

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAUQUIER TIMES-DEMOCRAT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to honor the 100th year anniversary of publication of the Fauquier Times-Democrat. Over the years, the Democrat has proudly served the people of Fauquier and the Warrenton community in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. The Democrat has undoubtedly carved out a respected place in the family of Virginia newspapers.

I would like to thank the Fauquier Times-Democrat and members of its staff for their tremendous dedication to the people of northern Virginia and wish them continued success for the future.

IN HONOR OF ED KEE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Ed Kee, recipient of the 2005 Ratledge Family Award, for his noteworthy service to the University of Delaware and the community. The Ratledge Family Award is given only to those unique individuals who exemplify excellence in public service, and Ed Kee is deserving of this coveted award.

Mr. Kee has served in a variety of positions within the University of Delaware's Cooperative Extension Service since 1978. He has held the position of Kent County Agricultural Agent, State Vegetable Crops Specialist and Extension Agricultural Program Leader. In his extensive work throughout Delaware's valuable agriculture industry, Mr. Kee has played an instrumental role in recruiting two major vegetable processing plants to the State—in the highly competitive vegetable industry this is a noteworthy victory for area producers and Mr. Kee.

Mr. Kee contributions go well beyond agriculture, thanks in part to his many and varied community board and commission appointments and his philanthropic efforts. Especially noteworthy, in 1997 Mr. Kee and his wife Debbie established an endowed scholarship for graduates of a Delaware high school who choose to continue at University of Delaware and major in agriculture. Many University of Delaware agriculture student athletes owe Mr. and Mrs. Kee a sincere debt of gratitude, and I am pleased to join them in their appreciation. It is always impressive to see individuals who are willing to contribute to the education of our State's youth.

I congratulate and thank Mr. Kee on his years of service and numerous contributions

to the State of Delaware. Mr. Kee is an exemplary citizen and a proud Delawarean. Thank you Ed, for all you have done for the University of Delaware and your community.

HONORING JOYCE MINARD

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joyce Minard for her distinguished career in public service and the outstanding contributions she has made to the community of New Paltz, NY, and the surrounding Hudson Valley region. Joyce has translated her commitment to community service into an accomplished career that has been defined by achievement and success. Her broad expertise in education, agriculture and business has supported many new initiatives and resulted in significant improvements in the regional business community.

A high school internship at SUNY New Paltz introduced Joyce to the not-for-profit world and influenced her decision to attend Albany Business College. After stints at SUNY New Paltz, the Ulster County Farm Bureau and Ulster County BOCES, where she broadened her vision and honed her skills as an educator, advocate and leader, Joyce found her true home at the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Beginning on a part-time basis, while raising her two children, Joyce quickly rose to the position of executive director in 1978. Under her leadership, the Chamber has grown from 47 members in 1979 to more than 800, outgrowing one office space after another. Drawing on her considerable personal attributes, Joyce built a chamber that is veritably bursting with accomplishments. The New Paltz Regional Chamber of today employs a team of five, holds numerous events, offers extensive education programs, including customized workshops for small business owners, runs a busy visitors room, and publishes a newsletter and full-color regional guide. Together with other regional chambers, Joyce developed a Business Mentoring Program for Dutchess and Ulster Counties, matching emerging businesses with experienced businesspersons.

As an accomplished mediator and consensus-builder, Joyce has led the Chamber in bringing together the many interests of the New Paltz community. She was among the initiators of the first Town/Gown meetings in the 1980s, providing a forum for community and University leaders to pursue common objectives and address differences. She raised the public's awareness of the agricultural community by promoting visitation of farms and education. And she provided the leadership needed to make the Chamber's most famous event, the Taste of New Paltz, a successful reality. The Taste is now in its 15th year and draws more than 8,000 participants.

Mr. Speaker, Joyce Minard is being honored by the community she serves and loves. Her dedication and leadership—peppered with her irreverent sense of humor—have drawn many admirers and helped to establish New Paltz as one of the premier destinations in New York. Every endeavor that Joyce has pursued has been approached with professionalism and passion and she has built a reputation as an effective and dedicated advocate. I'm pleased to join my constituents in honoring Joyce for her tireless efforts on behalf of New Paltz and its surrounding communities.

COMMENDING BOB ANADELL, HANNAH CHERRY, NANCY KELLY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HISPANIC WOMEN'S FORUM OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend these dedicated individuals who have made significant contributions to Northwest Indiana: Bob Anadell, Hannah Cherry, Nancy Kelly, and the members of the Hispanic Women's Forum of Northwest Indiana. These individuals will be honored by the Calumet Project at an awards luncheon for their dedication to justice and to the people of Northwest Indiana. The event will take place at the Social Hall of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Hammond, Indiana on Friday, November 18, 2005.

The Calumet Community Hero Award is being presented to Mr. Bob Anadell. Bob has had many positive accomplishments throughout his career with I.B.E.W. Local 697; he has also actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs aimed at improving opportunities for the people of Northwest Indiana. He has been a powerful member of the Northwest Indiana Building Trades, Secretary Treasurer of the IBEW State Conference, Vice-President of the Indiana State AFL-CIO, Trustee of the Lake Area United Way, Board of Directors of Trade Winds, Member of the Lake County Integrated Services Delivery Board, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Investment Committee, and Executive Committee of the Legacy Foundation, as well as Co-Chairman of the Heroes Committee of the American Red Cross.

Also receiving a Calumet Community Hero Award is Ms. Hannah Cherry. Ms. Cherry graduated from Maywood High School in Hammond, Indiana where she was one of three African Americans that year. Her passion has always been to improve the conditions in the city where she lives and to fight for justice for all people. Hannah is a lifetime member of the NAACP, a member of the Project Area Committee, and a charter member of the Neighborhood Action Council. She has also given her time and efforts selflessly

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as a volunteer at St. Margaret's Hospital for almost twenty years. Hannah is a compassionate activist and she is being honored for her ongoing quest to see to it that justice prevails.

The third Calumet Community Hero Award is being presented to the Hispanic Women's Forum of Northwest Indiana. The forum was started in the early 1980's when a group of young Hispanic women came together with an idea to form an organization that would focus on mentoring fellow Hispanic women. The Forum's common goal was to make Hispanics in professional careers more visible in the community by stressing the importance of education. The Hispanic Women's Forum conducts a yearly luncheon where they honor young Hispanic women graduating from local high schools. Monetary awards are given to some of the young women based on a selection process. The Hispanic Women's Forum's longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life is truly inspirational and should be commended.

