes well prepared for his new tenure as Texas' 105th Secretary of State.

In addition to his duties representing Texas, Roger Williams will serve as the state's chief elections officer. The Office of Secretary of State also is the official repository for official and business records; publishes government rules and regulations; and attests to the governor's signature on official documents.

Most recently, Mr. Williams served as Chairman of the Board of Roger Williams Automall in Weatherford and Vestry Financial Corporation of Fort Worth. From 1974 to 1995 Williams was President and Chief Executive Officer of Jack Williams Automall, the multiple-line dealership founded by his father, Jack Williams, in 1958.

A former professional baseball player, Roger Williams played for the Atlanta Braves farm team from 1971 to 1974, and he owned and operated the San Antonio Brewers professional baseball club from 1972 to 1975. He also served as assistant head coach and later head coach for the baseball team at Texas Christian University, his alma mater.

Roger Williams has been recognized nationally for his business acumen, as a 1981 inductee into the Automobile Hall of Fame and as the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year in 1984. He was named by Time magazine as Automobile Dealer of the Year in 1985 and by Sports Illustrated as Import Automobile Dealer of the Year in 1986. Lockheed Martin Management Association named Williams Manager of the Year in 1977.

I welcome J. Roger Williams to his new role as Texas Secretary of State and extend my congratulations to Mr. Williams and his family, his wife Patty and their two daughters, Jaclyn and Sabrina.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING
OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
THE AMERICAN INDIAN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. Detailing the lives, beliefs, histories, and stories of thousands of years of Native American life in North America, this museum catalogs the important and unique contribution of Native Americans to the cultural legacy of the United States.

It is fitting that the National Museum of the American Indian is located on the National Mall at the footsteps of the Capitol Building. We are all reminded that, except for the people this museum celebrates, we are immigrants to this land. We have all come to this country from different corners of the world: some from Europe, some from Asia, others from Africa, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands. In a way, all of us are guests to this continent, and the American Indian Museum reminds us that we have a responsibility to care not only for our country but for the land we live on, the oceans we are surrounded by, and, most especially, the native peoples who were here first.

We forgot sometimes what life was like before we immigrants came here. Our land was not always called the United States, and the people here were not always called Americans. The nations that made up the Native American spectrum had different cultures and different histories, but often shared similar beliefs, such as the power of the relationship between humans and nature, the wisdom of ancestors, and the particular order of the universe.

Mr. Speaker, the National Museum of the American Indian reminds us of the important legacy of the Native American community as representatives of our nation's history, the destructive and the creative ideas that built our country. We are privileged to have access to this invaluable collection of artifacts from a history that once was and memories from a present that is still very much alive. Once again, I celebrate the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, and I encourage all Americans to visit this museum to better understand the history of our nation and those who came before it.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT TUCKER FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Scott Tucker of Blue Springs, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Scott has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Scott has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HIGH-
END COMPUTING REVITALIZA-
TION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 4516 calling on the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing systems, and to develop and deploy high-end computing systems for advanced scientific and engineering applications.

Federally-supported High End Computing and Computation (HECC) programs involve leading-edge research and development (R&D) in large, high performance computational systems, including hardware, software, architecture, and applications. HECC R&D extends the state of the art in computing systems, applications, and high end infrastructure to achieve the scientific, technical, and information management breakthroughs necessary to keep the U.S. in the forefront of the 21st century information technology (IT) revolution.

Federal HECC research continues to pave the way for revolutionary advances in science, technology, and national security and has become an important tool in the design and development of military and commercial products ranging from submarines and aircraft to automobiles. HECC researchers develop computation-intensive algorithms and software to model and simulate complex physical, chemical, and biological systems; information-intensive science and engineering applications; management and use of huge, complex information bases; and advanced concepts in quantum, biological, and optical computing.

This bill will help to further the Department of Energy's Leadership-Class Computing (LCC) initiative to develop the world's fastest science research supercomputer and make it available to all users. This legislation, endorses the goals of the High End Computing and Computation Coordinating Group to ensure an efficient deployment of resources for advanced computing research at the Department of Energy and the other federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce.

Federal funding of high-risk research in high end computing systems over the past decades has helped to bring us the personal computers, networks, and cell-phone infrastructures that have helped to fuel U.S. economic growth. This newest initiative will help continue that trend.

A TRIBUTE TO NEW LIFE BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of New Life Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York in commemoration of its 50th anniversary and spiritual and community leadership.

God placed a vision for New Life Baptist Church on the heart of E.F. Jacobs and Mother Martha Jacobs, and on February 7, 1954, the church began its mission at 214 Howard Avenue. The first members were sister Gladys Blackman, Sister Delores Hite, Sister Mae G. Mills Mazzyck and Sister Geneva Wonsley. They received letters from Pilgrim Baptist Church to become members. Temporary officers were Rev. E.F. Jacobs, moderator and Sister Gladys Blackman as church clerk. These members were extended the right hand of fellowship by the Council on September 17, 1954 making them the New Life Baptist Church.

Pastor Jacobs adopted the motto: Lift up Jesus and give the devil battle. Under his continued leadership, the church continued to thrive. In 1962, God blessed its members with a new home for the church at 931 Dumont Ave in Brooklyn.

In 1967, Rev. Holness came to work with us. On December 30, 1968, the church elected Rev. Clifford L. Johnson as its assistant pastor. On May 8, 1973, Brother Marshall Rowe received the call to the ministry and was the first minister to receive a license to preach by New Life. He was followed by Rev. Melvin Ward, who was elected to serve as the second pastor of New Life on May 1, 1978. In the summer of 1983, New Life mothered its first church, Victory Baptist Church.

On October 24, 1983, Rev. John H. Marshall was elected as the third pastor of New Life. Under his leadership, the church has received many blessings. Sister Carolyn Plaines preached her trial sermon and on August 18, 1991 was licensed to preach the gospel. In April 2, 1995, Brother Akin Royall also preached his trial sermon and received his license to preach the gospel. With Rev. Marshall's guidance, the church also improved the church's physical surroundings. It built a new sanctuary, holding its first baptism there on October 5, 1996. Three years later, the church renovated its fellowship hall, kitchen and bathroom and officially dedicated its new sanctuary.

New Life also conducts several community outreach programs including the Annual Vacation Bible School event, clothing and food give-outs and in 2001 it assisted with the "Feed the Children" campaign, which provided food for more than 2500 families in the community. New Life also undertakes a "Back to Christ Crusade" each year that draws community participation.

Mr. Speaker, New Life Baptist Church has been a source of community and spiritual leadership in Brooklyn for 50 years. As such, it is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable congregation.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BARBARA J. SIDARI

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Barbara J. Sidari, who is retiring from the San Lorenzo Unified School District Board. Mrs. Sidari has served the students, parents, teachers, and administrators in the school district of San Lorenzo, California since she was first elected in April 1979. She served until 1983 and was reelected in November 1988 and has served continuously since that time. Mrs. Sidari was elected by her fellow Board members to serve as president and vice president/clerk of the Board several times.

During her twenty years as a Board member, Mrs. Sidari represented the Board of Education on numerous committees and councils throughout the county. She is especially proud of her accomplishments as a member of the Eden Area Regional Occupational Center Council, a position she has held for nineteen years. She has also served as chair of the Council for several terms.

Mrs. Sidari has always been active in school affairs having held several positions from Historian to President of the local PTA. She is a former Cub Scout Den Mother and Brownie Leader and continues her active service in a number of educational and civic organizations.

Barbara J. Sidari exemplifies commitment and service. Her contributions to her community are noteworthy. As she ends her twenty-year tenure on the San Lorenzo School Board, I congratulate her and applaud all that she has done to make a difference in the lives of others. Mrs. Sidari will be honored at a reception on January 25, 2005. I join her colleagues, friends, and admirers in expressing good wishes and appreciation for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF JOHN BARICEVIC—CHAIRMAN OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career and public service of John Baricevic.

For 25 years, John Baricevic has been an effective leader for St. Clair County, Illinois and the entire St. Louis metropolitan region. His regional approach to public policy issues has steered both St. Clair County and the region in a positive direction since the beginning of his term as St. Clair County Board Chairman fourteen years ago. John's vision is credited as the driving force behind numerous projects that continue to enhance not only St. Clair County, but our entire area.

John's persistent dedication and interest in regional projects has truly made a difference in how the St. Louis region has evolved. With the addition of MidAmerica Airport, John's vision provided a new reliever airport for the re-

gion and his strong support for MetroLink in Illinois has its proof in the miles of track which are laid, this year more of which are in Illinois than in Missouri where the system started.

His strong leadership in working to keep Scott Air Force Base open has continued to keep a major engine in our regional economy strong and healthy. Through his direct lobbying efforts, on behalf of the Leadership Council, Scott Air Force base has been kept open through four rounds of nationwide military base closures. Only one more round of closures is predicted. Scott is the largest employer south of Springfield, Illinois and is the 4th largest employer in the St. Louis area. Scott brings about \$2 billion annually to our economy and the men and women at the base are an integral part of our churches, schools, civic activities and communities. John continues to campaign and work with me to protect Scott from closure in this final round.

Working with the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce, John continues to spearhead the planning and development of a new Mississippi River Bridge, a project he sees as important to erasing the divide between Illinois and Missouri by creating a new Mississippi river crossing. Without a new Mississippi River Bridge our regional transportation system would come to nearly a standstill and the flow of commerce and goods would be drastically reduced. John works closely with my office to seek the funds and the support to make the bridge a reality.

John's interest in helping people started early in his life. After graduating from Assumption High School in East St. Louis, he headed to Atchison, Kansas for his B.S. in Business Administration and then to Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas, before heading back to Illinois to attend law school at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

He has held numerous temporary jobs during his lifetime, serving for a time with the Teamsters, the Machinists and Carpenters. He is a certified teacher and has been a head football coach, a substitute teacher and a college admissions director.

In the late 70's John's interest in law lead him to serve an internship with the St. Clair County State's Attorney's office, this lead to a full time position within the office and eventually he was elected as the St. Clair County's States Attorney in 1980. When John became elected as the County's Board Chairman in 1990, he became the Chief Executive Officer of the County, managing over 800 employees and a budget in excess of 50 million dollars. He became involved in several projects of regional significance and worked closely with my office to see these projects completed and through all of this time; he continued to privately practice law and to help people in need.

Throughout his busy life, John has been married to Marti Lee Chatham, and the father of four children: Charles J., 18; Chris, 17; Brianne, 16; and Brice, 11.

For more than 25 years, John Baricevic has served St. Clair County with integrity, vision and foresight, paving the way for people, on both sides of the river, to enjoy a better life. Recently, for his lifetime of service, FOCUS St. Louis honored John as their 2004 Leadership Award recipient. John continues to serve on regional boards and commissions and brings southern Illinois views and perceptions to regional business leaders.

John now leaves the service of St. Clair County and in early December is sworn in as

a Circuit Judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit in Illinois. He will now apply his knowledge and abilities, in helping people, to the courtroom where I am confident he will do an excellent job.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of John Baricevic and wish him and his family the very best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO JIM DAVISON

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize a gentleman who has long been at the forefront of working to protect and defend the rights of America's labor workers. On December 1, in Bay City, Michigan, friends and family will join members of Utility Workers Union of America Local 144 to honor Mr. Jim Davison, as he celebrates his retirement after 34 years.

After honorably serving his country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Marine Corps, Jim Davison began his relationship with the UAW September 1, 1970, when he began work at Consumers Power. After four years, he was appointed as a union steward, as well as a delegate to the Bay County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council. In 1975, Jim was elected his Local's Sergeant-At-Arms, and became Second Vice-President in 1981. In 1987, Jim was elected President.

In 1981, Jim was chosen as Vice-President of the Bay County AFL-CIO Labor Council. Seven years later, he became the Council's President. Also in 1988, he was elected to serve as Vice-President of the Michigan State Utility Workers Council in Lansing. Jim served admirably in that position until 1995, when he then became Secretary/Treasurer of the State Council, a position he held until this year. Jim retired from Consumers Energy in September 2004.

In addition to his tremendous work on behalf of the UAW and the AFL-CIO, Jim has been a tireless advocate of the community. He has spent many years on boards for the United Way on the local and state levels, and has also provided key leadership for groups such as the Saginaw Valley Blood Bank, Bay County Economic Development Council, Michigan State Labor Education Program, and the Kawkawlin Fire Department, where he served as Assistant Fire Chief from 1996-2004. Jim has also been active in politics, which includes his recent election as a Trustee in Kawkawlin Township.

Mr. Speaker, I am exceptionally grateful for Jim Davison's dedication to his brothers and sisters in labor, and to the community. He is a shining example of the best our society has to offer, and a true role model for his peers as well as all those he comes into contact with. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to join me in congratulating Jim on his retirement, and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

THE COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2004

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H.R. 5382 Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004 which contains the bulk of H.R. 3752, Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004, as passed by the House of Representatives on March 4, 2004.

Portions of H.R. 3752 were incorporated into H.R. 5245, a bill to extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry which passed the House of Representatives on October 8, 2004.

RECOGNIZING ALEX STAMOS FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Stamos of Blue Springs, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

AUTHORIZATION OF SALARY AD-
JUSTMENTS FOR FEDERAL JUS-
TICES AND JUDGES

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5363, a bill authorizing cost-of-living salary adjustments for justices and judges of the Federal courts for fiscal year 2005 that has been introduced by Chairman JIM SENSENBRENNER and co-sponsored by Ranking Member JOHN CONYERS of the Judiciary Committee. The bill would provide for a 2.5 percent adjustment of Federal judiciary salaries. I thank the Chairman for his leadership in bringing this very important matter to the floor. In 1981, Congress passed a Joint Resolution Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 1982, and Section 140 of that legislation read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this joint resolution [Pub. L. 97-92],

none of the funds appropriated by this joint resolution or by any other Act shall be obligated or expended to increase, after the date of enactment of this joint resolution [Dec. 15, 1981], any salary of any Federal judge or Justice of the Supreme Court, except as may be specifically authorized by Act of Congress hereafter enacted: Provided, That nothing in this limitation shall be construed to reduce any salary which may be in effect at the time of enactment of this joint resolution nor shall this limitation be construed in any manner to reduce the salary of any Federal judge or of any Justice of the Supreme Court. This section shall apply to fiscal year 1981 and each fiscal year thereafter. (emphasis added).

This provision placed a severe limitation on the cost-of-living adjustments—and therefore the financial well-being of judges by requiring specific implementing legislation before a salary increase could be made under the current Section 461 of Title 28 in the United States Code.

Article III, Section 1 of the United States Constitution provides that “The Judges . . . shall . . . receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.” Over the past 10 years though, this body has failed to provide Federal judges with annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), and as a result, these offices have faced the economic equivalent of a \$77,000 reduction in salary. In the last 30 years, while average pay has increased by 12 percent for most workers, it has decreased by 25 percent for Federal judges. Federal judges make a lifetime commitment to serve the public. This legislation will help them to plan their financial futures with assurance that their pay is commensurate with the cost-of-living increases for this year.

Under the current pay schedule, Federal district court judges earn \$150,000 per year. This is far, far less than they could earn in private practice and is even less than an associate right out of law school earns in New York City. Our Federal judiciary will not attract the kind of high caliber legal minds that are needed if the compensation is not maintained in a reasonable fashion.

It has gotten so bad that employees of the Administrative Office of Courts—who work for the Federal judges—now enjoy greater salaries than the judges themselves. This is the equivalent of congressional staff earning more than Congressmen. It is no wonder that Federal judges are leaving in droves, with nearly 6 dozen judges leaving over the last several years.

There can be no doubt of the value and importance of ensuring that our Federal judges are fairly compensated. The Federal judiciary is the crux of our democracy. Without the wisdom of some of the great judicial scholars of the past, many of us—women, African-Americans and all minorities, immigrants, disabled, and others, would not enjoy the fundamental civil liberties that we do today. We are a long way from a completely fair and equal society, but without the best and brightest legal minds, we will never make it to that goal.

If there is any single idea in the Constitution that has separated our experiment in democracy from all other nations, it is the concept of an independent judiciary.

The Founding Fathers, in their great wisdom, created a system of checks and balances, granting independent judges not only lifetime tenure, but the right to an

undiminished salary. It is no surprise that over the years, the Federal judiciary, more than any other branch, has served as the protector of our precious civil rights and civil liberties. I agree with Alexander Hamilton that the “independent spirit of judges” enables them to stand against the “ill humors of passing political majorities.”

We cannot have a qualified and independent judiciary if we don't pay them a just wage. Chief Justice Rehnquist has declared that “providing adequate compensation for judges is basic to attracting and retaining experienced, well-qualified and diverse men and women.” Justice Breyer was even blunter when he stated, “the gulf that separates judicial pay from compensation in the non-profit sector, in academia, and in the private sector grows larger and larger . . . and threatens irreparable harm both to the institution and the public it serves.”

