

Caregiver Support Program, which supports a wide range of important services for older persons.

There are an estimated 44.4 million caregivers in the U.S., which is 21 percent of the adult population. My home state of New Jersey has over 830,000 caregivers, ranking it 9th in the country. To respond to the needs of our country and my state, I am introducing legislation that will help all American families and all New Jersey families afford to provide the care that their loved ones need and deserve.

As the father of college-age children and the son of a mother with Alzheimer's, I understand first-hand the challenges of putting children through college while providing long-term care for a loved one. Caregiving families face unique strains. They are burdened with additional costs and often caregivers must sacrifice their job or cut back on their hours at work. Almost 6 in 10 caregivers either work or have worked while providing care and 62 percent of caregivers report having had to make work-related adjustments ranging from going in late and leaving early to having to give up work entirely. Their compassion, dedication, and selflessness come at a price. This legislation is aimed at addressing their hard work and sacrifice.

The challenge of caring for our aging population will only increase as the baby boom generation grows older and our life expectancy increases. We need to work now to address the challenges of providing affordable long-term care, encourage future retirees to plan for their own long-term care, and strengthen our existing programs to address this growing need. Please join me in supporting this legislation and helping all families afford to care for the ones they love.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL WEEKEND OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR DARFUR, SUDAN

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my fellow citizens to engage in a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection (in recognition of the genocide occurring in Darfur, Sudan). Our Congress on July 22, 2004 and the Bush Administration on September 21, 2004 has condemned the acts in Darfur as genocide and Congress has appropriately provided humanitarian assistance in Darfur. Today, the House is urging our nation to observe a Weekend of Prayer and Reflection to recognize the atrocities in Darfur. This Weekend of Prayer and Reflection would spread awareness to communities and religious institutions, promote constructive discussion, mourn the lives lost in these dreadful acts, and ultimately call for an immediate end to the genocide.

The current crisis in Darfur began in February 2003 when two groups, The Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), revolted against the Sudanese Government. Since then, the Sudanese government has actively imposed gov-

ernment restrictions and perpetrated violence against their civilians in order to crush this rebellion. The human rights violations which ensued in Darfur are numerous. The Janjaweed militia, backed by the Sudanese government, has committed grievous war crimes, such as rape, child abduction, the destruction of food and water sources, and denying humanitarian assistance to the Darfur region. An estimated 1.9 million people have been displaced and more than 213,000 people have been forced into neighboring Chad. Some observers project that up to 300,000 people have been killed over the past 2 years alone.

The United States has been a leading donor of humanitarian assistance in Darfur. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has provided an estimated \$615 million in humanitarian assistance for Darfur since February 2003. USAID has also established a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) for Darfur. This monetary assistance is extremely important, but the United States must also make a symbolic stance to condemn the human rights violations in Darfur.

Mr. Speaker, every individual is entitled to the preservation of his and her human rights and human dignity regardless of one's religion, race, ethnicity, gender, or region of birth. The United States has a moral obligation to end the violence in order to curtail the human rights violations in Darfur. Congress must raise awareness and educate our society in order to promote understanding and initiate action. The people of the United States must not only take time to reflect on this tragedy and recognize the ongoing suffering, but we must also call an end to the genocidal acts. I hope all my colleagues join me in supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan.

HONORING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOBBY MITCHELL HALL OF FAME CLASSIC

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Bobby Mitchell Hall of Fame Classic, held in Loudoun County, Virginia.

The Bobby Mitchell Hall of Fame Classic is a golf tournament that benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Since 1990, Bobby Mitchell and other Hall of Famers have donated their time every year to help raise needed funds to find a cure for leukemia and blood-related cancers such as lymphoma and myeloma.

Since retiring from professional football after a successful 11-year career, Bobby Mitchell has dedicated his time to achieving his goal of defeating leukemia. Mitchell was traded by the Cleveland Browns to the Washington Redskins for Ernie Davis, a Heisman Trophy winner. Unfortunately Davis was diagnosed with leukemia and died at age 23, never getting the chance to play a game of professional football. Davis' heartbreaking death motivated Mitchell to take up the cause and find a cure for the disease.

This tournament is the nation's largest annual hall of fame reunion with more than 40

pro football and basketball legends present. Funds are generated by donations made through spectators, raffles and other contests. Mitchell and the fellow hall of fame participants are aiming to cross the \$4 million threshold in funds raised for the charity. Funds from the tournament are donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend and congratulate the Bobby Mitchell Hall of Fame Classic on 15 years of success. It has helped many lives, truly meriting recognition. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding Bobby Mitchell and the Hall of Famers' past accomplishments and in wishing them continued success in the many years to come.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF LAKOTA SUPERINTENDENT KATHLEEN KLINK

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you to recognize the retirement of Mrs. Kathleen Klink, Superintendent for the Lakota Local School District, and to express my appreciation for her dedication and commitment to education. For more than forty years, Mrs. Klink contributed her talents to the educational field, and for this, I offer her my utmost congratulations and thanks for her efforts.

After graduating from the University of Heidelberg in Germany, receiving a masters in education from the University of Virginia and a post graduate degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Mrs. Klink began teaching in the Hamilton City Schools. From there, she traveled to Lewiston, Maine, Charlottesville, Virginia, and Wright State University in Dayton, until she arrived in the Lakota School District. Her extensive teaching career, in which she specialized in English, German, and Counseling Psychology, provided her with valuable experience and expertise. In 1981, Mrs. Klink became Assistant Principal at Lakota High School where she served for two years until taking over as Assistant Superintendent. Then, in 1994, Mrs. Klink advanced to Superintendent where she remained until her recent retirement.

Throughout her professional career, Mrs. Klink received substantial recognition for her work including being named as the Ohio Superintendent of the Year, the Sam Walton Business Leader for Southeastern Butler County, and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators Exemplary Education Leader. Furthermore, she attended the Harvard Institute for School Leadership, the Ohio School Leadership Institute, and the Michael Fullan Leadership Seminar through the University of Toronto.

Mrs. Klink's participation in numerous professional organizations, as well as her devoted service to community positions, exemplifies the strength of her leadership. For example, Mrs. Klink served on the West Chester Chamber Alliance Board of Directors, the Fitton Center for the Arts Board of Directors, and the Executive Board for the University of Cincinnati's Center for Economic Education. In addition, she is involved in the Ohio Association of Local School Superintendents, the Phi