The final award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, is being presented to Nancy Kelly for her outstanding service to the Northwest Indiana Community. Nancy decided at a young age to be a local missionary in the service to her community. Mrs. Kelly was a volunteer and community organizer under Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley's administration. She moved to Gary, Indiana 30 years ago with her late husband. Mrs. Kelly dedicated herself to improving the quality of life for the residents in her community. She is the founder of the Horace Mann Ambridge Neighborhood Improvement Organization and she has served on the LCEOC board as well as numerous other boards. Mrs. Kelly's lifetime of service continues as she still serves with the Grand Calumet River Task Force. Along with her many other contributions to society, she was also honored with the Indiana Older Hoosier Award of the year. I am proud to commend Mrs. Kelly for her lifetime of service and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending these individuals for their outstanding

contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. Their hard work and dedication has improved the quality of life for the community and is worthy of the highest commendation.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2862,
SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COM-
MERCE, AND RELATED AGEN-
CIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following table, which displays the amounts provided in the conference report to accompany H.R. 2862, the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.

SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL - FY 2006 (H.R. 2862)
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. Enacted
TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE						
General Administration						
Salaries and expenses.....	122,443	161,407	87,406	116,936	87,406	-35,037
Office of Intelligence and Policy Review.....	---	---	37,050	---	37,050	+37,050
Subtotal.....	122,443	161,407	124,456	116,936	124,456	+2,013
Joint automated booking system.....	19,915	---	---	---	---	-19,915
Automated Biometric Identification System-Integrated Identification system integration.....	4,987	---	---	---	---	-4,987
Justice information sharing technology.....	---	181,490	135,000	135,000	125,000	+125,000
Legal activities office automation.....	39,969	---	---	---	---	-39,969
Narrowband communications.....	98,664	128,701	70,874	90,000	90,000	-8,664
Administrative review and appeals.....	201,241	216,286	215,685	216,286	215,685	+14,444
Detention trustee.....	874,160	1,222,000	1,222,000	1,222,000	1,222,000	+347,840
Prior year unobligated balances.....	---	---	---	---	-45,000	-45,000
Direct appropriation.....	874,160	1,222,000	1,222,000	1,222,000	1,177,000	+302,840
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	184,000	---	---	---	---	-184,000
Office of Inspector General.....	62,960	67,431	66,801	70,431	68,801	+5,841
Total, General administration.....	1,608,339	1,977,315	1,834,816	1,850,653	1,800,942	+192,603
United States Parole Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	10,496	11,300	11,200	11,000	11,000	+504
Legal Activities						
General legal activities:						
Direct appropriation.....	625,722	679,661	665,821	648,245	661,959	+36,237
Vaccine injury compensation trust fund (permanent)....	6,249	6,333	6,333	6,333	6,333	+84
Antitrust Division.....	138,259	144,451	144,451	144,451	144,451	+6,192
Offsetting fee collections - current year.....	-101,000	-116,000	-116,000	-116,000	-116,000	-15,000
Direct appropriation.....	37,259	28,451	28,451	28,451	28,451	-8,808
United States Attorneys						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,526,849	1,626,146	1,626,146	1,572,654	1,600,000	+73,151
United States Trustee System Fund.....	173,602	222,577	214,402	214,402	214,402	+40,800
Offsetting fee collections.....	-168,602	-217,577	-209,402	-209,402	-209,402	-40,800
Interest on U.S. securities.....	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	---
Direct appropriation.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.....	1,203	1,270	1,220	1,270	1,320	+117
United States Marshals Service						
Salaries and expenses (non-CSE).....	741,941	790,255	800,255	764,199	793,031	+51,090
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	11,935	---	---	---	---	-11,935
Construction.....	5,657	---	---	12,000	8,883	+3,226
Total, United States Marshals Service.....	759,533	790,255	800,255	776,199	801,914	+42,381
Fees and expenses of witnesses.....	177,585	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	-9,585
Community Relations Service.....	9,535	9,759	9,659	9,659	9,659	+124
Assets forfeiture fund.....	21,469	21,468	21,468	21,468	21,468	-1
Payment to radiation exposure compensation trust fund.....	27,429	---	---	---	---	-27,429
Total, Legal activities.....	3,192,833	3,331,343	3,327,353	3,232,279	3,299,104	+106,271
Interagency Law Enforcement						
Interagency crime and drug enforcement.....	553,539	661,940	506,940	440,197	489,440	-64,099
Federal Bureau of Investigation						
Salaries and expenses.....	4,132,090	4,091,132	3,452,235	3,695,513	3,439,840	-692,250
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	73,991	---	---	---	---	-73,991
Counterintelligence and national security.....	1,003,416	1,600,000	2,288,897	1,600,000	2,288,897	+1,285,481
Direct appropriation.....	5,209,497	5,691,132	5,741,132	5,295,513	5,728,737	+519,240

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Construction.....	10,106	10,105	20,105	25,213	37,608	+27,502
Total, Federal Bureau of Investigation.....	5,219,603	5,701,237	5,761,237	5,320,726	5,766,345	+546,742
Drug Enforcement Administration						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,785,398	1,892,722	1,917,846	1,848,815	1,888,130	+102,732
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	7,648	---	---	---	---	-7,648
Diversion control fund.....	-154,216	-198,566	-201,673	-201,673	-201,673	-47,457
Total, Drug Enforcement Administration.....	1,638,830	1,694,156	1,716,173	1,647,142	1,686,457	+47,627
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms						
Salaries and expenses.....	878,465	803,613	923,613	923,700	923,613	+45,148
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	4,000	---	---	---	---	-4,000
Legislative proposal.....	---	120,000	---	---	---	---
Total, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms..	882,465	923,613	923,613	923,700	923,613	+41,148
Federal Prison System						
Salaries and expenses.....	4,565,884	4,895,649	4,895,649	4,889,649	4,892,649	+326,765
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-324).....	5,500	---	---	---	---	-5,500
Buildings and facilities.....	186,475	170,112	70,112	222,112	90,112	-96,363
Rescission.....	---	-314,000	---	---	---	---
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-324).....	18,600	---	---	---	---	-18,600
Federal Prison Industries, Incorporated (limitation on administrative expenses).....	3,366	3,365	3,365	3,365	3,365	-1
Total, Federal Prison System.....	4,779,825	4,755,126	4,969,126	5,115,126	4,986,126	+206,301
Violence against women office.....	382,103	362,997	389,497	371,997	386,502	+4,399
Office of Justice Programs						
Justice assistance.....	224,856	1,234,977	227,466	221,000	233,233	+8,377
Rescission.....	---	-95,500	---	---	---	---
Public safety officers benefits, death benefits...	---	64,000	---	---	---	---
Total, Justice assistance.....	224,856	1,203,477	227,466	221,000	233,233	+8,377
State and local law enforcement assistance:						
Justice assistance grants.....	625,531	---	366,414	900,000	416,478	-209,053
Boys and Girls clubs (earmark).....	(83,865)	---	(85,000)	(85,000)	(85,000)	(+1,135)
National Institute of Justice (earmark).....	(9,866)	---	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(+134)
USA FREEDOM corps (earmark).....	(2,467)	---	---	---	---	(-2,467)
Indian assistance.....	17,760	---	---	15,000	22,000	+4,240
Tribal prison construction.....	(4,933)	---	---	---	(9,000)	(+4,067)
Indian tribal courts program.....	(7,893)	---	---	---	(8,000)	(+107)
Indian grants.....	(4,933)	---	---	---	(5,000)	(+67)
State criminal alien assistance program.....	300,926	---	405,000	170,000	405,000	+104,074
Southwest border prosecutors.....	29,599	---	30,000	30,000	30,000	+401
Byrne grants (discretionary).....	167,756	---	110,000	177,000	191,704	+23,948
Drug courts.....	39,466	---	40,000	25,000	10,000	-29,466
Other crime control programs.....	5,903	---	871	1,850	850	-5,053
Assistance for victims of trafficking.....	9,866	---	10,000	2,000	10,000	+134
Prescription drug monitoring.....	9,866	---	10,000	---	7,500	-2,366
Prison rape prevention.....	36,506	---	40,000	1,500	18,175	-18,331
State prison drug treatment.....	24,666	---	25,000	15,000	10,000	-14,666
Intelligence sharing.....	10,359	---	10,359	6,000	10,000	-359
Cannabis eradication.....	---	---	11,600	---	5,000	+5,000
Capital litigation.....	---	---	10,000	1,000	1,000	+1,000
Crime victims rights.....	---	---	---	4,000	---	---
Terrorism/intelligence training.....	---	---	---	5,000	---	---
Mentally ill offender act.....	---	---	---	---	5,000	+5,000
Total, State and local law enforcement.....	1,278,204	---	1,069,244	1,353,350	1,142,707	-135,497
Weed and seed program fund.....	61,172	---	50,000	50,280	50,000	-11,172
Community oriented policing services:						
Hiring.....	9,866	---	---	2,000	---	-9,866
Training and technical assistance.....	14,800	7,000	---	14,000	4,000	-10,800
Bullet proof vests.....	24,666	---	30,000	27,000	30,000	+5,334
Tribal law enforcement.....	19,733	51,600	38,000	20,000	15,000	-4,733
Meth hot spots.....	51,854	20,000	94,000	80,000	63,590	+11,736
Police corps.....	14,800	---	---	10,000	---	-14,800
COPS technology.....	136,763	---	120,000	137,000	139,904	+3,141
Interoperable communications.....	---	---	---	---	(10,000)	(+10,000)
Interoperable communications.....	98,664	---	---	37,500	---	-98,664