The bill before us responds to that problem granting the judiciary a COLA retroactive to the start of the last fiscal year. I consider this to be a modest down payment in developing a more rationale and fair system of compensating our Federal judges.

I urge my colleagues to join this Committee in supporting this important legislation. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues vote “yes” on H.R. 5363.

HONORING KATHLEEN GARRISON
AND RUTH ANN BUSALD AT THE
MADISONVILLE LUMINARIA

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, November 13, 2004, I participated in the Second Annual Madisonville Neighborhood Luminaria in Cincinnati, Ohio. As part of the program, I had the privilege of honoring two tireless community advocates and volunteers, Kathleen Garrison and Ruth Ann Busald.

Kathy's dedication to the Madisonville Community Council, the Department of Justice/Madisonville Weed & Seed Strategy, and the Students Concerned About Today and Tomorrow is unequalled and makes Madisonville a better place to live and work.

Ruth's dedication to researching, archiving, and sharing the history of Madisonville, for more than a decade, is unparalleled. Her lifelong commitment to Madisonville has kept the community history alive, enriching all who live and work in the community.

Kathy Garrison and Ruth Ann Busald's generosity is an example of that admirable American spirit of volunteerism that motivates and enriches not only the local community, but also the country as a whole.

All of us in the Second District of Ohio appreciate their service to our area.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY PV2 JUSTIN RAY YOEMANS, A MODEL OF VALOR IN SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Army PV2 Justin Ray Yoemans of Eufaula, Alabama, who lost his life November 6 while defending our Nation.

Private Yoemans was manning his gun position when his Humvee encountered a roadside bomb during a street patrol of Baghdad, Iraq. According to military accounts, Private Yoemans gave his life to protect his fellow soldiers. He was posthumously awarded a total of five military medals, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Private Yoemans, who was assigned to the Fourth Battalion, Fifth Air Defense Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas, gave the ultimate sacrifice to his country at the age of 20. His family and friends describe him as a loving son and a patriot who was proud to serve in the military.

I cannot express the proper words to console his family at the loss of their beloved son. However, I do wish to convey that America shares in your grief as we struggle together to protect our homeland from terrorism.

Private Yoemans loved life and was described by his younger sister as "a little boy inside a great man." America is fortunate to have such "great men" standing up for the cause of freedom. His valor and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY G. ATHA

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I stand before you today to recognize Hank Atha, a man who is credited by his colleagues as doing more for workforce development than any other person in southern Arizona. Mr. Atha is retiring from public service after a distinguished career spanning over 30 years.

Mr. Atha has lived and worked in Tucson since 1948. He is a creative local executive and one of the most experienced workforce development professionals in the country. He served on numerous state and local economic and workforce development organizations and on both the National Association of Counties and the U.S. Conference of Mayors professional boards. Mr. Atha promoted legislation at federal, state and local levels. He has international experience and has successfully worked with multi-cultural staff and diverse cultural and economic communities.

Mr. Speaker, in 1984, Mr. Atha organized the Pima County Community Services Department in Tucson, Arizona by combining autonomous federal programs into one department. Over the years he guided the expansion of programming into new areas such as affordable housing, youth education, emergency assistance, homeless services, welfare reform and incumbent worker training.

During his twenty years at the helm of Pima County Community Services, the department doubled in size. He accomplished this by aggressively pursuing state and local funding, federal grants and private support. These efforts resulted in a \$36 million annual budget with 30 separate funding streams for his department.

He pursued the department's mission by supporting the work of local non-profit organizations with as many as 250 grants and services contracts awarded each year. His leadership style welcomed input and encouraged individual initiative. Over the years, many graduate students, adult trainees and motivated young people began their careers in public policy or human-service fields through internships with Community Services.

Mr. Speaker, under Mr. Atha's leadership, Pima County Community Services established one of the nation's first One-Stop Career Centers in order to provide consolidated employment and training services for the City and County. This model, which brought multiple agencies together to provide coordinated services, also proved effective in addressing the basic needs of families in crisis. Mr. Atha oversaw the establishment of the Emergency Services Network in 1986. Subsequent efforts fostered collaboration and innovation in the areas of homeless services, youth programs, and high-tech training. His commitment to closing the wage gap through better job opportunities led to a joint effort with Pima Community College and the City of Tucson to found the Southern Arizona Institute for Advanced Technology.

In the early nineties, Mr. Atha led an all-out response to restore cuts in federal summer youth funds, creating one of the largest summer youth programs, for a city of our size, in the nation. As part of that effort, he promoted legislation that created Arizona's first state-funded summer youth program. He also founded Pledge-A-Job, an annual business outreach campaign to encourage businesses to hire young people seeking career experience during summer breaks. In 2000, he won a Youth Opportunity grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, bringing nearly \$28 million to Pima County as well as creating an integrated system for providing services to young people.

Mr. Speaker, Hank Atha supported many programs that brought untrained homemakers and home health aides to Pima County's Home Health Division, as well as many participants in other community programs, into the Certified Nursing Assistant career track.

One of the activities Mr. Atha worked on recently was to bring together various institutions such as Pima College, University of Arizona, and local hospitals to identify, sponsor and support individuals wishing to enter nursing education programs.

Mr. Speaker, prior to Hank's twenty years with Pima County Government, he volunteered in the Peace Corps from 1966-1968. Following those years of service, he again volunteered his services, this time as a Peace Corps trainer from 1968-69.

Hank Atha received his undergraduate degree from Pomona College, with a Bachelor of Arts in Zoology; graduate studies in Physiology at Washington State University, and received his master's degree in public administration from the University of Arizona.

Mr. Atha taught classes in data analysis, decision-making and program evaluation, as an

adjunct professor at Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona. He also taught one semester as adjunct professor at the University of Arizona, School of Public Administration. He is a Founding Member and Chairman of the local American Society for Public Administration Chapter.

Mr. Speaker, Hank Atha improved the quality of life for many citizens in Tucson, Arizona by investing in people and community-based organizations to strengthen the entire community's capacity to serve those in need, and I ask that the House commend him on his commitment to his community and his country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall votes No. 532 and No. 533. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 532, H.R. 1417, the Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act; and "yea" on rollcall No. 533, a bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I am unable to be in Washington, DC today. Two weeks ago, I injured my leg and my physician prefers that I not put it through the stress of an airplane flight from my home in Seattle, WA to Washington, DC. Were I able to attend today's session in the House of Representatives, I would have voted in support of:

S. 1301, H.R. 5364, H. Con. Res. 430, S. 2965, H.R. 4516, H.R. 3204, H.R. 1350, H.R. 1417, S. 2302, S. 2042, H.R. 5363, S. 2302, H.R. 1417, S. Con. Res. 145, S. 1146, S. 1466, S. 434, H.R. 1284, S. 1727, S. 1241, H.R. 1446, H.R. 1964, H.R. 1113, H.R. 4593, S. 437, S. 2484, H.R. 3936, and S. 2486.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVEN CHAPPELL FOR HIS ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF A DIESEL FUEL SPILL ON THE SUISUN MARSH WETLANDS

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Steven Chappell, of the Suisun Resource Conservation District, for his timely actions in protecting the Suisun Marsh wetlands.

Steven Chappell began working for the Suisun Resource Conservation District in August 1994 as a district biologist, and was quickly promoted to executive director, a position he has held for almost 10 years.

On April 28, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. Steven Chappell received notification from the California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) that a petroleum pipeline had released diesel oil into the Suisun Marsh.

Mr. Chappell immediately drove to the site to offer his assistance and expertise to the Incident Command Team, comprised of State and Federal agency representatives. He explained how managed wetlands work and took immediate action to close all water control structures on the affected property.

As a direct result of Steven Chappell's quick actions in closing the gates, the diesel oil remained contained within the area and did not enter the Roos Cut, an unimpeded waterway extension which feeds into the tidal sloughs and adjacent wetlands of the Suisun Marsh.

In addition, Mr. Chappell prepared detailed aerial maps of the Suisun Marsh and returned to the spill site that same day. These aeri-als have been invaluable in OSPR's cleanup efforts.

For weeks after the spill, Steven Chappell devoted an inordinate amount of time coordinating with OSPR, the United States Coast Guard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Kinder Morgan, the owner of the pipeline, in cleanup efforts and in the development of a restoration plan.

Steven Chappell's timely actions helped to avert a major disaster at the Suisun Marsh wetlands. I am proud to commend him today for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to the Suisun Resource Conservation District and to the people of Solano County.

CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS DESIGNATED AS A 2004 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I acknowledge the outstanding achievements of the children, parents, teachers, and principal at the Clement J. Zablocki Elementary School. The designation of a 2004 No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Award honors only those schools that have successfully achieved excellence in academics and have closed the achievement gap in academic proficiency for all of their students.

The designation of the Clement J. Zablocki Elementary School is particularly meaningful to me because it is named for the former Congressman Clement J. Zablocki who was my predecessor in the U.S. Congress, and an effective and beloved representative who served the citizens of Milwaukee's south side for many years.

It is evident that the principles of accountability, focusing on what works, increased flexibility, reduction of bureaucracy and the empowerment of parents, has been successfully integrated into the daily philosophy of the Zablocki Elementary School.

Under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Patricia Walia this school has not only achieved academic excellence for the students, but has initiated innovative and creative ways of having the children of Zablocki Elementary School involved with community organizations, agen-

cies and businesses that have enriched their lives and broadened their view of the community and world. Dr. Walia has successfully established bonds between her staff, parents and the community that support all of the goals of the school.

The Clement J. Zablocki Elementary School is only the 5th elementary school in the Milwaukee Public Schools system to be designated as a Blue Ribbon school since 1982. This is an extraordinary and remarkable achievement.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the children, teachers, and principal at the Clement J. Zablocki Elementary School and commend their efforts in providing a standard of excellence in the field of education.

HONORING PFC SHELDON HAWK EAGLE

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to honor the life of PFC Sheldon Hawk Eagle of Eagle Butte, SD. Private First Class Hawk Eagle was killed November 15, 2003 while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On November 20, 2004, friends and family in Eagle Butte will pay tribute to Sheldon and recognize the one year anniversary of his death with a memorial dinner and walk in his honor.

Private First Class Hawk Eagle graduated from the Cheyenne Eagle Butte High School, in Eagle Butte, SD, in May of 2001. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2002, and graduated basic training from Ft. Sill, OK, later that same year. In 2003 Sheldon became Air Assault qualified and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Air Assault Division. He was deployed to Iraq in March, 2003.

Sheldon, whose Lakota name is Wanbli Ohitika, or Brave Eagle, is a descendant of the Lakota leader Crazy Horse, who helped defeat LTC George Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn. Sheldon joined the Army while visiting his sister in North Dakota and dreamed of becoming an elite Army Ranger. While both humble and quiet, Sheldon's sacrifice speaks loudly about his character.

The lives of countless people were enormously enhanced by Sheldon's compassion and service. Sheldon, who represented the best of the United States, South Dakota, and the Lakota people, continues to inspire all those who knew him. Our Nation and South Dakota are far better places because of his life, and the best way to honor him is to emulate his commitment to our country.

I join with all South Dakotans in expressing my sympathies to the family of Private First Class Hawk Eagle. His commitment and sacrifice to our Nation will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING RYAN SOENDKER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Soendker of Blue Springs, MO, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

RECOGNIZING THE A&F WOOD PRODUCTS FOR EARNING THE 2004 SECRETARY OF LABOR'S NEW FREEDOM INITIATIVE AWARD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize A&F Wood Products, a family-owned and operated business in Howell, MI, for earning the 2004 Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative Award. Founded upon the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the New Freedom Initiative works to ensure that Americans with disabilities have the same opportunities to learn and develop skills, engage in productive work and make choices about their daily lives to participate fully in their communities. A&F Wood Products is just one of five companies nationwide to be recognized for their commitment to these ideals.

A&F Wood Products has embraced the philosophy on which the New Freedom Initiative was founded. Working with Michigan Rehabilitation Services, A&F Wood Products is able to provide employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities through accessibility support, training, and a user-friendly workplace environment. Today, 35 percent of A&F Wood Products' workforce are persons with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, when President Bush announced the New Freedom Initiative in 2001, unemployment for the disabled was as high as 70 percent by some estimates. Today, businesses like A&F Wood Products are working feverishly to slash that number. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing A&F Wood Products for earning the 2004 Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative Award and for their commitment to the disabled.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY CARLSTROM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON JANUARY 3, 2005, AFTER 41 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terry R. Carlstrom who for four decades has managed the stewardship of some of our Nation's most precious natural and cultural resources. Mr. Carlstrom is retiring after 41 years in Federal service during which he served with the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the National Park Service.

Mr. Carlstrom's stewardship extended over the past 22 years to the protection and enhancement of 14 units of the National Park System and the numerous memorials in our National Capital Region. First, as Associate Regional Director for Professional Services, and then for the past 8 years as Regional Director of the National Capital Region, he has extended his watchful eye and guiding hand to the protection of our most symbolic National Icons: the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial; Presidential Memorials to FDR and Lyndon Baines Johnson, the White House; and memorials commemorating the American heroes at home and abroad in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and in World War II. His leadership in the complete reconstruction of the 5 major scenic parkways, which provide the gateways to our Nation's Capital, ensured their scenic protection while providing for user safety. He also was instrumental in the creation of the Streetscape Standards for the Monumental Core by an interagency task force.

I join the men and women of the National Park Service and the National Capital Region in recognizing Mr. Carlstrom's sincere interest in the welfare and safety of every employee, a dedication which is evidenced by his support and leadership in a safety program that reduced the lost time accident rate by 100 percent during the last 5 years. He established the National Capital Region's Communications Command Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, which has assured continuous and complete communications for our park rangers in remote locations throughout our far ranging parks.

Mr. Carlstrom has provided oversight of 14 parks in the National Capital Region: the National Mall and Memorial Parks; Anacostia River Parks; Rock Creek Park; the White House and President's Park; C&O Canal National Historical Park; George Washington Memorial Parkway; Civil War Battlefield Parks at Antietam, Monocacy, Harper's Ferry, and Manassas; the Wolf Trap Farm National Park for the Performing Arts; Prince William Forest Park and Catocin Mountain Park; and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. During his tenure he guided the establishment of Mary McLeod Bethune Council House and Carter G. Woodson National Historic Sites, the President Lincoln and Soldier's Home National Monument, and the boundary expansions of Monocacy Battlefield and Harper's Ferry National Historical Park. Further, he was a leader in establishing numerous partnerships, includ-

ing the preservation of the Washington Monument; refurbishment and joint management with Montgomery County of Glen Echo Park; the Accokeek Foundation and National Colonial Farm; and the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Hard Bargain Farm. Recognizing the importance of these important relationships with agencies and individuals beyond the National Park Service, he established an Assistant Regional Director for Partnerships.

Mr. Carlstrom leaves a lasting legacy to Americans from coast to coast. As a young forester in the 1960s, he established sensitive timber management programs for the Bridger National Forest in Wyoming and for the Chippewa people on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, which today provide for timber demands, enhanced recreational opportunities and excellent wildlife habitat. Through his efforts wetlands in North Dakota have been protected for waterfowl propagation, a portion of the St. Croix National Scenic River in Minnesota and Wisconsin has been preserved for future generations, and resource protections were enriched as a result of his master planning for five Arizona national parks—Tumacacori National Historical Park, Fort Bowie National Historic Site, Coronado National Memorial, Saguaro National Park and Organ Pipe National Monument.

As Chief of Planning of the National Park Service's Denver Service Center Western Team, he led several planning initiatives to protect Redwood National Park, to expand protection of the watershed and to preserve the remaining ancient Redwood groves. Remnants of the ancient Anazazi culture, which can still be found in Grand Canyon National Park and Lake Meade National Recreation Area, remain protected today because of wilderness plans initiated under his leadership. Those wilderness plans, which were prepared at the direction of Congress, recognized that the areas should be under the protection of the National Park Service and not exposed to multi-use land management.

In 1980 the Alaska National Interest Lands and Conservation Act brought 55 million acres under the auspices of the National Park Service. The Act was carefully crafted to provide for the continued subsistence use and protection of the living culture of the Native peoples and enable the appreciation of these unique lands by future generations of their fellow Americans. Mr. Carlstrom headed the multi-agency task force which prepared the environmental documents and analyzed thousands of public comments that permitted President Jimmy Carter to create National Monuments via Presidential Proclamation as an interim measure pending the ultimate placement by Congress of these millions of acres into National Parks and Preserves.

Mr. Carlstrom's four decades of devotion stand as examples to all of us who preserve the treasures of which our Nation is proud, our vast resources, our varied cultures, our storied history. I am proud to recognize him today for his years of service and thank him for his hard work, care for his fellow human beings, and his many, many accomplishments.

