

received a bachelor's degree in music education from New York University and, in addition to her dance training, is also an established pianist.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Yolanda Fernandez-Quincoces for her years of outstanding teaching and choreographing. She has demonstrated remarkable passion for the arts and has influenced the lives of many with her instruction and creative works.

TRIBUTE TO SHEILA PETERSON

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2004*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sheila Peterson, who was recently honored with the highest award of Sacred Heart Schools, the St. Madeleine Sophie Medal by the Schools of the Sacred Heart in Atherton, California.

Sheila and her family have had a long connection to the Sacred Heart Schools. First, she had a great aunt who was part of the convent in St. Charles, Missouri. Next, her mother, Winifred Carreras Sullivan went to Jackson Street and Lone Mountain, where she made great lifelong friends. Winnie married Raymond Sullivan, later a distinguished Justice of the California Supreme Court, and Sheila, the eldest of their five children, "met" the Sacred Heart at Broadway in the 7th grade.

Ever since, Sheila has found a connection and a place with Sacred Heart. To quote Sheila, "Sacred Heart/Menlo/Atherton is our place: The first generation was my great aunt; the second was my mother; the third, my sisters and I; the fourth, the Peterson and Sullivan cousins. And at present, my son is on the English faculty and our cousin, Elizabeth is the new Alumni Director. I hope that someday, at some Sacred Heart School, they will find the same satisfaction that I received from helping here".

Over the years, Sheila's involvement with Sacred Heart has taken many forms. She has served as a Room Mother (sometimes for all three of her children), Parent Club Head, substitute teacher, soccer coach, and Auction worker in the Main Building Basement. She has had a hand in sports activities, field trips, drama, the Booster Club, the school's Annual Fund, two Capital Campaigns, and ultimately helped to plan the Centennial Celebration for Sacred Heart. Sheila has recently been working as the Events Coordinator, and as always, doing an extraordinary job.

In 1987, Sheila served on the Board of Trustees. With the support of her husband, Ron, and three children, Molly, Katie, and Michael, she guided the school through the Loma Prieta earthquake, subsequent discussions and contentions about repair or razing, tight finances, a small endowment, and the co-ed Prep in the early stages. All these weighty issues took time and great commitment. Sheila served with distinction and her prudent, wise leadership has benefited Sacred Heart Schools immensely.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and inspiring member of our community, Sheila Peterson, as she is honored with the St. Madeleine Sophie Medal.

TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVES  
AMORY HOUGHTON AND JACK  
QUINN

**HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2004*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, as the 108th Congress comes to a close, I would like to honor two of New York's greatest legislators—Rep. AMORY HOUGHTON (NY-29) and Rep. JACK QUINN (NY-27), for their outstanding careers in Congress. Unfortunately, Mr. QUINN and Mr. HOUGHTON have decided to retire at the end of the 108th Congress. As Dean of the New York Republican Congressional Delegation, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for their dedication and commitment to their constituencies.

Mr. HOUGHTON, a nine-term Member of Congress and founder of the influential Republican Main Street Partnership, has a legacy of supporting moderate social programs, while encouraging fiscal responsibility and much needed tax relief for hard-working Americans. HOUGHTON is also the founder of the John Quincy Adams Society, an issues forum that brings together moderate officeholders with top business leaders, which has been instrumental in strengthening the moderate movement.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working alongside Mr. HOUGHTON for the past 18 years, and his vision for a less partisan and more effective Congress is truly inspiring. Mr. HOUGHTON worked diligently on more equitable tax and health politics, in his role on the Ways and Means Committee. His counsel and fair-minded manner were always so valuable to myself, and all Members of Congress.

As a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Mr. QUINN. Mr. QUINN, a six-term Member of Congress and Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Subcommittee on Railroads, has worked tirelessly on a variety of transportation issues, the largest of these being Amtrak and its preservation as part of our Nation's infrastructure.

Mr. QUINN also served as co-chair of the House Labor Working Group, advocating on behalf of organized labor with the Republican Leadership. Possibly the most important task to Mr. QUINN was ensuring a fair wage for all workers, as a leader and supporter of sensible labor policy. As a fellow New Yorker, I see the invaluable contribution of organized labor's representation of working men and women, and commend Mr. QUINN for his unwavering leadership on this issue.

As Members of Congress, we are judged on our records, and I can say with great enthusiasm that Mr. HOUGHTON and Mr. QUINN are men of honesty and integrity. Their work ethic and inspiring ideas, as well as their leadership, will be sorely missed. I am proud to not only call them colleagues, but also friends.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4818,  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, November 20, 2004*

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring my colleagues attention to a provision included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations Omnibus bill, H.R. 4818, titled, "Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Salaries and Expenses." The language included in this section declares that it is the intent of Congress for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to have exclusive jurisdiction over the siting and approval of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals. This language seems to target a pending lawsuit by the State of California challenging the placement of a LNG facility. Although the language is non-binding, I am concerned with the possible repercussions of this provision, as well as the method in which it was added to the bill.

My home state of Rhode Island is currently examining a proposal regarding a LNG terminal in Providence. Members of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation and state officials have been in active discussions with all federal and local agencies that would be affected by this terminal to ensure that the region is properly informed of the hazards of a potentially expanded or new LNG facility. Rhode Island's unique geography and narrow waterways would force the LNG tanker ships to travel through densely populated areas to reach the terminal. The citizens of Rhode Island and our Congressional delegation have justly requested that all safety concerns are addressed before the facility is considered due to the ships close proximity to residential and businesses areas. There is also an increased potential for environmental damage due to dredging, as well as concerns for how increased tanker traffic will affect the commercial fishing industry, which is already under tremendous stress. Further, the U.S. Coast Guard recently responded in a letter to my office that the security of the LNG ships would be a shared Federal, State, local, and industry responsibility.

I understand the FERC's assessment that the shipment of LNG is engaged in foreign commerce, however, this statement severely limits the process and dangers involved with shipping LNG. The delivery of LNG, especially in populated areas such as Rhode Island, greatly impacts the lives of those who live near the transport route. Also, the state and local law enforcement agencies that will be called upon to ensure the public's safety will continue to be stretched thin. Excluding the involvement of the state from the consideration of a LNG terminal is inconsistent with all the information my office has received from various inquiries that unequivocally proves that state and local agencies would be greatly impacted by the construction of a large facility. The federal government is also ignoring the critical expertise and knowledge that can be gained by including state and local experts in this process.

I am also extremely disappointed with the closed-door method that was used to add this