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Criminal records upgrade.....	24,666	---	27,500	20,000	10,000	-14,666
DNA backlog/crime lab.....	108,531	---	177,057	89,500	108,531	---
Paul Coverdell forensics science.....	14,800	---	---	22,000	18,500	+3,700
Crime identification technology.....	28,070	---	---	30,000	28,775	+705
Project safe neighborhoods.....	---	---	---	---	15,000	+15,000
Offender reentry.....	9,866	---	10,000	3,000	5,000	-4,866
Safe schools initiative.....	4,268	---	---	5,000	---	-4,268
Police integrity grants.....	7,400	10,000	---	7,500	---	-7,400
Reduce gang violence.....	---	---	60,000	---	40,000	+40,000
Management and administration.....	29,599	29,181	---	30,487	---	-29,599
Undesignated.....	---	---	10,000	---	---	---
Rescission.....	---	-115,500	---	---	---	---
Total, Community oriented policing services.....	598,346	2,281	566,557	534,987	478,300	-120,046
Juvenile justice programs.....	379,045	---	333,712	352,000	342,739	-36,306
Public safety officers benefits:						
Death benefits.....	63,054	---	64,000	64,000	64,000	+946
Disability and education benefits.....	6,324	---	8,948	8,948	8,948	+2,624
Total, Public safety officers benefits program..	69,378	---	72,948	72,948	72,948	+3,570
Total, Office of Justice Programs.....	2,611,001	1,205,758	2,319,927	2,584,565	2,319,927	-291,074
United States Attorneys (Sec. 107).....	14,800	---	---	---	---	-14,800
Assets forfeiture fund (sec. 109) (rescission).....	---	-62,000	---	---	---	---
Total, title I, Department of Justice.....	20,893,834	20,562,785	21,759,882	21,497,385	21,669,456	+775,622
Appropriations.....	(20,588,160)	(21,149,785)	(21,759,882)	(21,497,385)	(21,714,456)	(+1,126,296)
Rescissions.....	---	(-587,000)	---	---	(-45,000)	(-45,000)
Emergency appropriations.....	(305,674)	---	---	---	---	(-305,674)
TITLE II - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND RELATED AGENCIES						
TRADE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT						
RELATED AGENCIES						
Office of the United States Trade Representative						
Salaries and expenses.....	40,997	38,779	44,779	40,997	44,779	+3,782
National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordinating Council						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,973	---	---	---	---	-1,973
International Trade Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	60,876	65,278	62,752	62,752	62,752	+1,876
Total, Related agencies.....	103,846	104,057	107,531	103,749	107,531	+3,685
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE						
International Trade Administration						
Operations and administration.....	396,257	408,925	406,925	404,625	406,925	+10,668
Offsetting fee collections.....	-8,000	-13,000	-13,000	-8,000	-8,000	---
Direct appropriation.....	388,257	395,925	393,925	396,625	398,925	+10,668
Bureau of Industry and Security						
Operations and administration.....	60,376	77,000	62,233	77,000	61,233	+857
CWC enforcement.....	7,104	---	14,767	---	14,767	+7,663
Total, Bureau of Industry and Security.....	67,480	77,000	77,000	77,000	76,000	+8,520
Economic Development Administration						
Economic development assistance programs.....	253,985	---	200,985	283,985	253,985	---
Emergency appropriations.....	---	---	---	200,000	---	---
Salaries and expenses.....	30,075	26,584	26,584	30,939	30,075	---
Emergency appropriations.....	---	---	---	10,000	---	---
Total, Economic Development Administration.....	284,060	26,584	227,569	524,924	284,060	---