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF TRIWEST FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN COMBATING IDENTITY THEFT

HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, as the 108th Congress comes to a close I hope all Members will take stock of our accomplishments.

In particular, I want to commend Congress and President Bush for enacting the Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, costing victims over \$5 billion annually. Congress took a valuable step this year in stiffening penalties and giving the Justice Department more tools to combat this pervasive crime. However, there is still work to be done. Identity thieves continue to find new ways to exploit innocent Americans. In response, we must continue to improve our identity theft prevention and protection efforts.

I rise today to commend to the nation one Arizona company, in particular, for aiding us in these efforts. Phoenix-based TriWest Healthcare Alliance performed a service to our country by coming forward with recommendations after it was the victim of an information theft.

In December 2002, TriWest computer hard drives containing the personal information of beneficiaries were stolen from the company's office. Rather than obscure this fact for the sake of public relations, TriWest embarked on an effort to notify all 562,000 affected customers of the theft. At substantial cost, the company helped its customers place safeguards on their personal credit files and created a system of communication second to none. TriWest CEO and President David McIntyre testified before House and Senate committees to share his company's experience so that Congress could improve its efforts to protect all consumers from this threat.

TriWest's actions exemplified what a good corporate citizen should do. In fact, in June 2004, TriWest was awarded three Arizona Corporate Excellence (ACE) awards by the Phoenix Business Journal and the Arizona Chamber of Commerce for displaying unwavering dedication and commitment to quality and integrity in serving Arizona's military community. During the award ceremony, it was noted that Mr. McIntyre "responded in a way that is recognized nationally as the standard for companies faced with a serious crisis" and that "the approach of the TriWest team created a textbook example of how to treat customers with openness and integrity."

For all these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues in the People's House join me in commending the men and women of TriWest Healthcare Alliance for going the extra mile for their beneficiaries and setting a benchmark for businesses to follow when confronted with a potential identity theft situation.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS W. KREEGER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas W. Kreeger of Kearney, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nick has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the thirteen years Nick has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Den Chief, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Nick attended H. Roe Bartle Camp for five years, becoming a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1997, Ordeal in 1997, and Brotherhood in 1998.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nick rebuilt a sidewalk at the daycare of the First Christian Church in Kearney.

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

CELEBRATING 35-YEAR CONGRESSIONAL CAREER OF THE HONORABLE PHILIP M. CRANE OF ILLINOIS

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my good friend and colleague Representative PHIL CRANE of Illinois on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Congress.

PHIL is one of the most capable, honorable, and well-educated Members to ever grace the hallowed halls of the House of Representatives. He is a man of great integrity and conservative values, serving the great state of Illinois for 35 years. His contributions and accomplishments are legend and will carry on for generations to come.

He and his lovely wife, Arlene, are two of the most patriotic Americans I have ever had the opportunity to meet. I wish them the best in their future endeavors and a long, healthy, and happy retirement. PHIL will sorely be missed. May God bless him and his family.

IN HONOR OF JIM WOLFE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay

tribute to Jim Wolfe upon his becoming President and CEO of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. This past February, Jim left his position of eleven years as the plant manager at DaimlerChrysler's Newark Assembly Plant to take the helm of the 2,800-member Delaware State Chamber of Commerce.

Jim, a native of Michigan, joined the Chrysler Corporation in 1964 as a Quality Control Inspector at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant in Michigan. Prior to taking a position at the Newark Assembly Plant in Delaware, Jim had held a variety of positions within the manufacturing operations of DaimlerChrysler, including production manager at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant.

As the plant manager of the Newark Assembly Plant, Jim orchestrated several changes to the facility to make it compatible for the new car models. Jim also oversaw the re-training process of the plant's thousands of workers to give them the skills necessary to do their jobs as effectively and efficiently as possible. Jim capped off his career as plant manager for the Delaware facility by overseeing the October 2003 launch of the new Dodge Durango.

Jim Wolfe is certainly no stranger to the Delaware Chamber of Commerce. In 2002 and 2003, he served as the chairman of the State Chamber's Board of Directors, and has been a long-time member of this board. In addition, Jim has served as the Chairman of the Delaware Manufacturing Association.

Jim has also been very active in the community through the years. He is a board member and past chairman of the United Way of Delaware, as well as a board member and member of the Education Committee of the Delaware Business Roundtable. In 2003, he had the honor of being awarded the Lifetime Achievement Quality Award by the State of Delaware.

Jim Wolfe is truly a well-respected individual within the business community. His experience in, and knowledge of, the business world will certainly be an asset to the people of Delaware as he continues his work as the President and CEO of the Delaware Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Jim for his hard work and dedication to the Delaware community. I wish him all the best as he works to benefit the citizens of Delaware through his position as President and CEO of the Delaware Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING ADRIAN ROGERS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and commitment of a beloved Tennessean.

Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, will be retiring in the spring of 2005. Under his leadership since 1972, Bellevue has grown from 8,000 members to almost 30,000 members.

Through his Love Worth Finding ministry, Dr. Rogers is able to reach listeners around the world everyday. Through television and radio, Dr. Rogers' message is seen on over 14,000 screens and heard on 1,100 radios in the United States and in 150 countries across the globe.

Pastor Rogers has been called three times to lead the Southern Baptist Convention, which is the world's largest Protestant denomination with over 14 million members. He is the only man to have served three terms in that capacity under the present bylaws.

Dr. Rogers is an accomplished author and is considered one of America's most respected Bible teachers. Throughout his career he has been praised for his work. The Reverend Bill Graham has this to say about Dr. Rogers:

"We need for ministers of the Gospel to defend the Bible as the infallible Word of God . . . I believe in my heart that Adrian Rogers is such a man. I know God's hand is upon Adrian Rogers as he proclaims the Bread of Life from his church and through radio and television."

Though, perhaps of all the titles that have accompanied Dr. Rogers: doctor, pastor, teacher, pioneer, and author, the most cherish is husband, father, and grandfather.

It is with great appreciation that I rise to honor Dr. Adrian Rogers for his ministry and service to our community, to Tennessee, and to the nation.

RECOGNIZING BENJAMIN KREEGER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Kreeger of Kearney, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ben has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the ten years Ben has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Den Chief, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Ben attended H. Roe Bartle Camp for four years, becoming a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2000, Ordeal in 2000, and Brotherhood in 2001.

For his Eagle Scout project, Ben painted all of Kearney's fire hydrants north of Highway 92; he painted the 69 hydrants fire safety yellow.

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

THANKING BERNICE BROSIIOUS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement in December 2004, we rise to

thank Ms. Bernice Brosious for 25 years of outstanding service to the United States government, most recently here in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bernice began her career in government in 1979 at the General Services Administration. She followed that with service at the Defense Investigative Service, the Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Aviation Administration, honing her financial skills throughout this time. Bernice brought her expertise to the House in 1998 as Director of Accounting for the Chief Administrative Officer, and in 2001 became the Associate Administrator for Finance. Her passionate customer service, organizational knowledge and resourcefulness and her leadership on numerous initiatives have benefited countless Members and staff over the years.

Among her many other achievements, Bernice was instrumental in obtaining the House's first clean audit opinion for calendar year 1998 and for maintaining this clean opinion every year since. Over the past seven years Bernice has also been instrumental in moving the House from an ancient paper ledger accounting system to the imminent introduction of a 21st century state-of-the-art financial management system.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Bernice for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Bernice many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNITY
ASSESSMENT PROJECT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Community Assessment Project for working with United Way over the last 10 years and improving the quality of life for Santa Cruz County residents.

The Community Assessment Project brings together a wide range of public and private health, education, human service and civic organizations to design and implement a comprehensive 10-year plan for communities improvement. Some of the members of the Steering Committee who have worked exceptionally hard over this past decade are Carol Adams, from Dominican Hospital, and Susan Brutschy of Applied Survey Research. Additionally, much of this project's success has been due to the generous support of the financial sponsors, especially the County of Santa Cruz, the single largest patron.

In the last 10 years, the Community Assessment Project has made significant progress toward reaching their goal of improving the overall quality of life in Santa Cruz County. It has conducted an annual survey to get residents' perceptions of the issues, and has begun addressing concerns related to health care, primary education, and drug and alcohol use among youth. By quantifying the needs of the community, it is now easier to bring in millions of new dollars in grant funding.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Community Assessment Project on the tremendous work it has done over this past decade.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TIMES-STANDARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Times-Standard, a newspaper that has dependably served the Humboldt County, California area since 1854. The only regional daily newspaper, the Times-Standard is a reliable source of national, State and local news for thousands of citizens of the North Coast of California.

First published in September, 1854, the Humboldt Times was the sole source of news and information for early residents of the community. In April, 1875, the Humboldt Standard began publication, joining the Humboldt Times in promoting the interests of the area. From the beginning, important stories appeared. In 1854, the first railroad in the area was incorporated; a steamer from San Francisco sank with substantial loss of lives in 1860; a month later a tragic massacre of members of the Wiyot Tribe; and in 1917 the heavy cruiser USS *Milwaukee*, trying to rescue a stranded submarine in thick fog, was beached near Eureka—a story that made international headlines.

Headquartered in Eureka, California, on June 1, 1967 the two newspapers combined to become the Times-Standard and provided improved access to information, community leadership, advertising and entertainment to local residents.

The Times-Standard is an invaluable resource for historians and educators. In the early days of European settlement, people came to northern California from Sweden, Italy, Portugal, Germany, Switzerland and the British Isles to farm, harvest timber and fish the Pacific Ocean. Workers came from Asia to take part in building and mining, giving a diverse population a role in the growth of the Nation. The newspapers chronicled the impact of this settlement on the native peoples of the area, including the Hupa, Yurok, Tolowa, Karuk, and Wiyot among others.

Under a single owner from 1941 to 1967, the newspaper was acquired by the Brush-Moore Group and was purchased later that year by Thomson Newspapers. In 1996, the Times-Standard became a member of MediaNews Corporation.

The newspaper has been a community champion for major issues facing the region and a leading forum for discussion and debate. It plays a significant role in the progress of the region. The Times-Standard remains committed to the improvement of the community it serves and is an indispensable source of accurate and comprehensive news to the citizens of our State.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize one of California's finest newspapers, the Times-Standard of Eureka, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAMS
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of three important initiatives to improve the quality of services for our Nation's veterans—S. 2484; S. 2486 and H.R. 3936. Each of these measures improves crucial service provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for our brave men and women who served.

The VA is charged with carrying out President Abraham Lincoln's vision of America's veterans: "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan." It is important that Congress follow in this tradition by providing the necessary support to the VA as the needs of our Nation's veterans continues to change. I urge my colleagues to provide that support by supporting these three bills.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Enhancement Act, S. 2484, will help retain and develop the quality professional staff needed to provide first-rate care to our veterans. It provides merit pay and other incentives to properly compensate the dedicated health care workers who care for our heroes.

The Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act, S. 2486, enhances the educational and housing opportunities available to our veterans. It expands the maximum contributions veterans can make for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill and increases the maximum allowable home loan guarantees for which veterans are eligible. This bill recognizes the vital role these programs have played in both repaying the sacrifices made by our veterans and in fueling the economic development through improved education and housing for veterans in our workforce.

The Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act, H.R. 3936, authorizes the VA to construct an improved headquarters outside the Pentagon in order to better serve veterans and their families, and it provides assistance for homeless veterans.

As we enact these important measures, I am hopeful that the House leadership will soon consider the Discharged Combat Veterans Medical Care Extension Act, H.R. 4438. I introduced this bill to extend eligibility to veterans who served in recent hostilities for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for any illness. This bill would be particularly helpful to veterans with symptoms similar to those resulting from exposure to Agent Orange and Gulf War Syndrome who are compelled to prove within two years of discharge that their injuries are directly combat-related or would otherwise lose these benefits.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has a long and proud history of caring for our veterans. These bills follow that tradition in helping ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs continues to meet our responsibilities to America's heroes. I urge my colleagues to support each of them and thank our veterans for their service and continued dedication to our Nation.

HONORING WHITEMARSH
TOWNSHIP

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the residents of Whitemarsh Township, in southeastern Pennsylvania, on the occasion of their tricentennial celebration.

The people of Whitemarsh Township, founded in 1704, are celebrating its 300th birthday with a series of events that illustrate the theme "Our living past . . . Our growing future." These events, including Revolutionary War reenactments, talks about the township's history, and a black tie gala, are bringing the community together and educating citizens about its rich heritage of steady growth and historical significance. As a part of this celebration, the Township is also taking the opportunity to honor distinguished citizens who have worked toward the betterment of the community.

From its inception, Whitemarsh Township has been a strong and tight-knit community. The Township has been involved not only in local history; events of national importance have occurred within Whitemarsh Township as well, including Revolutionary War encampments and skirmishes. This rich history has endowed the people of Whitemarsh Township with great pride; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fitz Dixon deserve commendations for their stewardship of Erdenheim Farm and community philanthropy, along with countless other citizens who remain devoted to carrying on the longstanding history and community of Whitemarsh Township.

It is my pleasure to join the residents of Whitemarsh Township in honoring their tricentennial.

HONORING MINNESOTA'S COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,
JEFFREY OLSON

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant, patriot and tireless advocate for veterans—Jeffrey Olson, Minnesota Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

Commissioner Olson announced this week that he will be retiring at the end of the year from his post as commissioner which he served since 2001. Prior to this appointment, he served as deputy commissioner since 1983. At both posts, Commissioner Olson has worked to ensure that the needs of our veterans and soldiers are a priority.

Commissioner Olson brought much experience through his work as a Washington County Veterans Service Officer and the Assistant Director of the Veterans Employment and Training Service at the University of Minnesota.

During the Vietnam War, Jeff Olson served in the U.S. Army, attached to the United States Armed Forces Courier Service where he was responsible for preparing and transporting top-secret materials.

Long a champion of Minnesota veterans, Jeff Olson is a member of numerous veterans'

organizations and serves as Chair of the American Legion's National Convention Commission, Vice Chair of the National Legislature Council and is actively involved in the community.

I personally worked with Jeff Olson on many issues. When he was deputy commissioner, he helped me pass an important amendment to the Minnesota constitution that provided our Gulf War veterans with a bonus for their service.

I thank Jeff for his years of service on behalf of our veterans and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT M.
ROBUCK

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to inform you that Robert M. Robuck of Jefferson City, MO, has been awarded "The Missourian Award" by the American Heart Association. Mr. Robuck received the award for his civic and business contributions to the community.

Mr. Robuck grew up in Cairo, MO. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia and graduated in 1964 with a degree in business administration. Soon after graduation, Mr. Robuck moved to Jefferson City to work for Central Trust Bank.

Mr. Robuck is very committed to his community. Currently, he is the president, chief operating officer and director of Central Trust Bank. Also, he is the vice chairman and director of Central Banccompany, Inc. Additionally, Mr. Robuck is council president and a director of the Great Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was the chairman of Capital Region Medical Center, and he is a director of Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Mr. Robuck sits on the University of Missouri Medical Alliance Board.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Robert Robuck has distinguished himself as a fine community leader and citizen. I am sure that my colleagues will join me in wishing Mr. Robuck and his family all the best.

TRIBUTE TO EUGENE "GENE"
ITOGAWA

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man with a truly great career in public service. For more than thirty years, Eugene "Gene" Itogawa has worked tirelessly to preserve the historic fabric of California, especially the history of Japanese Americans. As Gene prepares to retire from his position as a historian with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) and California State Parks, I would like to ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting Gene Itogawa's outstanding commitment to preserve and promote California history.

A resident of Sacramento since 1948, Gene is a graduate of McClatchy High School. Gene

earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in History from California State University, Sacramento. Gene's Master's thesis is considered by many to be the definitive work on the history of the natural ice industry in California. A proud veteran, Gene enlisted with the United States military in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970.

During his tenure at Office of Historic Preservation, Gene has successfully performed nearly every professional task conducted by the office. He has assisted cities and counties in identifying historic resources through survey programs and evaluated survey results for inclusion in the department's database. In addition, Gene has managed state and federal grant programs and directed OHP's historic resources database.

Gene has coordinated several special projects including production of the book, "Five Views: An Ethnic Historic Site Survey for California." Gene coordinated the preparation of OHP's state preservation plan, "Forging the Future With the Past: Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California," and publication of the book, "By the People, For the People: The Work the Civilian Conservation Corps in California State Parks, 1933-1941."

Gene has served as OHP's liaison on several projects to preserve Japanese American history in California. Gene was an advocate to preserve Manzanar Internment Camp as a National Historical monument. Gene serves on the Tule Lake Preservation Committee that seeks to preserve the site and history of the internment camp where he was born in 1942. In addition, Gene has worked tirelessly to preserve the remaining three historic Japantowns in California located in Los Angeles, San Jose, and San Francisco.