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Economic Development Challenge						
Strengthening America's Communities grant program (legislative proposal)..... Minority Business Development Agency	---	3,710,000	---	---	---	---
Minority business development.....	29,500	30,727	30,024	30,727	30,024	+524
Total, Trade and Infrastructure Development.....	873,143	4,344,293	836,049	1,133,025	896,540	+23,397
ECONOMIC AND INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE						
Economic and Statistical Analysis						
Salaries and expenses.....	78,931	85,277	80,304	81,283	80,304	+1,373
Bureau of the Census						
Salaries and expenses.....	196,110	220,029	198,029	183,029	198,029	+1,919
Periodic censuses and programs.....	548,688	657,356	614,208	544,356	614,208	+65,520
Total, Bureau of the Census.....	744,798	877,385	812,237	727,385	812,237	+67,439
National Telecommunications and Information Administration						
Salaries and expenses.....	17,200	21,450	17,716	20,255	18,068	+868
Public telecommunications facilities, planning and construction.....	21,478	2,000	2,000	22,000	22,000	+522
Information Infrastructure grants.....	---	---	---	20,000	---	---
Total, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.....	38,678	23,450	19,716	62,255	40,068	+1,390
United States Patent and Trademark Office						
Current year fee funding.....	1,336,000	1,703,300	1,703,300	1,703,300	1,683,086	+347,086
Spending from new fees (proposed legislation).....	208,754	---	---	---	---	-208,754
Total, Patent and Trademark Office.....	1,544,754	1,703,300	1,703,300	1,703,300	1,683,086	+138,332
Offsetting fee collections.....	-1,336,000	-1,703,300	-1,703,300	-1,703,300	-1,683,086	-347,086
Total, Economic and Information Infrastructure..	1,071,161	986,112	912,257	870,923	932,609	-138,552
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY						
Technology Administration						
Salaries and expenses.....	6,460	4,200	6,460	---	6,000	-460
National Institute of Standards and Technology						
Scientific and technical research and services..... (Transfer out).....	378,764	426,267	397,744	399,869	399,869	+21,105
Manufacturing extension partnerships/ Industrial technology services.....	---	(-9,000)	(-1,000)	(-3,000)	(-1,000)	(-1,000)
Construction of research facilities.....	247,943	46,800	106,000	246,000	186,000	-61,943
Working capital fund (by transfer).....	72,518	58,898	45,000	198,631	175,898	+103,380
	---	(9,000)	(1,000)	(3,000)	(1,000)	(+1,000)
Total, National Institute of Standards and Technology.....	699,225	531,965	548,744	844,500	761,767	+62,542
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration						
Operations, research, and facilities..... (By transfer from Promote and Develop Fund).....	2,766,612	2,528,168	2,394,000	3,199,983	2,763,222	-3,390
By transfer from Coastal zone management.....	(65,000)	(77,000)	(77,000)	(62,000)	(67,000)	(+2,000)
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-324).....	2,960	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	+40
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-324).....	16,900	---	---	---	---	-16,900
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	7,070	---	---	---	---	-7,070
Total, Operations, research, and facilities.....	2,793,542	2,531,168	2,397,000	3,202,983	2,766,222	-27,320
Procurement, acquisition and construction.....	1,039,365	965,051	936,000	1,195,017	1,124,278	+84,913
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-324).....	3,800	---	---	---	---	-3,800
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	10,170	---	---	---	---	-10,170
Total, Procurement, acquisition and construction	1,053,335	965,051	936,000	1,195,017	1,124,278	+70,943

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Pacific coastal salmon recovery.....	88,798	90,000	50,000	90,000	67,500	-21,298
Coastal zone management fund.....	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	---
Fishermen's contingency fund.....	492	---	---	---	---	-492
Fisheries finance program account.....	-8,000	-2,000	-1,000	-9,000	-9,000	-1,000
Total, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.....	3,925,167	3,581,219	3,379,000	4,476,000	3,946,000	+20,833
Total, Science and Technology.....	4,630,852	4,117,384	3,934,204	5,320,500	4,713,767	+82,915
OTHER						
Departmental Management						
Salaries and expenses.....	47,466	53,532	47,466	44,605	47,466	---
Travel and tourism.....	9,866	---	---	5,000	4,000	-5,866
HCHB renovation and modernization.....	---	30,000	---	---	---	---
Office of Inspector General.....	21,371	22,758	22,758	22,758	22,758	+1,387
Total, Departmental management.....	78,703	106,290	70,224	72,363	74,224	-4,479
Florida grouper (sec. 218).....	345	---	---	---	---	-345
Total, Department of Commerce.....	6,550,358	9,450,022	5,645,203	7,293,062	6,509,609	-40,749
Total, title II, Department of Commerce and related agencies.....	6,654,204	9,554,079	5,752,734	7,396,811	6,617,140	-37,064
Appropriations.....	(6,616,264)	(9,554,079)	(5,752,734)	(7,186,811)	(6,617,140)	(+876)
Emergency appropriations.....	(37,940)	---	---	(210,000)	---	(-37,940)
(By transfer).....	(65,000)	(86,000)	(78,000)	(65,000)	(68,000)	(+3,000)
(Transfer out).....	---	(-9,000)	(-1,000)	(-3,000)	(-1,000)	(-1,000)
TITLE III - SCIENCE						
Executive Office of the President						
Office of Science and Technology Policy.....	6,328	5,564	5,564	5,564	5,564	-764
National Aeronautics and Space Administration						
Science, aeronautics and exploration.....	9,334,700	9,829,400	9,725,750	9,761,000	9,761,400	+426,700
Emergency appropriations (P.L.108-324).....	126,000	---	---	---	---	-126,000
Exploration capabilities.....	6,704,400	6,594,600	6,712,900	6,603,000	6,663,000	-41,400
Office of Inspector General.....	31,300	32,400	32,400	32,400	32,400	+1,100
Total, NASA.....	16,196,400	16,456,400	16,471,050	16,396,400	16,456,800	+260,400
National Science Foundation						
Research and related activities (non-defense).....	4,153,100	4,265,970	4,310,000	4,277,693	4,320,000	+166,900
Defense function.....	67,456	67,520	67,520	67,520	67,520	+64
Major research equipment and facilities construction..	173,650	250,010	193,350	193,350	193,350	+19,700
Education and human resources.....	841,421	737,000	807,000	747,000	807,000	-34,421
Salaries and expenses.....	223,200	269,000	250,000	229,896	250,000	+26,800
National Science Board.....	3,968	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	+32
Office of Inspector General.....	10,029	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	+1,471
Total, National Science Foundation.....	5,472,824	5,605,000	5,643,370	5,530,959	5,653,370	+180,546
Total, title III, Science.....	21,675,552	22,066,964	22,119,984	21,932,923	22,115,734	+440,182
Appropriations.....	(21,549,552)	(22,066,964)	(22,119,984)	(21,932,923)	(22,115,734)	(+566,182)
Emergency appropriations.....	(126,000)	---	---	---	---	(-126,000)
TITLE IV - DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY						
DEPARTMENT OF STATE						
Administration of Foreign Affairs						
Diplomatic and consular programs.....	3,522,316	3,783,118	3,747,118	3,755,118	3,680,019	+157,703
(Transfer out).....	(-4,000)	(-4,000)	(-4,000)	(-4,000)	(-4,000)	---
Worldwide security upgrades.....	649,904	689,523	689,523	689,523	689,523	+39,619
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	734,000	---	---	---	---	-734,000
Total, Diplomatic and consular programs.....	4,906,220	4,472,641	4,436,641	4,444,641	4,369,542	-536,678