In 1992, Gene contributed to the development of a major historical exhibit recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 for display at the Sacramento History Museum. In 2002, Gene was selected to participate in an exchange program sponsored by the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council and the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs to promote goodwill and strengthen the ties between the citizens of Japan and Japanese Americans in California.

A man of many talents and considerable energy, Gene plans to continue his many volunteer activities with various statewide and Asian American causes. Gene is a board member of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, and the Japanese American Historical Society. Gene will continue to work on his latest project, a history of the first one hundred years of the Sacramento Buddhist Church.

Mr. Speaker, as Gene Itogawa embarks on an exciting new chapter of his life, I am honored to pay tribute to a great friend of California history. The people of California have benefited greatly from Gene's labor and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing Gene continued success in all of his future endeavors, wherever retirement may lead him.

THANKING MRS. ETHEL JONES
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement in December 2004, we rise to thank Mrs. Ethel Jones for 26 years of outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ethel began her career at the House in March 1978 working with the House Restaurants System through the Architect of the Capitol. In 1987, Ethel joined the House of Representatives Child Care Center as one of the original staff members. Ethel has served as a caregiver at the child care center since that time. Some say Ethel, herself, is an institution within the HRCCC organization. Ethel has touched the lives of so many children and their families. She takes great joy in keeping in contact with her former children, often receiving photos and letters from grateful families years after their departure from HRCCC. Ethel has served as an invaluable resource for many young parents encountering the challenges of parenthood for the first time, and she has consistently displayed warmth and concern as she has shared her expertise.

Ethel has displayed great passion for her work and dedicated herself to ensuring that the needs of the children and families are met to the greatest possible satisfaction.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Ethel for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Ethel many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

HONORING LINDA WILSHUSEN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Linda Wilshusen, a respected public servant who is retiring from her post after 19 years as executive director of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.

Good transportation planning is essential to maintain both the quality of life Santa Cruz residents desire and the economic vitality necessary to sustain a robust workforce. Linda and her staff at the commission have worked tirelessly to develop a variety of transportation options and engage the public to make long-term transportation decisions that have been difficult, at times controversial, but necessary for the county to adopt a blueprint to meet future transportation needs.

Linda has always recognized the amazing diversity of the community she served and balanced the desire of progrowth advocates by supporting Highway 1 improvements while promoting passenger rail and bus service, and developing transportation alternatives like a bike and pedestrian trail around the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and increasing public awareness of the transportation needs of elderly and disabled residents, and upgrading motorist safety and assistance.

During Linda's tenure, the SCCRTC distributed over \$300 million for local transportation programs that have made the Santa Cruz area a much more desirable place to live. Linda Wilshusen provided prescient leadership for 19 years at the helm of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and has had an enormous impact not only on the everyday lives of Santa Cruz County residents but also on anyone who has visited Santa Cruz County during the last two decades.

Transportation planning is not the only area in which Linda has a tremendous impact on her beloved Santa Cruz community. In the last year, her family suffered the tragedy of losing their youngest daughter, Kelsey. However, Linda, her husband Rock Pfothenauer, and her daughter Zephyr showed incredible courage and used their daughter's death to reach out to the community to bring public awareness to the need for better mental health programs so that other families would not suffer the same fate. I know other parents join me in wishing Linda and her family heartfelt sympathy for their unimaginable loss and gratitude for speaking out on the need for better mental health awareness.

I am privileged to call Linda Wilshusen a valued friend and esteemed public servant. On behalf of all my constituents, I wish her and her family well. Thank you, Linda, for your unselfish public service.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HUMBOLDT CREAMERY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Humboldt Creamery, which was founded along the banks of the Eel River in Humboldt County, CA. The Humboldt Creamery serves not only the people of northern California, but provides high quality products to our Nation and to Asia and Europe.

Formed as a cooperative, Humboldt Creamery's founding principles included high quality products as well as good service and reliability, which are as important today as they were in 1929. Made up of 65 local dairies, Humboldt Creamery and its member dairies employ over 500 people. It brings \$70 million in annual sales to the local economy and has a positive economic impact of \$210 million on the local region.

Powdered milk, which traces its origins back to Humboldt County, comprises 50 percent of the Humboldt Creamery's business. Its whole milk powder is used nation wide in confectionery products, supplying companies such as Hershey's, Nestle's and See's Candy.

Humboldt Creamery is the source for natural, pasture-based milk products which are free of synthetic growth hormones. Its instantized non-fat powdered milk is used in sports drinks, pudding, dietary supplements and some pharmaceuticals. The creamery provides this product to Bristol Meyers, Farmer Brothers Coffee and many other companies. Organic powder is a growing element in the creamery's catalogue.

Humboldt Creamery processes 10 million gallons of ice cream each year in addition to

its 20 million pounds of milk powders. Ice cream, the fastest growing part of the creamery business, brings in \$30 million each year from domestic and foreign sales.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Humboldt Creamery on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BATTLE OF THE
BULGE DURING WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, as the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge approaches, I rise to pay tribute to the brave American and Allied troops who participated in this grueling 39 day battle which effectively ended the last German offensive of World War II.

In the winter of 1944, German forces launched a surprise offensive in the Ardennes forest region of Belgium and Luxembourg. It was intended to split the Allied forces in Europe by breaking through the Allied lines and crippling its fuel supply lines. Their progress was halted by the brave efforts of 600,000 American troops and 55,000 troops from Great Britain, Belgium and Canada, who fought gallantly while outnumbered and battling through treacherous terrain and bitter weather conditions until reinforcements could arrive.

The most famous engagement of this battle was at the key Belgian crossroads town of Bastogne, where 101st Airborne Division was completely surrounded but persevered through a lengthy siege of its position. The Allied resistance prevented the German forces from gaining access to Antwerp and the Meuse River Line.

The Battle of the Bulge resulted in 81,000 American and 1,400 British casualties, of whom over 19,000 American and 200 British soldiers gave their lives. Because of their sacrifice, the momentum of the German war machine was halted and the long road toward the defeat of Nazi Germany was opened for a final Allied offensive, helping to bring an end to the war in Europe four months later.

Following last week's Veterans Day observances, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of the brave Americans who fought and died at the Battle of the Bulge and in extending our deepest gratitude to their families.

I would also like to thank the many World War II veterans who have participated in the Chicago World War H Veterans Oral History Anthology, a project that will preserve their accounts of valor and victory so that we may pass those stories and their values on to future generations of Americans. These veterans are again demonstrating their heroism and commitment to this country by recounting their often painful memories so that future generations may benefit from their individual experiences, and that this nation may benefit from their collective wisdom.

As we solemnly commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, it is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to the Chicago-area veterans—and their families—who

proudly wore the uniform of their country, endured the rigors of the war, and fought for our liberty and the freedom of future generations of Americans.

HONORING DR. IRWIN ROSE

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Irwin Rose, who shares the 2004 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with his colleagues Dr. Avram Hershko and Dr. Aaron Ciechanover of Israel. Dr. Rose is a former resident of Abington, PA and had a distinguished career conducting research at the Fox Chase Cancer Center and elsewhere.

Dr. Rose was raised in Spokane, WA. He studied at Washington State College, served as a radio technician near the end of World War II, and then earned his Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of Chicago. He served for 9 years on the faculty of Yale Medical School. He then worked at the Fox Chase Cancer Center from 1963 to 1995. His wife of 49 years, Zelda Budenstein Rose, is also a biochemist. They have a daughter and three sons.

The research for which Dr. Rose is being awarded the Nobel Prize deals with a certain regulatory protein that is present everywhere in plant and animal cells. The significance of this protein lies in its functions as a destroyer of proteins that are no longer needed and a regulator of certain proteins used in cell reproduction. Because several diseases that are yet uncured, such as cancer and cystic fibrosis, result from errors in the cell reproductive process, Dr. Rose's research provides us with new hope in the search for cures.

It is my pleasure to recognize Dr. Irwin Rose for his contributions to the field of biochemistry. I congratulate him on being awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

REMEMBERING THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA, ELMER ANDERSON

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a statesman, public servant and friend—the former Governor of Minnesota, Elmer Anderson.

Surrounded by his friends and family, Elmer Anderson passed away on November 15 at the age of 95.

Governor Anderson was a man of great character and strength. He participated in public service with a tremendous sense of purpose.

Never afraid to speak his mind, Governor Anderson fought for human rights, civil rights and worked to protect and ensure new park land which will be one of his many legacies. He was indeed ahead of his time in so many ways.

Even after time as Governor, he never lost his passion for politics and policy. His activism

continued throughout his life, becoming involved in the community through business and newspaper publishing.

Elmer Anderson was a man who loved Minnesota and its people. He truly embodied the Minnesota spirit.

Minnesota will miss Elmer Anderson's leadership and he will be remembered fondly in the hearts of many.

SUPPORT FOR BOY SCOUTS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution introduced by my good friend from Colorado, Mr. HEFLEY. I wholeheartedly endorse this resolution, which expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should continue to provide assistance and support to one of America's most treasured institutions, the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the finest organizations in our country. Countless young men have learned the values of God, home, and country as young scouts, and the Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared", has inspired generations of youths to prepare for and lead full and productive lives.

One of the most significant lessons taught by the Boy Scouts is the importance of being a patriotic American. To call into question the status of the Boy Scout organization, and potentially deprive young men who are military dependents of the opportunity to participate in Boy Scout troops on their military bases, is an absolute shame.

I was fortunate to join the Boy Scouts when I was growing up, and I still remember how proud my mother and father were when I attained the rank of Eagle Scout. I later led a scout troop in my hometown and was enormously proud when my sons also became scouts. I am honored to have a continued association with the Boy Scouts today.

So I call on my colleagues to join us in voicing our support of the Boy Scouts, and encourage the Department of Defense to continue their excellent efforts to promote this important institution.

TRIBUTE TO JIMMIE DEE

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker today I rise in tribute to a man with a distinguished public service career. Throughout the course of his career, Jimmie Yee has served the people of Sacramento with great success and distinction. Jimmie will soon retire from his post as the Councilman from the 4th District of the Sacramento City Council. It is my honor to ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting Jimmie Yee, a man who has worked hard to make Sacramento a better place for everyone.

A native of Sacramento, Jimmie was born in 1934. He attended Lincoln Elementary, Lincoln Junior High, and Sacramento High School.

Jimmie attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Jimmie holds registrations as both a California Structural Engineer and Civil Engineer. In 1957, he joined the US Army Corps of Engineers and was honorably discharged after he achieved the rank of Captain in 1965.

Jimmie began his professional career in civil service with CALTRANS and the State Department of Water Resources between 1956 and 1959. In 1966, Jimmie entered the private sector when he started his own engineering practice. During a quarter century of involvement, Cole, Yee, Schubert and Associates became one of the largest consulting engineering firms in the Sacramento Region. The firm provided design services for many trademark buildings in Sacramento, including the original Convention Center, Suffer General and Suffer Memorial Hospitals, and ARCO Arena.

In 1992, Jimmie was elected to a four-year term on the Sacramento City Council. Jimmie was subsequently reelected to the seat in 1996 and 2000. Jimmie truly showed his mark as a great leader when Late Mayor Joe Serna passed away in the fall of 1999. Jimmie admirably answered the call to service by serving as Mayor for the remainder of Mayor Serna's term. Jimmie's leadership and ability to unite had a great steadying influence during this tumultuous period. The people of Sacramento owe you a debt of gratitude for your service.

Long before he joined City Council in 1992, Jimmie was already an important leader in our community. Jimmie has long been one of the most ardent supporters of the Sacramento Chinese Drum and Bugle Corps. Until today, Jimmie remains an active member of the Sacramento Optimist Club and the Chinese American Council of Sacramento. In 1989, Jimmie organized the first Asian bone marrow drive in the United States when he registered more than 2,500 people. It's a testament to Jimmie's influence as a community leader that many of his wonderful contributions before he held elected office are still being felt today.

A devoted family, Jimmie has been married to his wife, Mary, for fifty years. Together, they raised four daughters and two sons, all of whom are college graduates with professional credentials. Today, Jimmie and Mary are the proud grandparents of fifteen grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as Jimmie Yee embarks on an exciting new chapter of his life, I am honored to pay tribute to a great champion of the City of Sacramento. The people of Sacramento have benefited greatly from Jimmie's leadership and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing Jimmie continued success in all of his future endeavors, wherever retirement may lead him.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE DURING WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 110, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

I thank Speaker Hastert for scheduling this bill and giving us this opportunity to pay tribute to the brave Americans who fought and died in that crucial battle. I know that this is personal to the Speaker. His mentor, the former Republican Leader from Illinois, Bob Michel, received the Purple Heart and other citations for his bravery in that battle. I share the Speaker's respect for Leader Michel. Further, the Speaker's family hails from Luxembourg, and the special ties between our countries that resulted from the Battle of the Bulge have great meaning to him.

This is personal to me as well. My uncle, Johnny D'Alesandro, was one of the heroes who gave their lives for their country in the Battle of the Bulge. Like so many other families, his sacrifice was for us a source of both sorrow and pride—deep sadness over the loss of a wonderful man; tremendous pride that one of our own helped to preserve the freedom and values that we cherish as a nation.

But beyond the personal significance that the battle holds for us is the towering importance it holds for human history. The Allied victory in World War II literally saved the world, and that victory became inevitable when the Allied forces successfully repelled the surprise German attack in what we call the Battle of the Bulge.

With bitter cold and blinding snow, it was the bloodiest single battle ever fought by American soldiers. There were 81,000 American casualties, including 19,000 killed in action. The heroes of that battle rightfully take their place among the bravest and most noble in American history.

We dedicated the World War II Memorial on the Mall this year to pay tribute to all of the veterans of that war, and we will honor the heroes of the Battle of the Bulge with ceremonies by citizens of the United States, Belgium, Luxembourg, and many other nations in the coming months. But we can never truly repay the debt we owe them. We can offer only our words of heartfelt gratitude and our promise to never forget the sacrifice they made for our country.

May God bless the heroes of the Battle of the Bulge. May God bless all of the men and women serving in uniform today. And may God bless America.

CONGRATULATING DAVID SCOTT
MOLLOY, JR., 2004 RHODE ISLAND
PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Scott Molloy, Jr., for being named the 2004 Rhode Island Professor of the Year. The Professors of the Year Awards are the only national awards that recognize college and university professors for excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring. I'm thrilled to recognize and honor Dr. Molloy today, a professor who reminds us all of the invaluable contributions made by our nation's educators.

David Scott Molloy, Jr., of West Kingston, RI, currently serves as a Professor of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Rhode Island, where he has been teaching

since 1986. In his tenure at URI, Professor Molloy has relished the opportunity to bring his expertise and unique experience to a range of departments and courses. He has taught courses in the History Department, the Business School, the Honors program, Economics, and in his academic home at the Labor Center.

His contributions to Rhode Island are too numerous to list, but they begin with his desire to highlight and explore the rich and often complex history of our great state. Offering such courses as "Rhode Island History" and "Labor and Immigrant History in Rhode Island," he reminds our students of how important it is to understand where they and their ancestors have come from and the many challenges that our state has faced throughout history.

A true educator, Professor Molloy's contributions are not confined to the classroom. He delivers as many as forty presentations a year to various organizations in his community. He has also shown an eagerness to share his unique style and methods of teaching and instruction—methods that have proven powerful and effective. His passion for the subjects he teaches led him to begin collecting immigrant and labor memorabilia. In 1990, the Smithsonian acquired 9,500 artifacts from him to establish the Scott Molloy Labor Archives.

Professor Molloy is perhaps above all an incredible leader and role model for Rhode Island's youth—a testament to the value of hard work, determination, and hope. The grandson of an Irish immigrant, he began his career as both a bus driver for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority and a labor activist in Providence. Not one to let an opportunity pass him by, Dr. Molloy chose to pursue a Ph.D. part time while continuing his work as President of the Amalgamated Transit Union, driving a coach, and teaching a course on labor history. His dissertation on the history of public transportation in Rhode Island and the role that transit employees and unions played in its development was published by the Smithsonian Institution. In Professor Molloy's own words, "going from the front of the bus to the head of the class," he is the embodiment of the American Dream. I cannot think of a better example for Rhode Island's bright and aspiring students.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I hope our colleagues will join me in congratulating Professor Molloy.

IN TRIBUTE TO VENTURA, CALI-
FORNIA, POLICE CHIEF MIKE
TRACY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mike Tracy, a Ventura, California, native who joined the Ventura Police Department as a patrol officer in 1975 and who has been chief of police since February 1999. After a distinguished career protecting and nurturing his hometown, he will retire on December 4.

Mike Tracy is a seasoned law enforcement officer with a reputation for innovation and community outreach.

During the 24 years in which he worked his way up the ranks from officer to police chief, Mike Tracy worked in or was in command of every aspect of the department, including patrol, detectives, administration, training and crime prevention. That experience gave him an insight into his department that few chiefs achieve.

At the same time, Mike Tracy earned a reputation far beyond city boundaries as someone in the forefront of law enforcement who reached out to other departments to share resources and knowledge.

Under his leadership, the department initiated the Crisis Intervention Team program, which trains personnel to better deal with the mentally ill and individuals in crisis—a program that subsequently was adopted county-wide. He was the chief architect of Ventura's Community Problem Oriented Policing Program and instrumental in establishing four police storefronts and acquiring several state grants for gang violence suppression and school safety.

Equally important, Mike Tracy continued to contribute to his community outside the walls of the Ventura Police Department. In addition to his involvement with the Police Activities League, Mike has also worked with the Boys & Girls Club and Salvation Army. He has run in several marathons, the Special Olympics Torch Run and the Baker to Vegas run.

His wife, Linda, recently retired as an elementary school teacher. Their son Matthew is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and lives in Arizona with his wife, Christine, and their 3-year-old son, Nathan.

Mike and Linda plan to stay in Ventura and remain active in the community. His continued support will be appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Ventura Police Chief Mike Tracy on his retirement; will thank him for a lifetime of dedication to his profession and community; and wish him many years of health and prosperity, both for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING JEWELL DUVALL
UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, we rise to thank and recognize Jewell Duvall for her outstanding service and contributions to the House community during her tenure in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Jewell was born in the small, coal-mining town of Bellwood, WV, one of a population of 300. As a coal miner's daughter, she worked in the company store during high school until the lure of public service led her to Washington, DC and a job with FBI's Identification Division, then located in the present day Ford House Office Building.

Jewell worked for FBI for four years, started a family and raised two sons. During the course of her career Jewell worked for a variety of employers, from a trade association, to private corporations, but her career always took her back to the service of her country.

Jewell's House employment as Jay Eagen's Executive Secretariat now ends in the same

location where it began, the Ford House Office Building. During her time with the CAO, Jewell has provided support to not only the CAO but also to Leadership, the Committee on House Administration, other House Officers, Member and Committee offices, and the general public. Jewell has always treated each individual with respect and a sense of priority, and her actions have always been driven by a desire to provide courteous and unsurpassed customer service.

Jewell provided extensive administrative support to the Incident Commander during the September 11th and anthrax crises of 2001. She was a valuable asset to this team, going above and beyond the call to duty to ensure that the work of the House continued during those trying times. She has been tremendous in her support of the CAO and my staff at the Committee on House Administration. This institution will truly miss her important contributions, and I wish her nothing but continued success and happiness in her retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE CITIZENSHIP
PROJECT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Citizenship Project as this year's recipient of the Ralph B. Atkinson Award for Civil Liberties. Each year the Atkinson Award, named for the distinguished civil rights advocate Ralph B. Atkinson, is presented to a local advocate for civil liberties. This year the Monterey County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union selected the Citizenship Project, which was founded in 1994 by Teamsters Local 890 in response to the passage of Proposition 187. The project is dedicated to an expanded citizenship and consistently represents such values as education and self-organization through mutual support. In 2004 they became a close partner to the Central Labor Council, and are currently helping the Labor Council form a new coalition for immigrant rights here on the Central Coast.

Maria Echavarría, the Project's Acting Director, and Tony Acosta were extremely instrumental in the success of this project. With the help of over 1,000 immigrant community volunteers, the Citizenship Project has provided low-cost immigration services, registered thousands of new voters, and conducted voter workshops for new citizens. With their assistance, over 15,000 residents of the Central Coast have applied for U.S. Citizenship.

Since 1998 they have sponsored Jovenes en Accion Youth in Action. This immigrant youth leadership development program registers voters, teaches in the school, produces plays about their experience, and has led the struggle in our region for educational & employment rights for undocumented youth.

Furthermore, they build citizenship by helping people form groups to act together. They have launched La Hermandad de Ex-Braceros Brotherhood of Ex-Braceros, Mujeres del Sur Triqui women in Greenfield, and La Alianza para una Mañana Mejor south Salinas Valley Latino political club with this objective in mind.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to honor the accom-

plishments of the Citizenship Project and express my sincere gratitude for their commitment to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MIKE KAZAR,
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Kazar, who is retiring as a volunteer firefighter for the City of St. Helena, in California's 1st District. Mr. Kazar's outstanding contributions and dedication to our community are truly appreciated.

Mike Kazar will be leaving the Saint Helena Fire Department after twenty years of service. He currently serves as the Captain of the department. In addition to his duties in Saint Helena, Mike Kazar also volunteers for the Sand Point-Sagle Idaho area Volunteer Fire Department. He served as Captain of the Moraga/Orinda Fire Department for 37 years. He is also a member and safety officer on the State OES Overhead Team.

A native of California, Mr. Kazar was born in Carmel. He graduated from Miramonti High School in Orinda in 1960. While growing up in Moraga, Mike Kazar and his family lived in an apartment over the family owned grocery store. Next-door was a firehouse which peaked his interest in the profession.

He served four years in the Navy as a firefighter stationed in Guam. Mike Kazar has one daughter, Michelle Hill and two granddaughters. Mike loves to spend time outdoors and is especially fond of hunting.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Mike Kazar set the standard of dependability, bravery and hard work that should be followed in all communities. His commitment to our community has been shown time and time again. For these reasons and countless others, it is most appropriate that we honor him at the time of his retirement and extend our best wishes to him.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH
FURMANICK FOR RECEIVING THE
TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
FOR MIAMI-DADE, BROWARD
AND MONROE COUNTIES FROM
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a fellow South Floridian educator, Elizabeth Furmanick, for having been awarded the National Catholic Education Association's prestigious Principal of the Year Award for Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties.

The Archdiocese of Miami gave Elizabeth this prestigious award for her work in leading St. John the Apostle School in Hialeah, Florida for the past 12 years. She has been with the school for a total of 28 years, serving as a teacher and vice-principal.

Friends describe her as an extremely dedicated principal whose main concern is the well-being of the children entrusted to her care. She also makes it a point to know all her students by their first names. She has an open-door policy for all students and teachers. She encourages them to talk to her about their concerns and feelings so that they may have a more rewarding educational experience.

Elizabeth Furmanick's receipt of the Principal of the Year Award exemplifies her dedication to educating South Florida's children. For almost three decades, she has worked tirelessly to ensure, inspire and encourage her students to reach higher goals.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for your dedication.

EXPRESSING THE URGENCY OF
PASSING POSTAL REFORM LEGISLATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to comment on the urgency of passing meaningful postal reform legislation.

A vibrant and healthy Postal Service is critical to the entire U.S. economy. The nation's mailing industry is an important primary and secondary employer, and contributes approximately \$900 billion dollars, or about 8 percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product. However, over the past few years, due to declining mail volume, and increased delivery costs, the Postal Service has accrued a tremendous debt. This debt leaves the Postal Service with no alternative but to raise postage rates, which they have done four times in the past five years.

I have been a leader on postal reform for several years, and we have come a long way. During my tenure as Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, I pushed for significant postal reform legislation. In 2003, we passed the Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act. This was a positive step in the right direction, however, it was a temporary fix for a complex issue, and only staved off postage increases until 2006. Again, earlier this year, understanding the necessity of comprehensive postal reform legislation, the Government Reform Committee debated postal reform, and unanimously passed the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, H.R. 4341, through a comprehensive and broad bi-partisan process.

If this body fails to act within the next few months, double-digit postage rate increases are likely to be proposed in 2006. An increase of this size will undoubtedly lead to a reduction in First Class mail usage, which again would further threaten the financial stability of the Postal Service. A rate increase of this size will ultimately have many negative impacts, not only for the Postal Service, its employees, and the whole mailing industry, but also on the American public, and our nation's economy.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is vital that we pass meaningful postal reform legislation immediately, which will ensure the short-term health and long-term vitality of the Postal Service. If we fail to address this issue in a timely manner, we will be guilty of complacency by permitting an unfair, and heavily burdensome \$3.5 billion tax hike on the American economy through increased postal rates.

TRIBUTE TO KANSAS PROFESSOR
OF THE YEAR TAMARA AGHA-
JAFFAR

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Tamara Agha-Jaffar of Kansas City Community College, who today is receiving the Professor of the Year Award for Kansas from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE, and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Since 1981, the U.S. Professors of the Year program has rewarded outstanding professors for their dedication to teaching, commitment to students and innovative instructional methods. It is the only national program to recognize college and university professors for their teaching skills. The program is sponsored by CASE and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which hosts the final round of judging and sponsors the cash award given to U.S. national winners. CASE works with Carnegie and 26 other higher education associations to direct and promote the program.

The primary characteristic the judges consider is an extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching, which should be demonstrated by excellence in the following areas:

Impact on and involvement with undergraduate students;

Scholarly approach to teaching and learning;

Contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community, and profession; and Support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students.

Tamara Agha-Jaffar, Ph.D., has been a full time faculty member in the English Department of the Kansas City Kansas Community College since 1987. A graduate of the Beirut College for Women and the American University of Beirut, with a Ph.D. in English literature from Washington State University, she previously was an instructor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Johnson County, Kansas, Community College. During the most recent academic year she has taught courses in composition, world mythology, introduction to women's studies, world literature, and women in literature. She also has been active in organizations serving our community, including: the LULAC/USD 500 Latino Task Force; the Joyce Williams Shelter and Safehome, both serving battered women; the Kaw Valley Children's Center; and the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault.

I am proud to represent Dr. Tamara Agha-Jaffar in Congress and I commend to my colleagues the personal statement which she submitted to CASE as a part of her nomination process for this award. I include it in the RECORD and I hope that all who read it will be as inspired by it as I was.

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF TAMARA AGHA-
JAFFAR

It was some time in 1994. I was in my office with one of my Composition 2 students. She had been very distraught during class, so I did what I am prone to do: I invited her to my office to talk. I listened as this young, intelligent, articulate female sobbed quietly

and blurted out her story. Her boyfriend had woken her up at dawn that morning, placed a loaded gun in her mouth, and threatened to pull the trigger. He had terrorized her in this manner for several hours before allowing her to leave. Then, to my utter amazement, this young, intelligent woman proceeded to find ways of blaming herself for this horrifying experience. My jaw dropped.

I teach at Kansas City Kansas Community College, an urban college located in an economically distressed community. Over 60% of our students are female. Many of our students have to contend with previous or current drug abuse, single parenthood, sexual abuse, gangs, violence, and economic hardship. I have yet to experience a semester in which I haven't had at least one student in some sort of social, psychological, emotional, or economic crisis. But that morning in 1994 was different. I experienced an epiphany of sorts. I realized that as an educator, I have a moral, social, and ethical obligation to do more than just offer compassion and a Kleenex to my students as I hear their heart-wrenching stories. I didn't know what I could do, but I was determined to find out. Several months and a labyrinth of procedures and committees later, Women's Studies at KCKCC was born. I have been teaching the course since 1995. Students who successfully complete it tell me it is a transformative experience. They leave the class armed with knowledge, voice, a greater sense of empowerment, and increased self-esteem. My immersion in the subject matter of Women's Studies and subsequent volunteer activities inform my life and influence the pedagogy and content of all the classes I teach.

I include service-learning as an optional assignment in my Women's Studies class. Because I wanted to increase my effectiveness as a teacher, in 1998, I embarked on my own extensive volunteer training program. I learned to respond to crisis situations at the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, at two local shelters for battered women, and at the Kaw Valley Children's Center for abused and/or neglected children. My volunteer work at the battered women's shelter prompted me to seek and establish a two-year scholarship for tuition and books for eligible shelter residents. I taught survival skills classes at the shelter and to homeless women at a local church. Students in all my classes are demonstrably impacted when I share stories that I have heard through my volunteer activities.

Student testimonials and evaluations of Women's Studies reinforced what I already knew to be true: the empowering impact of its subject matter. My desire to make this material available to others served as the catalyst for initiating a new form of collaboration with an area high school. In 2002, as a result of my efforts, KCKCC started offering two women's studies classes for college credit at the high school location. Although tuition is comparatively modest at the college, I knew it would be an issue for these students, most of whom would be the first generation in their families to take a college class. So I successfully authored a grant to cover the cost of their tuition and books. My goal in this venture was fourfold: to expose high school students to material that is empowering and immediately relevant to their lives; to encourage them to continue with their education after high school; to demonstrate that their community college faculty care and are eager to work with them should they decide to pursue their education; and to impress upon them that they can succeed in an institution of higher learning.

As a faculty member at a community college, I am called upon to perform many roles. Through them all, I try to impress upon my students the benefits, importance,

relevance, and transformative power of a good education. I listen to their voices; offer support, encouragement, and compassion; provide course material that is empowering and relevant to their lives; and continuously seek new ways to extend means, access, and opportunity to those who have been historically marginalized.

A lot has happened since that day in 1994 when I first heard that young woman's story. I have changed. The college has changed. And my students have changed. Over the years, I have seen an increase in the number of students in crisis. Or maybe it is because they seem to flock to my classes and office in increasing numbers. As always, I listen to their stories. But now I do more than just offer compassion and a Kleenex. I am better trained and better equipped to provide the guidance, direction, resources, encouragement, and support they need to move forward with their lives.

As for that young woman who served as the catalyst for my personal and professional odyssey—I convinced her to phone her parents before she left my office that day and to tell them what had transpired. She was smiling the next time she came to class. Her father and older brother had helped her to move back home, and, with their support, she was pressing charges against her former boyfriend.

HONORING G. WILLIAM CADDELL

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Doctor G. William Caddell upon his retirement after 23 years of service to the citizens of Oakland County, Michigan.

A chiropractor by profession, Doc heeded the call to public service and was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 1979. As a county commissioner Doc served on the Board's Finance Committee and served as its chairman.

In January of 1993, Doc was appointed Deputy Clerk/Register for Oakland County by Clerk/Register Lynn D. Allen. During his tenure as Deputy Clerk/Register, Doc supervised day-to-day operations and made a commitment to bring the latest technology to the office in order to better serve the citizens of Oakland County.

In 1998, Doc became the Clerk/Register of Deeds. The primary responsibility of this elected office is to record, store and retrieve documents for future use and to preserve them for historical purposes. Doc continued to introduce technology to enhance the efficiency and service of the Clerk/Register Office. Significant improvements include the scanning of legal documents so they are available to the public at the counter and to county prosecutors in their offices, thus saving significant staff time; the scanning of approximately two million birth, death and marriage records which may now be ordered by the public on the internet; the ability to apply for a passport at the county office, including photographs; the establishment of eRecording of land records; and the utilization of a geographic information system to accurately draw property lines. Because of Doc's innovation, the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office is recognized throughout the state as the "model" office.

Professionally, Doc was very active with state organizations. He was appointed in 2003 by Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land to a 30 member State Plan Advisory Committee formed to address election reform pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act. He is president of the Michigan Association of County Clerks. He is a past president of the Michigan Chiropractic Council and has served on the Board of Directors for the International Chiropractors' Association.

Mr. Speaker, I extend our entire community's sincere appreciation and gratitude to G. William Caddell for his fine service to our community and our country; and wish him, his wife Beverly, son Jonathan, son Geoff and daughter-in-law Heather, and grandchildren Clinton Derek, Luke Jordan, and Sydney Adelaid, the brightest future of continued blessings the God Lord allows.

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE RELIEF
FOR NANCY P. GILBERT

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I introduced private legislation to posthumously promote Nancy Gilbert, formerly of Marietta, Georgia, to the position of Supervisory Investigator at the Atlanta District Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. While this legislation would not confer any additional pay or benefits to Mrs. Gilbert's family, it would rightly recognize her service at the EEOC and rightly recognize that she was worthy of a promotion for which she was passed over in July 2001.

Nancy Gilbert began her career with the EEOC in 1979 in Memphis, Tennessee. Her career with the EEOC saw her ably perform in assignments in Washington, D.C., Miami, Florida and Atlanta, Georgia. During her career, she was awarded a Masters Degree in Race Relations and a Bachelors Degree in Sociology. Her last assignment was in the Atlanta District Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("ATDO"). While in this office, Mrs. Gilbert served in several units involving Enforcement, Intake and Mediation. Her last Government service level was as a GS 12, Step 10. By all accounts and by her record of consistent promotions, Mrs. Gilbert's service to the government was competent and admirable.

In April 2001, the position of Supervisory Investigator, GS-13, in the ATDO became available. Mrs. Gilbert made the decision to apply for this position and her name was placed on the Merit Promotion Referral List. After an extremely brief and truncated interview process, Mrs. Gilbert was passed over for this position, which was awarded to another EEOC employee. Mrs. Gilbert, believing she had been discriminated against on the basis of her race, gender and age, requested a hearing, which she was granted (Agency Case No. 0-0100067-AT) before Administrative Judge Richard H. Fine on August 29 and 30, 2002. Judge Fine, after a thorough examination of the evidence, determined that Mrs. Gilbert had been unlawfully discriminated against when she was denied the promotion to the position of Supervisory Investigator.