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Capital investment fund.....	51,452	133,000	69,121	58,895	58,895	+7,443
Centralized IT modernization program.....	76,812	---	---	74,105	69,368	-7,444
Office of Inspector General.....	30,029	29,983	29,983	33,000	30,029	---
Educational and cultural exchange programs.....	355,932	430,400	410,400	440,200	431,790	+75,858
Representation allowances.....	8,524	8,281	8,281	8,281	8,281	-243
Protection of foreign missions and officials.....	9,762	9,390	9,390	9,390	9,390	-372
Embassy security, construction, and maintenance.....	603,510	615,800	603,510	598,800	598,800	-4,710
Worldwide security upgrades.....	900,134	910,200	910,200	900,200	910,200	+10,066
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	592,000	---	---	---	---	-592,000
Emergencies in the diplomatic and consular service....	987	13,643	10,000	13,643	10,000	+9,013
(By transfer).....	(4,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)	---
(Transfer out).....	---	(-1,000)	(-1,000)	(-1,000)	(-1,000)	(-1,000)
Repatriation Loans Program Account:						
Direct loans subsidy.....	604	712	712	712	712	+108
Administrative expenses.....	599	607	607	607	607	+8
(By transfer).....	---	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(+1,000)
Total, Repatriation loans program account.....	1,203	1,319	1,319	1,319	1,319	+116
Payment to the American Institute in Taiwan.....	19,222	19,751	19,751	19,751	19,751	+529
Payment to the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund.....	132,600	131,700	131,700	131,700	131,700	-900
Total, Administration of Foreign Affairs.....	7,688,387	6,776,108	6,640,296	6,733,925	6,649,065	-1,039,322
International Organizations						
Contributions to international organizations, current year assessment.....	1,166,212	1,296,500	1,144,265	1,166,212	1,166,212	---
Contributions for international peacekeeping activities, current year.....	483,455	1,035,500	1,035,500	1,035,500	1,035,500	+552,045
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	680,000	---	---	---	---	-680,000
Total, International Organizations and Conferences.....	2,329,667	2,332,000	2,179,765	2,201,712	2,201,712	-127,955
International Commissions						
International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico:						
Salaries and expenses.....	26,880	28,700	27,000	28,700	28,000	+1,120
Construction.....	5,239	6,600	5,300	5,300	5,300	+61
American sections, international commissions.....	9,466	9,879	9,500	10,400	10,039	+573
International fisheries commissions.....	21,688	25,123	22,000	25,623	24,000	+2,312
Total, International commissions.....	63,273	70,302	63,800	70,023	67,339	+4,066
Other						
Payment to the Asia Foundation.....	12,827	10,000	10,000	15,000	14,000	+1,173
Center for Middle Eastern-Western dialogue.....	6,906	1,000	---	8,000	6,000	-906
Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship program.....	493	500	500	500	500	+7
Additional funding (Sec. 122 Div. J).....	992	---	---	---	---	-992
Israeli Arab scholarship program.....	370	375	375	375	375	+5
East-West Center.....	19,240	13,024	6,000	20,000	19,240	---
National Endowment for Democracy.....	59,199	80,000	50,000	88,800	75,000	+15,801
Democracy Fund (by transfer).....	---	---	---	(80,000)	---	---
Total, Department of State.....	10,181,354	9,283,309	8,950,736	9,138,335	9,033,231	-1,148,123
RELATED AGENCY						
Broadcasting Board of Governors						
International Broadcasting Operations.....	583,107	603,394	620,000	603,394	641,450	+58,343
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	4,800	---	---	---	---	-4,800
Broadcasting to Cuba.....	---	37,656	---	37,656	---	---
Broadcasting capital improvements.....	8,446	10,893	10,893	10,893	10,893	+2,447
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-13).....	2,500	---	---	---	---	-2,500
Total, Broadcasting Board of Governors.....	598,853	651,943	630,893	651,943	652,343	+53,490
Total, title IV, Department of State and Related Agency.....	10,780,207	9,935,252	9,581,629	9,790,278	9,685,574	-1,094,633
Appropriations.....	(8,766,907)	(9,935,252)	(9,581,629)	(9,790,278)	(9,685,574)	(+918,667)
Emergency appropriations.....	(2,013,300)	---	---	---	---	(-2,013,300)
(Transfer out).....	(-4,000)	(-5,000)	(-5,000)	(-5,000)	(-5,000)	(-1,000)
(By transfer).....	(4,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(85,000)	(5,000)	(+1,000)

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TITLE V - RELATED AGENCIES						
Antitrust Modernization Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,172	1,620	1,172	---	1,172	---
Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad						
Salaries and expenses.....	492	499	499	499	499	+7
Commission on Civil Rights						
Salaries and expenses.....	8,975	9,096	9,096	9,000	9,048	+73
Commission on International Religious Freedom						
Salaries and expenses.....	2,960	3,000	3,200	1,000	3,300	+340
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,806	2,030	2,030	2,030	2,030	+224
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,875	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	+25
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	326,803	331,228	331,228	331,228	331,228	+4,425
Federal Communications Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	281,085	304,057	289,771	297,370	289,771	+8,686
Offsetting fee collections - current year.....	-280,098	-299,234	-288,771	-296,370	-288,771	-8,673
Direct appropriation.....	987	4,823	1,000	1,000	1,000	+13
Federal Trade Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	204,327	211,000	211,000	211,000	211,000	+6,673
Offsetting fee collections - current year.....	-101,000	-116,000	-116,000	-116,000	-116,000	-15,000
Offsetting fee collections, telephone database....	-21,901	-23,000	-23,000	-23,000	-23,000	-1,099
Direct appropriation.....	81,426	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	-9,426
HELP Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	987	1,000	1,000	---	---	-987
Legal Services Corporation						
Payment to the Legal Services Corporation.....	330,803	318,250	330,803	358,527	330,803	---
Marine Mammal Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,865	1,925	1,865	2,000	2,920	+1,055
National Veterans Business Development Corporation						
National Veterans Business Development Corporation....	1,973	---	---	2,000	1,500	-473
Securities and Exchange Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	913,000	888,117	888,117	888,117	888,117	-24,883
Prior year unobligated balances.....	-57,000	-25,000	-25,000	-25,000	-25,000	+32,000
Direct appropriation.....	856,000	863,117	863,117	863,117	863,117	+7,117