Regrettably, the EEOC, determined to use its own power to deny its wrongdoing, overturned Judge Fine's well-reasoned and clearly delineated decision in Mrs. Gilbert's favor. In so doing, the EEOC not only undermined but disregarded the very legal process instituted to protect the integrity of its employment decisions. Ironically, the very agency designed to ensure justice and fairness in hiring for our nation's workforce denied justice and fairness to one of its very own employees—not once, but twice. It is difficult to imagine a fair process in which the loser in a legal proceeding is given the opportunity to unilaterally overturn the result. However, this is the very thing the EEOC did in the case of Mrs. Gilbert.

After the Judge's decision was overturned by the EEOC on appeal, the last option available to Mrs. Gilbert was to appeal this adverse agency decision to U.S. District Court. Sadly, before she could seek justice in her case in our federal courts, Mrs. Gilbert became ill and passed away earlier this year. To her credit, and in spite of the EEOC's actions against her, Mrs. Gilbert continued her faithful service as an investigator, carrying out her duties on behalf of others. It was only when her illness made her unable to work that she ultimately retired from her position.

In honor of Mrs. Gilbert's faithful service to our country and with respect for the rule of law, I introduced this legislation. Mrs. Gilbert should be posthumously promoted to a GS-13, the position she deserved before her passing. While this bill would not confer any benefits, financial or otherwise, upon her family, this bill would fulfill Mrs. Gilbert's pursuit of justice that was tragically cut short by her untimely passing. The agency responsible for ensuring equal opportunity to all Americans in the job market must be held to account when it fails to live up to that mission with its own employees. This legislation would do just that by recognizing Mrs. Gilbert with the government service level she deserved and bringing justice for Mrs. Gilbert's family and loved ones who stood with her through her fight against discrimination.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO
BALLREICH'S POTATO CHIPS ON
THE OCCASION OF THEIR INCLUSION
IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF
WORLD RECORDS

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to Ballreich's Potato Chips in Tiffin, Ohio on their inclusion in the Guinness Book of World Records. On August 8, 2003, a team of Ballreich's Potato Chip makers created the world's largest bag of potato chips, weighing in at 1,082.5 pounds.

Ballreich's Potato Chips has been synonymous with Tiffin, Ohio since its founding in 1920. Ballreich's Chips was formed by the thirteen Ballreich children and quickly grew. Ballreich's processes more than eight million pounds of potatoes into two million pounds of chips each year.

To celebrate the 150th birthday of the potato chip, Ballreich's created the world's largest potato chip bag at the 150th Ohio State

Fair. The bag, weighing 1,082.5 pounds, measured 8 feet tall, 5 feet wide and 5 feet deep. The ingredient's used were 700 pounds of soybean oil, 80 pounds of salt, and of course, 4,250 pounds of Ohio potatoes. The event was recorded for the Food Network and aired on the "Unwrapped" show.

Mr. Speaker, Ballreich's was recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for the creation of the world's largest bag of potato chips. However, Ballreich's does more than make great chips and earn world records. Ballreich's is a loyal employer of Tiffin citizens, a family owned business, and a mainstay in the Fifth District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ballreich's Potato Chips for their recognition by the Guinness Book of World Records and their 84 years of service to the people of Tiffin, Ohio. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize the great achievements of Ballreich's Potato Chips. We wish the employees and management of Ballreich's continued success into the future.

CELEBRATING 35-YEAR CONGRES-
SIONAL CAREER OF THE HONOR-
ABLE PHILIP M. CRANE OF ILLI-
NOIS

SPEECH OF

HON. DONALD M. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Representative PHILIP M. CRANE. Let me share with you remarks by Edwin J. Feulner, President of The Heritage Foundation that express his gratitude to a man who has given so much to Eighth District of Illinois and the House of Representatives.

Phil Crane's Congressional colleagues will expand on his extraordinary 35-year record of legislative achievements. Others will speak of his unswerving commitment to sensible conservative economic policy based on the principles of limited government and federalism. Still others will discuss his contributions to developing sound American foreign and defense policy.

For me, however, Phil Crane will be the Member of Congress who has—more than any other Member I've known in my forty years in Washington—fundamentally understood the power of ideas and the relationship of ideas to changes in the laws that govern the American people.

Philip M. Crane is a man of ideas. His first book, published in March 1964, is entitled *The Democrat's Dilemma*. The book jacket notes the influence of extremist views and organizations on the Democratic Party. If this sounds familiar to every American who has been awake for the last several months, it's because Phil Crane's message is as timely today, for the 2004 election, as it was then, for the 1964 election.

In the foreword to *The Democrat's Dilemma*, Jameson G. Campaigne, the then-editor of the Indianapolis Star, wrote, "Revolutions are normally organized and engineered by small groups of men and women." Phil's book is an insightful account of how a small band of dedicated souls changed the world. While Phil recounts in fascinating detail the growing influence of the Fabian Socialists on the Democratic Party, even

then—in 1964—Mr. Campaigne noted in his foreword that the Fabians were seeing “their power threatened by a smaller, but equally aggressive and growing, group of conservatives.”

I first met Phil Crane in the summer of 1964 at an Intercollegiate Studies Institute summer school at Lake Forest College in Illinois. Phil was a graduate of Hillsdale College, an Army Veteran, and a bright young professor of history at Bradley University in Peoria, having recently received his Ph.D. from Indiana University where “his academic record had never been excelled.”

Ever the teacher, for more than forty years, on America’s college and university campuses, and in his committees, on the Floor of the House of Representatives, and before countless audiences around the Nation, a singular leader of that “aggressive and growing group of conservatives” has been Phil Crane.

Looking back on the period since the Goldwater/Johnson election in 1964, the conclusion is inescapable that Phil Crane’s intellectual and political leadership has been crucial to the rise of conservative ideas in this country, and that his dedication to our shared ideas of freedom and free enterprise, limited government, traditional values and a strong national defense has truly changed the world.

From the day in December 1969, shortly after he won the special election to succeed Don Rumsfeld, in the old 12th District, when he asked me to be one of the first employees on his Congressional staff, I have witnessed Phil lead his colleagues in legislative battles. Some of them have been successful, even if forgotten, like eliminating the New Deal prohibition on the individual citizen’s right to own gold.

Others were successful in their own right, and led to much bigger things later on, like stopping President Nixon’s so-called “family assistance plan”, which led to the eventual overhaul of our whole federal welfare system.

Still others were, shall we say, “ahead of their time,” like his efforts to prohibit federal operating subsidies for mass transit, and to repeal the private express statutes.

But there was always one thing that his legislative initiatives, like his speeches, and his participation in floor debates had in common: they were always based on solid conservative principles.

Phil Crane has always known that with a principled position and a determination to focus his efforts, he could make a difference.

Building unlikely coalitions ranging across the political spectrum in a bipartisan way, Phil broke down barriers and created new alliances to expand the free society.

His early leadership role in the founding of the Republican Study Committee as a voice for the majority viewpoint within the then minority and, for the last ten years, majority party, is recounted today in political science textbooks.

Undergirding Phil’s legislative achievements and his House procedural and structural reforms was his fundamental understanding that ideas have consequences.

His understanding of the Founding Fathers and the system they so carefully designed resulted in the publication of his second book, which still should be a primer for conservatives interested in the basic principles of our system, *The Sum of Good Government*.

Ahead of his time as a conservative idea leader, Phil wrote in that book, “Once people are willing to admit the possibility of alternatives, the battle is more than half won and the time for refinements of a ‘conservative reform platform’ will be at hand.”

Phil, your work has been critical in finding, endorsing, and fighting for the possibility of those conservative alternatives.

Because of you, those conservative ideas are now the mainstream of the American political debate.

And because of you, and your trail-blazing leadership, the future is bright for conservative ideas in America.

As you retire, and as a self-appointed spokesman for all of those who have had the honor of serving on your staff over the last 35 years, we salute you, we always will admire you, and we look forward to continuing to work together with you to advance our ideas in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR
BRIAN COPPOLA

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to University of Michigan Professor Brian Coppola on his selection as the 2004 Michigan Professor of the Year. Professor Coppola was chosen for his dedication to teaching and commitment to his students.

The Professors of the Year Award Program was created in 1981 to increase awareness of the importance of undergraduate instruction at all types of higher education institutions. The program rewards outstanding professors for their devotion to higher education. They seek excellence in their recipients not only in their involvement and interest in students, but also in their contribution to the academic community. Professor Coppola demonstrates an incredible involvement with his students, as well as using his innovative teaching techniques to contribute to the university and the teaching profession as a whole.

Professor Coppola contributes immeasurably to both the University of Michigan and to the field of teaching and learning through his commitment to students and teaching. In his classes he strives for a more involved role for students—instead of a traditional lecture format he encourages student-to-student learning—forcing students to understand and apply what they have heard and read. He has researched his innovative method of teaching, and has found that 80 percent of the students in his classes who have been critiquing their peers and thinking on their own develop analytical abilities comparable to second and third-year graduate students. This number is in contrast to 10 percent of students in a traditional lecture course. Through his unique and involved focus on individual students, he challenges undergraduates to express ideas clearly and apply them to case studies, thus helping them to develop skills that will help them throughout their future careers.

Professor Coppola has extended his ideas to the academic community as a whole. He has published 83 articles on teaching and learning, making his findings available to colleagues across the country. He supplements his written findings with numerous lectures, both as an invited speaker and by organizing his own education symposia. In addition to his impressive publication record, he has been involved with 38 successfully funded external grants related to teaching that total over \$8.5 million. These grants have allowed him to con-

tinue building on his research while teaching various undergraduate courses, ranging from large introduction classes to smaller, studio format, groups of students.

Professor Coppola is highly esteemed not only at the University of Michigan, but in the larger academic community. His work in the field of teaching and learning should be applauded. Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Professor Coppola for his accomplishments and his dedication to the future of this great Nation.

PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE
TO SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE IN THE MILITARY ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced the Prevention of and Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in the Military Act. This bill will address the ongoing problem of violence against women in our U.S. Armed Forces. There have been at least 261 reported cases of sexual assault in current operations in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Bahrain between August 2002 and November 2004, as well as at least 27 cases of sexual assault prior to deployment. My legislation will help address this issue by improving prevention programs, enhancing victim treatment services and changing the Uniform Code of Military Justice to more effectively deal with perpetrators of these crimes.

For too long, the problem of sexual assault in the military has been brushed under the rug. Women and men who report sexual assault are often ignored or demoted, while perpetrators go unpunished—or are even promoted. We cannot continue to tolerate this culture of abuse, which has destroyed lives, careers and families. A soldier’s job is perilous enough—how can they serve with a criminal in their own ranks?

My bill seeks to transform the process used by the military to handle abuse of its own soldiers. It will make important changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice to make certain that those who commit crimes are dealt with swiftly and harshly. The legislation will ensure that victims are protected and have access to both physical and mental treatment and care. We must change entirely the culture that permits this kind of abuse to occur. It is my hope that this bill is a first step in that direction.

This legislation updates and revises the Uniform Code of Military Justice to incorporate Federal statutes addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, family violence and stalking. The definition of sexual assault is expanded to include a wider range of sexual misconduct. The bill also closes loopholes in Federal law relative to interstate domestic violence and enforcement of protection orders.

Moreover, the bill establishes two senior executive level offices, Director of Special Investigations and Office of the Victims’ Advocate. The Director of Special Investigations would support timely and appropriate investigations of sexual assault, domestic violence, family violence and stalking and would implement and

support Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) and Domestic Violence Response Teams (DVRTs). The Office of the Victim Advocate would improve access to services for victims and survivors.

Under this legislation, services and treatment for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking will be enhanced and made more widely available. Such services would be expanded within the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans' Affairs to include health care response teams, community health centers, additional sexual trauma counseling centers to furnish both inpatient and outpatient services, and services for reservists victimized by sexual assault or domestic violence. The proposal would also entitle a servicemember to extended emergency leave in order to seek medical treatment, obtain psychological counseling or victim services, and participate in safety planning as a result of sexual or domestic violence.

My bill will also enhance the rights of victims to safety and justice. It will better protect a victim's privacy, including communication between a victim and her advocate. It will also provide restitution to victims.

As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, I have been helping to lead the charge to end sexual assault in the military. For example, last March, I chaired a hearing at which Jennifer Machmer, an Army captain from Buffalo who was assaulted in Kuwait, testified before Women's Caucus members. I also offered a successful amendment to the FY 05 National Defense Authorization bill that codifies many of the recommendations made the Department of Defense Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault.

This bill encompasses a comprehensive framework to deal with all aspects of violence against women in the military. It represents the continuation of an ongoing dialogue between legislators, the Pentagon, victims and the advocacy community to address these issues.

On Veteran's Day last week, we honored and commemorated all of the brave women and men who have so valiantly served our Nation within our U.S. Armed Forces—both in the past, as well as those who continue to serve our country today. We must do everything that we can to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our U.S. servicemembers. I urge my colleagues to support this important initiative.

IN MEMORY OF JANE EVELYN
MITCHELL

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Mrs. Jane Evelyn Mitchell, who passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2004, at her home in Wilmington, Delaware.

Jane Mitchell led an exemplary life, which she devoted to her husband, her family, and our community. Jane was a trailblazer in the health care industry in Delaware, breaking through the racial barriers that permeated many industries throughout her lifetime. Earning her nursing degree from the University of Delaware, Jane became the first African-

American registered nurse in our State. In 1969, Jane also became the first African-American to be named Delaware's nursing director. She served as president of the state Board of Nursing and as vice president of the Delaware Nurses Association. Jane's dedication to providing her patients with compassionate service and her refusal to be stifled by the day's racial prejudices, enabled her to forge a new path for minority women. Jane opened the door for thousands of young African American women, many of whom provide an immeasurable benefit to our State through their service in the health care industry today.

Jane's service to her fellow citizens knew no limitations. She was a dedicated partner to her husband of 61 years, Littleton "Lit" Mitchell, in the fight to provide equality for every individual. She was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, but if you were to ask her, I am sure she would say that the true measure of her success can not be found on plaques, certificates, or even building facades, but on the face of the people whose lives she has touched in some way.

Mr. Speaker, it is not often that I have the opportunity to honor the life of a true humanitarian and force for social change. Jane Evelyn Mitchell's devotion to her fellow citizens was truly amazing, and she deserves our utmost respect, and appreciation.

CONROE, TEXAS CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the city and people of Conroe, Texas, as they celebrate their centennial anniversary. Home to more than 43,000 Texans, Conroe is a vibrant city that embodies the rich heritage familiar to so many pioneer Texas towns.

From Isaac Conroe's first view of the acres of lush forests that berthed a thriving sawmill and train stop to the discovery of oil by George Strake that increased the population of the city five times over in just five weeks, every generation has faced its joys and challenges. The fortitude of Conroe's citizens and their leaders has always proven up to the task.

This fortitude is perfectly illustrated in the city's response after fires ravaged the fledgling downtown. A fire in 1901 badly burned the business district of the city. The community immediately rebuilt. Another fire in 1911 leveled the same district. This time—as if to dare the fire to try one more time—the people of Conroe rebuilt with brick.

The citizens of this community have also proven their willingness to help a neighbor or stranger. During the oil strike of the early 1930's, thousands of able bodied men descended on Conroe looking for work and a way to escape the Great Depression. Lifetime Conroe resident Edith Clanton remembers her mother renting out every room in their home to strangers desperate for a place to live.

Today, another generation of business owners, school teachers, community leaders and families are making their home in Conroe. Today, as this city surveys the last hundred

years with well deserved pride it will also consider what the future has in store.

Mayor J.F. Collier, the first Mayor of Conroe, saw electricity come to Conroe. Today's Mayor Tommy Metcalf is witnessing the spread of another type of current running through this city. New technology, thriving new businesses, residential developments that are the envy of the nation, academically outstanding schools, and a deep respect for the diversity and needs of the entire community are all a part of this new current. They all play a key part in keeping Conroe healthy and strong for the future.

Many more bright years are ahead for Conroe. The history of this city reminds us that great things—great cities—start with every day people who live their lives one day at a time, determined to leave things better than how they found them.

Mr. Speaker, our nation's hometowns like Conroe, Texas, are what make America strong. It is an honor to represent this community in the U.S. House of Representatives and I urge you to join me in congratulating the City of Conroe, Texas, on their 100th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF HARRIS LEVY
FINE LINENS ON THE OCCASION
OF ITS 110TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Harris Levy Fine Linens, a business in the Lower East Side neighborhood of Manhattan. Harris Levy has flourished since its modest beginnings 110 years ago. At a time when many small businesses struggle to compete with franchises and larger companies, Harris Levy has thrived by inspiring the trust of its customers.

Harris Levy Fine Linens began in 1894 when Harris and Ester Levy started selling tapestries and yard goods from a rented pushcart. Five years later, they were able to move their business to a nearby basement and in 1930, they finally purchased a lot at 278 Grand Street, where their store is presently located.

Early in its history, Harris Levy established itself as a pioneer—at a time when most stores relied on importers or wholesale suppliers, it chose to import its own goods. In those days, Harris Levy would sell its imported bed, bath and table linens at cost and derive its profits from the sale of the wooden crate in which the fabrics were shipped.

Today, Harris Levy's fourth-generation owners continue to adhere to the core values with which Harris Levy started his business more than a century ago. The company insists on setting reasonable prices for its goods, striving not only to make a profit, but to maintain its customer base and supplier networks, as well. Harris Levy's owners also take great pride in the dedication of their employees, all of whom have been with the company for more than fifteen years.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that my distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to this outstanding family-run business, which has established itself as an integral part of the Lower East Side neighborhood. I wish

Harris Levy's owners and longtime employees many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING TIMOTHY HUEBNER
OF RHODES COLLEGE 2004 TENNESSEE
PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Timothy Huebner of Memphis as he is named 2004 Tennessee Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

A hands-on historian with varied experiences and an abiding devotion to his profession, Professor Huebner has rendered distinguished service as a book review editor for the American Journal of Legal History, an advisory board member for Tennessee's history online discussion list, and as a Co-editor for Studies in the Legal History of the South Series; however, Huebner's tenure as a Professor of History at Rhodes College (a position he has held since 1995) is his defining position.

With an intellectual curiosity fed by research and a passion for helping students make complex issues clear, Professor Huebner has worked to find a balance between teaching and research. During his tenure at Rhodes College, Mr. Huebner has found that balance by devoting time to helping students write substantive research papers, supervising honors research papers, and more recently, serving as Founder and Director of the Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies. The Rhodes Institute is an innovative, interdisciplinary summer program that engages top undergraduates in research in the Memphis and Mississippi Delta region.

The Rhodes Institute brings a select group of students and faculty together for eight weeks: two weeks in a faculty-designed seminar on regional studies; five weeks engaged in independent research, interspersed with weekly individual and group meetings; one final week presenting their work. Under the supervision of a faculty mentor, each student produces an 8,000–10,000 word research paper that is published and distributed to the local community. This Institute and Professor Huebner's efforts have put Rhodes College on the map as a research institution and connected students to the Memphis community.

Huebner's selection as Tennessee Professor of the Year further highlights a career of service to his students, Rhodes College, and the Memphis community. Professor Huebner's more noteworthy accomplishments include his initiation into Omicron Delta Kappa in 2004, the recognition of the Rhodes Institute's website by the Council of Independent Colleges in 2003, his initiation into Phi Beta Kappa in 1988, his publication of eight articles and book chapters in scholarly publications, his fifty-five essays in encyclopedias and reference volumes, his twenty-five book reviews, and ten scholarly paper presentations at invited academic lectures.

For the good work he has had in the lives of countless youth, Mr. Speaker, I would ask

that you join me in honoring my friend and a friend to higher education, Mr. Timothy Huebner.

ON THE HORIZON: WORKERS'
BENEFITS BEING ROBBED

HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I have always believed that, in America, hard work leads to reward. I grew up in a family that inspired me by example to work hard, to be fair, and to be loyal. They are values worth instilling in future generations. They are concepts that, I believe, set our Nation apart and above the rest of the world.

Increasingly, however, these American ideals are being swept aside in the corporate chase for the almighty dollar, and it does not bode well for the future of our country.

In recent months, the media in my State have been running stories about a series of court cases concerning Horizon Natural Resources—the Nation's fourth largest coal company. The once robust company was ailing financially and it was seeking protection through the bankruptcy codes. It is the kind of story that might normally engender sympathy. But how this company went about trying to protect itself wipes away any semblance of pity.

Horizon went after its employees, current and past. It went after their benefits, including their health care. In a cold and callous act, Horizon Natural Resources went to court and asked a judge to allow it to abandon its obligations to those men and women who had labored long and hard in the mines and coal-processing facilities to earn an honest living for themselves and the boys in suits.

In a final, appalling decision in September, a federal judge gave the "all clear" to Horizon to use bankruptcy loopholes to turn its back on its workers. Armed with that decision, Horizon took years of the hard work and the loyalty of thousands of employees and their families and heartlessly tossed it all out the courtroom window.

As a result, Horizon's mines and coal-processing facilities are enabled to continue to operate under new names, but its employees and retirees have suffered egregious losses, including, for some, the loss of their promised health care.

Such court decisions, to my mind, do not even vaguely resemble justice. They make a mockery of the word. Moreover, they thwart the intent of Congress when enacting the Coal Act which was supposed to guarantee those health care benefits.

As a result of its courtroom victories, Horizon is not only permitted to chuck its obligations to ensure certain benefits for its own employees, it is able to dump its liabilities on already financially strained benefit plans that provide for thousands of other retirees and their beneficiaries. Benefit plans, I might add, that are largely being financed by other coal companies.

As such, the Horizon "bankruptcy" decision resulted in several bad decisions that may have long-term, far-reaching implications for benefits and employer obligations under the

Coal Act, including the level of benefits that are required to be provided. In handing down such a poorly considered decision, one federal judge set off a domino effect that will also cost numerous companies that are playing by the rules.

This is exactly the type of egregious corporate behavior the Coal Act sought to address. It is wrong. It goes against the American grain. It turns on its head the ideals of hard work and loyalty and fairness.

This series of court decisions cannot be allowed to stand. In response, today I, along with West Virginia Senator JAY ROCKEFELLER, are introducing legislation to seek a remedy to this situation. Our bill will make clear that the benefits and obligations mandated by the Coal Act cannot be modified by the bankruptcy courts. It will prevent other companies from attempting to skirt the Coal Act through bankruptcy, and help to provide more stability to already over-burdened benefit plans and those families who depend on them.

Moreover, our bill will send a message that financial bankruptcy is not an excuse for moral bankruptcy, and that loyalty and hard work are worthy ideals still valued in America today.

RECOGNIZING CITIZENS OF OTIS,
KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless efforts of the citizens of Otis, Kansas in their work to keep ambulance service available to their community.

A little more than two months ago, this community's emergency medical service was in danger of closing due to a lack of emergency medical technicians. After more than 30 years, Otis and the surrounding area was looking at the unfortunate reality of having no local ambulance service. This loss could have been devastating to this community of 325 people. The response time for an ambulance run in Otis is five to eight minutes. Ambulance response time from the next closest community, which is 15 miles away, would have been a minimum of 20 minutes. In rural America, having access to local ambulance service can mean the difference between life and death.

Fortunately, six individuals saw the effect this would have on their community and stepped forward to help. These individuals are taking EMT training and will volunteer their time to keep the Otis EMS alive. After seeing the outpouring of support, two other former volunteers also agreed to return to the service. In addition, two new volunteers—a registered nurse and an EMT—have made themselves available to go on ambulance runs when needed.

Because of the following individuals, the Otis EMS will remain open: Bruce Adamson; Mary Adamson; Jerry Dirks; Marsha Hinds; Mike Sharkey; Tara Stieben; Mike Bahr; Teri Bahr; Mark Brack; Candace Demory; Margaret Gary; Shane Konzem; Shayla Koochel; Virginia Landers; Karen Maier; Roger Mohr; Robert Newton; Eric Royer; Everett Royer; Ellen Schriener; Kent Schriener; James Sheldon; Bruce Swob; Mandy Urban; Don Weide.

Thanks to their team effort, this close-knit community will continue to have that lifeline to the health care services they need. Everett Royer, a current EMS volunteer, noted, "it gives us a little bit of hope."

All across the state of Kansas are stories just like this one. Of neighbors helping neighbors, not because they have to, but because they want to. Because it's the right thing to do. Their efforts deserve our support and recognition.

Citizens throughout the First Congressional District of Kansas are working together to enhance the quality of life in their communities. Preservation of the Otis EMS is a success story that gives all of us in rural America "a little bit of hope."

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
CELEBRATES ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, November 11, 2004 marked the 80th anniversary of the Fleet Reserve Association whose original charter was issued on that date in 1924 at Philadelphia, PA. Known by the acronym, FRA, the association is the oldest and largest professional military organization representing men and women serving in or retired from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

FRA grew out of a need for an organization to safeguard sailor's rights and benefits. The idea for organizing such an association stemmed from the earlier action of a small group of enlisted men, who pooled their monies in 1919, to send two senior enlisted Navy chiefs from their ranks to Washington, DC to represent their viewpoint on pay legislation then under consideration in the U.S. Congress. The result of their testimony was a substantial enlisted pay increase the following year. These two pioneers were the first enlisted persons ever to testify before a congressional committee.

The Fleet Reserve Association derived its name from a program, the Fleet Naval Reserve, established by the Navy to separate sailors who had at least 16 or more years of active enlisted service but less than 30 for retirement purposes. Sailors could return to civilian life, receive retainer pay (in lieu of retirement pay), and be subject to immediate recall to active duty by the Secretary of the Navy until their combined service equaled 30 years.

FRA originally was formed in 1922. Its first successful endeavor occurred in 1923 when Congress overruled an unfavorable and inequitable judgment by the Comptroller General of the United States. The CG's decision had rejected the eligibility of certain enlisted personnel who had already transferred to the Fleet Naval Reserve and settled in the civilian community. The CG ruled that those holding commissions in WWI could not count their wartime commissioned or warrant service to qualify for transfer to the Fleet Naval Reserve. The FRA effort saved any number of enlisted sailors from returning to active duty to make up time served in the commissioned ranks.

Since its inception, FRA has produced an enviable record of representing enlisted men

and women of the Sea Services. In the 1930s, the Association authored two legislative proposals that were signed into law by then-President Herbert Hoover. One law banished a requirement that Fleet Reservists and other enlisted retirees pay 75 cents for rations while hospitalized in government treatment facilities. The other authorized the payment of death gratuities to the estate of Fleet Reservists who perished while recalled to active duty. In 1937, an FRA proposal to authorize commissary privileges to military widows was enacted into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Two years later, FRA's efforts to restore reenlistment allowances (bonuses) succeed when the President signed the legislation into law.

For the next five decades FRA racked up success after legislative success on behalf of its members and others, including all uniformed personnel of the armed services. Its "Hospital Rights" study led to the creation of the Civilian Health Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) in 1966. Almost immediately thereafter, the Association financed a study of the military's survivor benefit program. The result of the study, entitled "Widow's Equity," led Congress to the 1972 adoption of the Uniformed Services Survivor Benefit Program (USSBP).

In the late 1970s and early 1990s FRA concentrated on protecting the rights of its membership. Much of its work was devoted to preserving the status quo for many of the benefits available to military personnel. FRA shared a major role in defeating an overhaul of the uniformed services retirement system and the proposed unionization of the armed forces. It targeted the defeat of a proposed plan to phase out funding for military commissaries, petitioned Congress not to adopt the former spouses' protection act, and joined as a founding member of The Military Coalition leading to the repeal of the reductions in cost of living adjustments (COLA) for military retirees and their survivors.

FRA published a pay study in 1999 that led to a major victory in obtaining targeted pay hikes for mid-grade enlisted personnel in 2001. It also authored the first legislation introduced that eventually led to the repeal of the 1986 military retirement system (REDUX), and urged the Navy to authorize sea pay for junior enlisted personnel.

In addition to its award-winning legislative advocacy work, the Association encourages participation in community activities wherever its 300-plus branches are located throughout the United States and overseas. FRA also conducts an annual scholarship program and awarded nearly \$90,000 to deserving students in 2004. Its Americanism Essay Contest is highly successful awarding more than \$75,000 to students each year. The Association also generously supports a number of recognition awards for outstanding uniformed personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The Association is recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a veterans' service organization, and employs a full time Veterans Service Officer who has the authority to assist any veteran in filing a claim or representing them before the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have been a part of the Association's efforts to serve the men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. At the Association's request I introduced the first proposal in the House to

repeal the military's REDUX retirement program, to provide a targeted pay increase for mid-career enlisted personnel, and an amendment to the Coast Guard authorization bill to authorize the Commandant of the Coast Guard to speak his mind before members of Congress in the same manner as that of the other service chiefs; all of which have been enacted in law. There are others issues related to both military personnel and veterans that FRA and I will continue to work, most of which I plan to sponsor again in the 109th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Fleet Reserve Association for its eight decades of representing our men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. May its success in effectively serving active duty, reserve, and retired enlisted personnel, as well as those in the commissioned ranks, sustain the FRA through many more years of loyalty, protection, and service—not only to its members but to the U.S. Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard and the United States of America.

ON THE SUCCESS OF THE X-43A

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Dryden Flight Research Center and Langley Research Center for the record-breaking flight of the X-43A research vehicle on November 16, 2004. During the flight, the scramjet-powered X-43A flew successfully at record speed approaching Mach 10, almost ten times the speed of sound, as it raced across the sky above the Pacific Ocean. The Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, where the mission originated, is in my district. Earlier this year I visited Dryden and met with the men and women involved in the program and I share their excitement about this successful flight.

Supersonic combustion ramjets, or scramjets, offer safer and more affordable options for high-speed flights, as well as more airplane-like operations, than traditional rocket powered vehicles. Much of the information scientists have about scramjets has come from computer-generated models. The goal of this program was to provide actual flight data for a scramjet engine.

This was the third and final flight of NASA's Hyper-X Program to explore alternative power sources for space access vehicles. It was also the fastest flight, breaking the record of the second flight, which reached speeds near Mach 7. The Guinness Book of World Records named the X-43A the fastest air-breathing aircraft when it reached speeds of over 5,000 MPH during the March 27, 2004 flight. Only eight months later, the Guinness World Record book needs revising already; the X-43A is still the fastest, but now it has flown almost 7,000 MPH.

The X-43A took off from Edwards attached to a B-52 bomber. This was the last research flight for the B-52, which has been used successfully for many historic research efforts at Dryden. At around 2:30 PM local time, the X-

43A detached from its booster at 110,000 feet to fly on its own. The 12-foot long vehicle streaked through the sky, reaching speeds of Mach 9.8. After its short flight, the X-43A splashed into the Pacific Ocean, triumphantly completing the eight-year program.

The \$230 million Hyper-X program pushed the envelope, as no air-breathing scramjet engine had been previously flown at hypersonic speeds, but the rewards are evident. The important discoveries made by these flights will lead to advances in both space exploration and commercial aviation. We all honor the success of the program and encourage more research into this valuable technology. It is vital that the first 'A' in NASA—Aeronautics—remain a strong and vibrant part of the agency.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT EWBank

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Scott Ewbank to recognize his lifelong achievements and indisputable legacy as a respected San Jose lawyer and longtime member of Santa Clara County's Juvenile Justice Commission.

Scott Ewbank was born on August 15, 1947 in Sunnyvale, California. Scott attended Stanford University, where he received his bachelor's degree in political science in 1969. After college, he volunteered for two years with International Volunteer Services (IVS), a nonprofit group that at the time helped central Vietnam's highland tribes develop new agricultural practices. While there, he learned Vietnamese and in the mid-1990s served on the IVS board of directors.

After his return from Vietnam, Scott attended the University of Michigan law school, and received his law degree in 1975. He also received a master's degree in Southeast Asian studies in 1990 from the same university.

Scott began his solo criminal law practice in San Jose in 1976. He was a tough fighter who believed in his young clients, many of them charged with felonies.

Outside of the courtroom, Scott was a volunteer mentor to youths. He joined Volunteers in Parole, a non-profit group that helps juvenile delinquents by pairing them with adult mentors. He also volunteered as an adult chaperon with the Boy Scouts. Scott helped out those in his own neighborhood. He spoke up against the proliferation of all kinds of group homes and questioned the city's land use ordinances as they pertained to potential development nearby.

It was on Saturday, November 6, 2004 that Scott Ewbank died of apparent heart attack while hiking with a Boy Scout troop in Monterey County. He was 57 years old.

Scott Ewbank is survived by his wife Susan Hart, and his children, Jack and Anne, all of San Jose; his mother Lois Ewbank of Sunnyvale; and his brothers, Gary of Sacramento and Brian of Fresno.

Mr. Speaker, today we mourn the loss of a role model and a constant inspiration. Scott Ewbank's heroic service to our community and guidance to individuals inspired many to go beyond their expectations and, as a result,

contribute to the betterment of our beautiful and diverse community in Santa Clara County. Scott was a true hero, in every word and action. He was also my friend and neighbor.

HONORING LINDA SHOEMAKER

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Linda Shoemaker, an exceptional community leader in my district.