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Small Business Administration						
Salaries and expenses.....	318,029	307,159	304,588	336,084	313,029	-5,000
Office of Inspector General.....	12,840	14,500	13,500	14,500	13,900	+1,060
Surety bond guarantees revolving fund.....	2,861	3,000	2,861	3,000	2,861	---
Business Loans Program Account:						
Direct loans subsidy.....	1,435	---	1,000	2,000	1,300	-135
Administrative expenses.....	124,961	129,000	204,093	126,653	125,307	+346
Emergency appropriations.....	---	---	---	509,000	---	---
Total, Business loans program account.....	126,396	129,000	205,093	637,653	126,607	+211
Disaster Loans Program Account:						
Direct loans subsidy.....	---	---	79,538	83,335	---	---
Emergency appropriations.....	---	---	---	86,000	---	---
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-324).....	501,000	---	---	---	---	-501,000
Administrative expenses.....	111,648	---	49,716	56,000	---	-111,648
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-324).....	428,000	---	---	---	---	-428,000
Total, Disaster loans program account.....	1,040,648	---	129,254	225,335	---	-1,040,648
Total, Small Business Administration.....	1,500,774	453,659	655,296	1,216,572	456,397	-1,044,377
State Justice Institute						
Salaries and expenses.....	2,578	---	2,000	5,000	3,500	+922
United States - China Economic and Security Review Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	2,960	4,000	4,000	2,800	3,000	+40
United States Senate-China Interparliamentary Group						
Salaries and expenses.....	98	---	---	150	150	+52
United States Institute of Peace						
Operating expenses.....	22,693	21,850	22,850	21,850	22,350	-343
Additional funding (Sec. 122 Div. J).....	99,200	---	---	---	---	-99,200
Total, United States Institute of Peace.....	121,893	21,850	22,850	21,850	22,350	-99,543
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Total, title V, Related agencies.....	3,246,427	2,089,997	2,303,056	2,890,673	2,105,914	-1,140,513
Appropriations.....	(2,317,427)	(2,089,997)	(2,303,056)	(2,295,673)	(2,105,914)	(-211,513)
Emergency appropriations.....	(929,000)	---	---	(595,000)	---	(-929,000)
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TITLE VII - RESCISSIONS						
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE						
General Administration						
Working capital fund (rescission).....	-60,000	---	---	---	-2,500	+57,500
Counterterrorism fund (rescission).....	---	---	---	-11,000	---	---
Legal Activities						
Assets forfeiture fund (rescission).....	-61,800	---	-62,000	-82,000	-102,000	-40,200
Rescission (P.L. 109-13).....	-40,000	---	---	---	---	+40,000
Federal Bureau of Investigation						
Salaries and expenses (rescission).....	---	---	---	---	-25,000	-25,000
Tour (rescission).....	---	---	---	-30,000	---	---
Trilogy (rescission).....	---	---	---	-73,502	---	---
Office of Justice Programs						
Justice assistance (rescission).....	-1,619	---	---	---	---	+1,619
State & local law enforcement assistance (rescission).....	-29,380	---	-38,500	---	---	+29,380
Office of Justice programs (rescission).....	---	---	---	---	-110,500	-110,500
Community oriented policing services (rescission).....	-99,000	---	-86,500	---	-86,500	+12,500
Juvenile justice programs (rescission).....	-3,500	---	---	---	---	+3,500

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE						
National Institute of Standards and Technology						
Industrial technology services (rescission).....	-3,900	---	---	---	---	+3,900
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration						
Rescission.....	---	---	---	---	-25,000	-25,000
Departmental Management						
Emergency steel guaranteed loan program account (rescission).....	---	-50,168	-35,000	---	---	---
DEPARTMENT OF STATE						
Administration of Foreign Affairs						
Diplomatic and consular programs unobligated balances	---	---	---	-100,296	---	---
RELATED AGENCIES						
Federal Communications Commission						
Salaries and expenses (rescission).....	-12,000	---	---	---	-25,300	-13,300
Federal Trade Commission						
Salaries and expenses (rescission).....	---	---	---	---	-12,000	-12,000
Marine Mammal Commission						
Salaries and expenses (rescission).....	---	---	---	---	-920	-920
Small Business Administration						
Salaries and expenses (rescission).....	---	---	---	---	-3,000	-3,000
Business Loans Program Account (rescission).....	---	---	---	---	-4,000	-4,000
U.S. - Canada Alaska Railroad Commission						
Salaries and expenses (rescission).....	---	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000	---	---
Budget amendment reversing rescission.....	---	2,000	---	---	---	---
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Total, title VII, Rescissions.....	-311,199	-50,168	-224,000	-298,798	-396,720	-85,521
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Grand total:						
New budget (obligational) authority.....	62,939,025	64,158,909	61,293,285	63,209,272	61,797,098	-1,141,927
Appropriations.....	(59,838,310)	(64,798,077)	(61,517,285)	(62,703,070)	(62,124,318)	(+2,286,008)
Emergency appropriations.....	(3,411,914)	---	---	(805,000)	---	(-3,411,914)
Rescissions.....	(-311,199)	(-639,168)	(-224,000)	(-298,798)	(-327,220)	(-16,021)
(Transfer out).....	(-4,000)	(-14,000)	(-6,000)	(-8,000)	(-6,000)	(-2,000)
(By transfer).....	(69,000)	(91,000)	(83,000)	(150,000)	(73,000)	(+4,000)
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IN HONOR OF CAROL VUKELICH

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Carol Vukelich, a recipient of the 2005 Ratledge Family Award. I congratulate her for her noteworthy service to the University of Delaware and the community. The Ratledge Family Award is given only to those unique individuals who exemplify excellence in public service, and Carol Vukelich is deserving of this coveted award.

Ms. Vukelich has devoted the past 32 years as a proud member of the University of Delaware faculty. In addition to her faculty appointment as the Hammonds Professor of Teacher Education, she has served as the founding director of the Delaware Center for Teacher Education. In addition, she is the cofounder of the Delaware Writing Project and the Delaware Reading Project, both professional development programs designed to build teachers' skills as mentors to other teachers.

More recently, Ms. Vukelich has turned her attention to such worthy projects as the enhancement of middle and high school special education teacher content knowledge and the overall strengthening of Head Start teachers. Specifically, she is working to improve early language and reading skills.

Educators serve a critical role in our society, especially those who are as dedicated to improving their field of knowledge as Ms. Vukelich. The University of Delaware and the Ratledge Family deserve much credit for recognizing this dynamic woman.

I congratulate and thank Ms. Vukelich on her years of service and numerous contributions to the State of Delaware. Thank you Carol, for your exceptional career as an educator and for your tireless efforts at improving teaching.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CAROLYN
McLAUGHLIN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Carolyn McLaughlin for her many years of outstanding service as the Executive Director of the Citizens Advice Bureau, a Bronx based social service organization that has helped countless families obtain a new lease on life.

Carolyn has always been dedicated to empowering the people of her community. After receiving her Masters in Social Work from Columbia University, she joined the Mt. Eden Senior Center and later the Vacation Camp for the Blind. In 1979, Carolyn made the Citizens Advice Bureau her home and has overseen CAB's progression from a small organization staffed by two people to one with 450 staff members, eight major divisions, and a budget of more than \$25 million.

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is a multi-service organization whose mission is to improve the well-being of low-income individ-

uals, families, and communities in the South Bronx and Northern Manhattan. CAB provides an array of services including: Early childhood education, after-school and summer camp programs for children, assistance for homeless families, crisis intervention, counseling and case management for persons with AIDS, senior programs, legal and citizenship assistance for immigrants and a wide range of teen programs.

Under Carolyn's strong leadership, CAB has enjoyed many accomplishments over the past 25 years. These accomplishments include: Merging with the Girls Club of New York, obtaining contracts for three Tier II family shelters, creating a Homeless Prevention program, developing a Homeless Outreach team and living room drop in center for homeless adults, launching the Homelessness Relocation Assistance Program for families leaving the shelter system and returning to permanent housing and developing a homeless outreach team.