Throughout her life, Linda has worked to improve the community in which she resides and to help those less fortunate than herself. In 2000, Linda and her husband, Steve, founded the Brett Family Foundation in Boulder, Colorado. The purpose of this foundation is to promote local nonprofits and policy initiatives that help disadvantaged youth around the state of Colorado. In 2001, Linda started the Bell Policy Center, a nonprofit organization which uses research to construct and promote public policy that focuses on the needs of working adults and families in Colorado.

Linda's accomplishments are vast. In addition to taking on numerous leadership positions over the years, including becoming a Board Member and Sponsor of the I Have A Dream Foundation, where she worked to provide scholarships to students who would otherwise be unable to attend a college or university, Linda also volunteers time to help abused and neglected children in her community by volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Linda has been recognized time and again for her tremendous work in the Boulder community, as well as around the state of Colorado. Most recently, Linda won the 2004 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado award for Outstanding Philanthropist. It is individuals like Linda, who take action at the community level and take the time to help those less fortunate than themselves that will make this country, and the world, a better place for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend her accomplishments and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Linda Shoemaker for her outstanding contributions to Colorado.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to attendance at a funeral in my district, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 532, "yes." Rollcall No. 533, "yes."

EULOGY TO KENNETH H. POLLARD OF METHUEN, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to an outstanding citizen of Methuen, Massachusetts Kenneth Pollard. Kenneth passed away on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 82 years of age.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters Sharon and Patricia; sons Michael and K. Jeffrey; sisters Claire and Jacqueline; granddaughters Catherine, Haley, and Morgan; and grandsons Christopher and Kenneth.

Kenneth lived a full life and touched the lives of countless individuals. He was an accomplished athlete in his youth and a dedicated Red Sox Fan. He joined the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 122 of Methuen. Kenneth was a successful businessman, devoted family man, and community leader. Throughout his life he volunteered much of his time to community boards and committees, as well as serving as a Methuen city councilor.

Sharon M. Pollard, who is the Mayor of Methuen, Massachusetts, delivered a beautiful eulogy to her father, Kenneth, at Saint Monica's Church on Saturday, November 13, 2004. I ask for unanimous consent to submit to the RECORD Mayor Pollard's eulogy to her father:

My Mom, brothers, sister and aunts wish to thank you so much for the support you have all given us in the last few days, weeks and months. Our family sends you a collective thank you.

Dad was born into a loving home with his parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. His sisters affectionately say that in this home he was known as "my son-my son".

A product of Methuen's public schools, he excelled in school as a student and an athlete. He received letters in baseball, football and basketball. Although mostly English, he liked to think of himself as Irish. He used to tell the story of how his great uncle Tom who had been born in Ireland, wanted him to go to Notre Dame, but he decided to stay closer to home and attend Boston College. He loved watching the Eagles and the Fighting Irish play football.

He loved his country and served as a sergeant in the Army/Air Force in WWII. He served in various places, but it was at his last stop, Sedalia, Missouri where he met Mom. In May, they celebrated their 58th anniversary and they loved each other very much.

Dad had four children and each one of them received a piece of him. Michael, his profession, Patty, his passion for baseball, Jeff, his name and athletic ability and me—we did politics together. We were kindred political souls. And now you know what the conversation was at our dinner table.

He was blessed with five beautiful grandchildren: Catherine, Haley, Morgan, Kenny and Christopher from whom he received much love and pleasure. Dad was happiest when the children were around, but as we grew older we realized that it was the little ones that he really wanted to spend time with. In the last 10 years, Sundays at the beach were the best times—he knew that the children and grandchildren would be coming for dinner.

Dad was a very unique person. He was highly motivated and created a highly successful business from the ground up. He

treated people with respect and dignity and spoke kindly about everyone. He was, I believe, the nicest man I ever met. A great businessman, he was a gentle soul and so many people loved him dearly.

Growing up we all had a great time. Mom was from Missouri and when she went to visit her family every summer, we would do special things, like heading to Claire and Jacquie's at the beach. Dad's favorite escape with us was to the ballpark. We would head to Fenway Park and we always went early so we could watch the players arrive and then watch batting practice. The gentleman in the parking lot thought Dad was a doctor, so we always got a great parking space to allow for a quick escape. I wonder why he thought that! He loved the Red Sox and as a result, the whole family loved the Red Sox. Like all of us, he lived to see the Sox win a world series. It was a happy interlude at a sad time in his life. GO SOX.

Dad inherited from his Dad and Grandfather a love of animals and the sport of Kings. So when we weren't at the ballpark, we would make the trip up Route 28 to Rockingham. Dad would bring us early in the day so we could see the racehorses going through their pre-race routines. If our grandfather were with us, we would always stop at Granite State Potato chips for a sour pickle. He was the best Dad!

Dad always taught us that we needed to give back to our community and he very much lived his advice. He served on the Housing Authority, Chaired a Charter Commission, Chaired the High School Building Committee and was elected to Methuen's City Council. He involved himself in many charitable organizations and always worked to try to make his community a great place to live and raise families. His last civic act was to cast his vote for the man who should be President. He was saddened by the outcome of November 2nd.

His last year was a difficult one for him, but he took in all in stride. He would tell people that he had no regrets—that he had lived a great life and had the opportunity to watch his children grow to be successful and to spend time with the little ones in our family. He loved his grandchildren very much and they will dearly miss their "Buppa".

As he got older, he developed an insatiable desire for political and current events television shows—Chris Matthews and Hardball were no strangers to his home but he also loved to watch the unfortunate likes of Bill O'Reilly and Hannity and Colmes. He listened intently to what they had to say and oftentimes made comment. When I asked him why he watched those shows, he told me that you always need to know what the opposition is thinking. He was wise.

He was treated by the skilled doctors of the Massachusetts General Hospital's ALS research team. We were all so hopeful that Dad would be able to benefit from the research strides made by this team of dedicated doctors, but time was not on his side. But, our family is hopeful that Dad was able to provide some knowledge to his Doctors which will help them beat this insidious disease.

Dad's end was peaceful and he was surrounded by his very loving family. So many friends showered us with kindness. Their comforting words and the meals and snacks they provided us, were welcome gifts. We loved the food and Dad would have as well.

When things weren't going well, someone always miraculously appeared, like Carla Moriarty and Dr. Nelson Matos to help us through the newest bump. We love you all and you will always have a special place in our hearts.

He was cared for by wonderful VNA and Hospice nurses, as well as other health care

professionals who treated him with dignity and kindness and he loved them in return. Our family is humbled by their devotion and we will always remember their spirit and affection.

We chose the following verse to put on the back of Dad's prayer card because our family thought it was written with our Dad in mind . . .

When through one man a little more love,
A little more goodness,
A little more hope,
A little more beauty,
A little more joy,
And a little more faith
Has come into the world
Then that man's life has had meaning.

To his children he was our hero—our mentor—our conscience—our rock. He was everything we could ever hope to be. He was the nicest man and the best Dad on earth. We are crushed to lose him but blessed with so many wonderful memories—so many wonderful memories.

In August, when Mom and Dad sold their home at the beach and were not yet able to move into their new home, they went to live in the interim with Patty, Ed and Catherine. Dad spent his last months in a happy house, where he wakened each day to the smiles of his precious Catherine and where Patty and Ed attended to his every need, including the brownies and ice cream before bed. Many of Dad's friends came to visit him at Patty's and they were always welcomed. Mike, Jeff and I are profoundly grateful to our sister and her family for the care they have given Mom and Dad and for the wonderful environment in which Dad died.

The Pollard Funeral Home was Dad's dream and joy. He started his business over 50 years ago and over the years he and his staff have comforted and served thousands of families in the Greater Lawrence communities. He was enormously proud of Mike and the staff at the funeral home and they in turn, have cared for Dad with dignity and reverence. All of the Pollard family thanks you for the respect you have shown to us and to Dad.

Jeff was Dad's sports buddy. If they weren't discussing the Patriots then it was golf—a sport they played together often. At those Sunday afternoon dinners, the rest of us were resigned to the fact that we were in clicker hell—bouncing back between whatever the sports of the day were. Jeff honored Dad by naming his only son Kenneth. In our household we refer to them not as the 3 amigos but as the 3 Kenny's.

Our family is so thankful for the clergy who honor Dad by their presence on the altar today. I know Dad would be particularly pleased that his friend of over 50 years, Bishop Joseph McGuire, could be with him as well. A beautiful service would not be so without beautiful music and voices. To those who lend their voices, spirit and their gift to us today, we are grateful.

Dad was blessed with many friends throughout his life, some here today and others who met him on the first tee or in the clubhouse at a heavenly race track on Tuesday morning. I have faith that he is in a far better place and that the warmth we feel now is his smile, the peace we sense is his comforting hand and the light which surrounds us is his love.

In his high school yearbook, the quote under his picture read, "Yet leaving here a name, I trust, That will not perish in the dust" Sixty-four years later we affirm that Dad left his mark on his community and he will always have a special place in our hearts.

So many people love you Dad, but none more than me.

OPENING OF CLINTON
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, having just returned from the opening ceremony in Little Rock, Arkansas today, I rise to congratulate President Bill Clinton on the opening of the William J. Clinton Presidential Center. The library, an architectural triumph that evokes President Clinton's "Bridge to the 21st Century," is a superb accomplishment worthy of the outstanding presidency it documents.

Containing 80 million pages of records, nearly 2 million photographs, nearly 80,000 artifacts and 21 million emails, it is the largest presidential library ever. It covers every aspect of his eight years in office, including domestic and international issues, legislative achievements, and personal triumphs and challenges.

The thoroughness of the library, however, is no surprise. President Clinton has always been known for his love of learning. The construction of this library and the opportunity to make resources available to scholars and the public is a personal joy to him.

In the library, visitors will learn the story of a great presidency that lifted the lives of so many Americans. During President Clinton's two terms in office, he created 22 million new jobs, and median household income was the highest in history. With an expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit and an increase in the minimum wage, America had the lowest poverty rate in 20 years. At the same time, President Clinton's responsible economic policies eliminated the deficit, and we had three years in a row of budget surpluses. More Americans were able to access health care and to own their own homes. We modernized our defenses, while strengthening our role in the world.

Bill Clinton's presidency is a powerful example of what we can accomplish when we "put people first." Future Presidents and leaders should study his example.

Also characteristic of President Clinton, the library exists not for its own sake but as part of a larger effort to continue the good work of his presidency. Through the library and the Clinton Foundation, he is continuing to fight against HIV/AIDS, to promote racial and religious reconciliation, to encourage economic empowerment, and to support citizen service and leadership development. The library itself has helped revitalize Little Rock and has spurred more than \$1 billion in economic development.

Bill Clinton's love of learning is infectious. He reminds us all of what a dedicated individual with drive and conviction can accomplish. I am confident that the Clinton Presidential Center library will be a valuable asset to scholars for generations to come and a destination for his many admirers from around the world.

A TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL
BENJAMIN SAXON BRYAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Lance Corporal Benjamin Saxon Bryan of my hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina. Earlier this week, Lance Corporal Bryan was killed in the line of duty while serving the people of this great nation in Iraq.

Ben Bryan joined the Marines in 2000 after graduating from Lumberton High School and was serving in the infantry Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment stationed out of Camp Pendleton, California. Lance Corporal Bryan was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Lance Corporal Bryan's love for his fellow man and for the values this nation holds dear—and his life's commitment to defending those values—can best be described by three simple, but profound words: spirit, service, sacrifice.

It was Lance Corporal Bryan's spirit that made him the man that he was—a spirit that recognized and honored values beyond the material, temporal, and physical things of this world. Lance Corporal Bryan's unselfish and unabated service was reflected in his strong work ethic, his strong sense of patriotism, and his strong love for his family and his country. With a strong spirit and unwavering service, Lance Corporal Bryan made the ultimate sacrifice. He risked his life to ensure the safety of others. His valiant actions demonstrated that he knew that freedom is not free. His sacrifice was rich in integrity and reminds us of the gratitude we, as citizens of this great nation, should have toward him and toward all of our servicemen and women.

We owe Lance Corporal Benjamin Saxon Bryan our sincere appreciation for his years of committed service to our nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless his family, and may God bless this great nation.

RETIREMENT OF LEANNA M.
GOUTHRO AFTER 31 YEARS WITH
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Leanna M. Gouthro, a constituent of mine from Silver Spring, MD, who will be retiring at the end of this month after 31 years of service with the Federal Government. Ms. Gouthro's most recent, and longest, Federal service has been with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The mission of the FDIC is to provide stability to the Nation's financial system by insuring depositors' funds up to \$100,000 and by supervising over 5,000

state-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System. Ms. Gouthro has contributed to the FDIC's mission through her extraordinary accomplishments in the agency's Office of Legislative Affairs.

While they may not realize it, many of my colleagues who have sent inquiries to the FDIC over the years have benefited from the talents and energy of Lee Gouthro. When Lee joined the FDIC in 1987, there was no system in place for tracking congressional correspondence, other than a rudimentary hard copy filing system. She recognized the opportunity created by computers and set up a system that would impose controls and accountability for correspondence tracking, seeking special permission from then-Chairman William Seidman for the acquisition of a personal computer—the first one obtained for any of the FDIC's executive offices. As many of my colleagues may remember from the late 1980s through the mid-1990s, the banking and savings and loan industry was, to say the least, in great turmoil. The impact on our constituents was extremely difficult.

Lee not only handled the FDIC's correspondence system, but implemented the system for the Resolution Trust Corporation and was instrumental in hiring and training personnel for handling the RTC's system. With over 2,100 bank and savings institutions failing during this time period—with almost three-quarters of a trillion dollars in assets—many of our constituents faced uncertainty on loan payments, checking accounts, safe-deposit boxes—many of the things they take for granted. Over this time period, the constituent complaints and correspondence became increasingly complicated, sensitive and controversial. Lee was always the consummate team player and never deviated from her focus on quality, accuracy and responsiveness to the Congress. She developed and managed a process that provided answers to congressional inquiries in an average of 2 weeks, an exceptional standard of excellence that allows Senators and Members of Congress to address issues promptly. The result of Lee's overall efforts is a correspondence system that is a model for other regulatory agencies and government offices. Officials from the White House, Federal Reserve Board, Comptroller of the Currency, Office of Thrift Supervision and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board have either visited the FDIC's offices to see her first-class system or have invited Lee to their offices to consult in setting up their own correspondence systems.

As Lee Gouthro retires, I know that my colleagues join me in wishing her well in her future endeavors and expressing our appreciation for her service to the American people and their elected representatives.

RECOGNITION OF JOEL A. KAGANN
OF WOODRIDGE, IL, ON THE OC-
CASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a man who exemplifies the very

best in public service. His name is Joel Kagann and his service to the people of the Village of Woodridge and the County of DuPage is unmatched. His contributions are many, and his dedication to the highest ideals of service has been unwavering.

Like so many other outstanding and unsung public servants, Joel Kagann began his career as a police officer. That was almost fifty years ago, back in 1957 when the Village of Woodridge was just beginning to attract returning servicemen looking for a great place to raise their young families. Working his way up through the ranks, Joel was named Chief of Police for the Village of Woodridge, a post he held for nearly a decade, until his retirement in 1978.

For most mere mortals, that would be enough. But not for Joel Kagann.

A natural born leader, Joel became Mayor of Woodridge—not because he was ambitious or yearning for more, but because his fellow citizens entered his name as a "write-in" candidate on the ballot in 1973. That same year, his leadership talents again were recognized when he was appointed Administrative Assistant to the DuPage County Circuit Clerk.

Again working his way up through the ranks, Joel became Senior Executive Assistant and then Chief Deputy Circuit Court Clerk. In 1991, when his predecessor retired, the DuPage County Circuit Court appointed him to the office of Clerk of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court of DuPage County. He was elected to the post the following year, and again in 1996 and in 2000.

Despite the demands of his professional obligations, Joel always found time to volunteer on local and statewide committees and groups, including the Illinois Association of Court Clerks, where he served as President in 1999. He holds multiple life memberships in organizations such as the International, Illinois, and DuPage County Chiefs of Police Associations, the Illinois and DuPage County Police Associations, Lions Club, Loyal Order of Moose, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, and Woodridge Special Events Committee. Joel is also a founding and active member of Saint Scholastica Roman Catholic Church in Woodridge and was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Village of Woodridge in 1987.

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to imagine where the Village of Woodridge or DuPage County would be today without a man named Joel Kagann. For 47 years, he has given, and given again, and given still more. He has inspired countless other young public servants to give their very best efforts to the people they serve.

Those who have worked with and for him are loyal and devoted fans who will follow him anywhere. His commitment and tireless efforts as a public servant serve as inspirations to us all. He is a decent man, a giving man, and a man who I am so proud to call my friend.

I am happy to join so many others in congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him all the best in the years to come. He will never be repaid for the goodness he has so generously shared with others, but I guess if you're a man named Joel Kagann, you would never expect it.