Carolyn sits on the boards of the Non-Profit Coordinating Committee and the Mid-Bronx Senior Citizen's Council. She chaired the Bronx Cluster of Settlement Houses for two years and oversaw cluster-wide community building activities from 1997 to 2001. She also served on advisory panels commissioned on out-of-school time services and homelessness by Mayor Bloomberg.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Carolyn's unyielding service to the people of the Bronx. Her efforts have helped countless families enjoy a higher standard of living and given them hope that there is a brighter tomorrow. Dr. King once stated that, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Carolyn, along with the entire staff of Citizens Advice Bureau need simply point to the long list of individuals they have helped to empower in the City of New York.

I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Ms. Carolyn McLaughlin and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Wilma on the State of Florida, I was unable to attend votes on Thursday, October 27, 2005 due to a visit to the State with President Bush and other delegation Members. While I am disappointed I was not able to be present, I am asking, that you include the following intended votes in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I would have voted nay on H.J. Res. 65, the Schiff Amendment to H.R. 420, as well as the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 420. I would have voted yea on H.R. 3945, H. Res. 368, Final Passage of H.R. 420, and the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3047.

Again, I apologize for my absence and thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. HERBERT K.
ABRAMS**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Herbert K. Abrams, a life-long Champion of health care for all.

Dr. Abrams has been a particular example to me. He arrived in Tucson in 1968, about the time I was marching in the streets with other Chicanos asking for better health-care and recreation facilities. Within a few years, he had shown those of us in the protest movement that a big heart, intelligence, patience and persistence could convince a government to respond to the needs of the people. I will forever be grateful to him for that quiet leadership.

Dr. Abrams was hired by Dr. Monte DuVal, founding dean of the University of Arizona's College of Medicine, to create what became the Department of Family and Community Medicine. He also acquired federal funding for the El Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center.

In each case, he prepared a foundation for growth.

In the early 1970s, he organized family practice clinics in what were then the small towns of Marana, Benson and Casa Grande. Today, his philosophy of taking medical care to those outside metropolitan areas is vested in the department's Rural Health Program, which supports rural clinics and family practice by young doctors.

Back in Tucson, the clinic Dr. Abrams helped create has shortened its name to El Rio Health Clinic, but expanded its service to 11 locations. El Rio was designed to serve the poor; it continues with that emphasis today, but is open to all with a sliding fee schedule.

Through the years, he also has been a significant supporter during difficult times for E1 Pueblo Clinic and the Pima County-owned Kino Community Hospital, now known as University Physicians Healthcare (UPH) Hospital at Kino Campus.

His impact on medical care has been recognized with the naming of two buildings in his honor. One is the College of Medicine building that houses the department he founded. The other will be visible next fall when construction is completed on the \$28 million Herbert K. Abrams Public Health Center on the Kino Campus.

Dr. Abrams came to Tucson already a recognized health-service pioneer. He had spent the preceding 16 years in Chicago, where he established the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Health Center and the 40,000-member Union Health Service, an early-day health maintenance organization that last year celebrated its 50th anniversary.

More than 60 of his scientific papers have been published. Many of them examined occupational medicine, and he has performed specific research on farm workers and pesticides and on the use of the short-handled hoe.

Dr. Abrams is known internationally, having worked, consulted or performed research in China, Japan, Australia, the United Kingdom, Israel and Papua New Guinea. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health

Service from 1942 to 1946 and served two years of that time training medical officers and working on a cholera control team and as area medical rehabilitation officer in China. He returned to China on at least six other occasions, including earlier this year when he again met with medical colleagues he had first known 60 years ago. He has studied occupational and environmental health along the U.S.-Mexico border, and has consulted for the World Health Organization.

Dr. Abrams received degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Science from the University of Illinois in 1940 and a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in 1947. He received his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in 1936.

Through the years, Dr. Abrams, 92, has pursued his goals with a soft voice and a smile. He knows that this nation still does not provide health care for all, and last year wrote an op-ed article reminding Tucson newspaper readers that 45 million Americans remain without health insurance.

A poster on a wall in his office asks: "What ever happened to health care for the poor?" Dr. Abrams answered the question for Arizona Daily Star reporter Jane Erikson earlier this year, saying: "Not much . . . we still have a long ways to go . . ."

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTHA BURK

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a remarkable individual whose record of service to the women's movement across this country and around the world is second to none. For the past thirty years, Dr. Martha Burk has devoted her life to advancing equality for women. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting Dr. Burk's record of advocacy, activism and achievement.

Martha Burk was born in 1941 to Ivan Lee Burk and Dorothy May Dean, who owned a retail clothing store in the small east Texas town of Pasadena. She married while still an undergraduate and earned a BS from the University of Houston in 1962. She spent the next few years at home raising her two sons, Mark and Ed Talley. Refusing to accept the limited career options then open to women, she earned a PhD in psychology from the University of Texas in 1974.

After her first marriage ended, Dr. Burk moved to Kansas and became active in the Wichita chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). She gradually built her resume as a political psychologist and women's equity expert through work as a university research director, management professor, and adviser, consultant, or board member for an array of political campaigns and organizations including NOW's national board. Dr. Burk and her husband, Dr. Ralph Estes, moved to Washington, D.C. in 1990 and founded the Center for Advancement of Public Policy (CAPP). Dr. Burk is president of CAPP and recently completed a five-year tenure as Chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO), a network of over 200 national women's groups collectively representing ten million women.

Under Dr. Burk's leadership, NCWO's membership more than doubled as she brought new energy, inspiration, and resources to the largest network of women's organizations in the nation. Over the past five years, Dr. Burk has focused on involving the next generation of American women in feminist politics. Under her leadership, young women at NCWO launched the Younger Women's Task Force, an exciting nationwide grassroots effort to engage women in their twenties and thirties in women's issues and the public policy debate. Dr. Burk has also developed and invigorated NCWO's summer internship program, New Faces More Voices, a unique program that trains college students to engage in effective advocacy and organizing around feminist social justice issues.

In addition to her extensive work promoting women's equality in the U.S., Dr. Burk has also worked internationally to advance women's rights. She has organized training workshops with women's NGOs internationally in Macedonia and Kuwait, under the sponsorship of USAID, and has conducted training in the U.S. for delegations from Russia, Botswana, Korea, Romania, Bulgaria, and the Middle East. She has recently been a member of official U.S. Delegations to international conferences in Iceland, Lithuania, Estonia, and China. Named one of Ms. Magazine's women of the year in 2003, Dr. Burk's syndicated columns have been published in major newspapers and magazines around the globe, and she has appeared on news shows around the nation.

A former board member of the National Committee on Pay Equity, Dr. Burk has fought throughout her career to end sex discrimination in the workplace. Citing the taxpayer-financed advantages business leaders enjoy at the exclusive Augusta National Golf Club, she led the effort to open membership to women. The power elite's response to this controversy exposed how deeply sex discrimination is ingrained in the culture of corporate America. Her recent book, *Cult of Power: Sex Discrimination in Corporate America and What Can Be Done About It*, explores how systemic barriers of social injustice were put in place and how they can be brought down. Currently, Dr. Burk is focusing her energies full time on furthering women's progress in the workplace as the director of NCWO's Corporate Accountability Project.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to Dr. Martha Burk and to recognize her three decades of heroic commitment to women's progress. I am confident that her work will continue to influence and inspire this generation and future generations to fight for equality. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Martha Burk for her unparalleled contribution to her country.

IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the commitment this Congress has made to the budget of the National Science Foundation, NSF. Over a 10-year period, we have increased NSF funding 45.2 percent in real terms, and in a tough budget climate we are increasing NSF appropriations by 2.4 percent over last year.

The NSF is perhaps the government's most efficient and effective agency. It provides the backbone of our Nation's basic research efforts and strengthens our institutions of higher education by funding that research at university campuses across the country. The NSF also supports science education in grades K-12 to ensure future generations of Americans are equipped to carry on our tradition of innovation and prosperity. Every dollar appropriated to the National Science Foundation is an investment in this country's future.

Mr. Speaker, we need more investment in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, STEM. This appropriation is a good first step. However, if this country is to keep pace and maintain its leadership in the global economy, we must greatly expand and improve STEM education for children and college students and continue to increase our support of American innovation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this appropriation for the NSF and renewing this country's commitment to innovation and economic competitiveness.

RECOGNITION OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF NOKOMIS, IL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the people of Nokomis, IL, on the occasion of their town's sesquicentennial.

The earliest settlers began arriving in Nokomis Township in 1840. The first permanent dwelling was built by Hugh Hightower around 1843. The first sermon was preached by Rev. J.I. Crane, a Methodist Episcopal minister. The Baptist congregation was organized in 1856 and Lutherans became active in the community in 1852.

The first school was taught in the home of Henry Lower in 1848, while the first school was later built in 1853. Since then, the Nokomis community has continued to grow and to prosper—offering its residents a loving place in which to raise their families, establish life-long friendships, conduct their business, to work, to learn, to worship, and to give thanks for God's blessings.

Today, Nokomis is known as a vital link within downstate central Illinois. For more information on all that the people of Nokomis

have to offer, I encourage you to visit <http://www.nokomisonline.com/>.

I wish the people of Nokomis my heartfelt best as they celebrate their sesquicentennial.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT TEX
HALL, NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a person who I consider not only a leader in Indian Country, but a friend, Tex Hall, for all of his hard work as President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Tex Hall is a man who has led by example, dedicating himself to advancing the standard of living for our Nation's first citizens through bold vision, dedication, and integrity. A tireless advocate, Tex has used his position as NCAI president to promote strong tribal sovereignty through self-governance. He has addressed both the challenges and opportunities that lie before today's American Indian and Alaska Native nations.

As Tex stated earlier this year in his State of Indian Nations address, tribes are "A vital part of this country's conscience, its past and its future . . . Strong, healthy tribal self-governance is not just good for the economy of tribal nations, but for the economy of the United States as a whole . . . Today, Indian Country is moving forward and in the right direction."

For Tex Hall, 2005 marks the end of four outstanding years as head of the National Congress of American Indians, the Nation's oldest and largest Native American organization, representing over 200 Indian tribes in the continental United States and Alaska. Tex's successful 2001 election marked the first time in history that an individual from his tribe, or from the state of North Dakota, had been chosen to lead NCAI. Tex has played a key role in the great strides that Indian country has made, keeping promises, and making a difference in the lives of Indian people—for generations to come.

Tex G. Hall—whose Indian name "Ihbudah Hishi" means "Red Tipped Arrow"—grew up on his family's cattle ranch in Mandaree, located in the heart of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation in North Dakota. One of eight children, Tex and his three brothers and four sisters were instilled with a deep respect and appreciation for education. In the mid-1970's, Tex received his high school diploma at a time when fewer than 40 percent of the Nation's Native Americans were graduating from high school. Persistent in his educational quest, Tex attained his bachelors degree—in an era when only 8 percent of his fellow Native Americans graduated from college—and proceeded to obtain a Masters degree in educational administration.

Tex wished to instill the importance of education in the Indian youth of his reservation. For 11 years, Tex served as the Superintendent and Principal of Mandaree School. Both his classroom instruction and basketball coaching earned Tex 1995's award of North Dakota Indian Educator of the Year. To this day, Tex lives and learns by example—he is

currently pursuing a Ph.D. degree in education.

As a committed leader, Tex followed in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, winning a seat on the Tribal Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes (comprised of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribes, having joined together in the mid-1800's) at Fort Berthold in New Town, North Dakota. Eventually becoming the Chairman of his tribe—exactly 40 years after his grandfather was elected Chairman—Tex has served two terms, winning re-election in 2002. Among other positions, Tex has served as Secretary and Treasurer of the United Tribes Technical College, Chairman of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association, Chairman of the Native American Bank Corporation, Co-Chairman of the National Tribal Leaders Task Force on Trust Reform, and President of the NCAI President's Health Technology Task Force.

As president of NCAI, Tex successfully worked to ensure that the government-to-government relationship and consultation was strictly adhered to on all important matters. As Co-chair of the Task Force on Indian Trust Funds, he brought together representatives of all tribes together with the Department of Interior to work through problems with trust fund management. He is truly a uniter and not a divider as he has managed to work with Indian country to consolidate and unite on like matters.

Tex has also worked with me in my capacity as the Ranking Democrat on the Resources Committee on legislation to protect Indian sacred sites from being destroyed by human abuse. We worked together on drafting the Native American Sacred Lands Act and Tex stood shoulder to shoulder with me as we announced the introduction of this important legislation. Though we have not been able to enact this bill as of yet, I know Tex will continue to fight with me to protect the rights and the sites that our first Americans hold sacred.

Tex Hall has been a major force in several advancements made by tribal governments on a national level. In 1999, Tex chaired a meeting on Indian treaty issues with President Clinton and representatives of the Great Plains Tribes. In 2000, as a result of that meeting and others, President Clinton signed an Executive Order on Consultation with Indian Tribal Governments, stating, "There is nothing more important in federal-tribal relations than fostering true government-to-government relations to empower American Indians and Alaska Natives to improve their own lives, the lives of their children, and the generations to come. We must continue to engage in a partnership, so that the First Americans can reach their full potential. . . . This Executive Order builds on prior actions and strengthens our government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes."

Multiple hurdles still obstruct elevation of the standard of living for Indian people. As Tex told Judy Sarashon of the Washington Post in 2004, "Unfortunately, the first Americans have been the forgotten Americans." Nevertheless, Tex Hall is a man who continues to dedicate his life to advancing the opportunities for Indian Country; an assiduous champion in the fight to protect Indian sacred sites, I have had the honor to work with Tex and hope to successfully pass legislation that addresses the protection of Native American sacred lands.

Whether it is his work strengthening the Violence Against Women Act, tackling the fight to

protect sacred sites, or his willingness to travel wherever needed to help work out a problem, Tex Hall will be remembered as a great president of the National Congress of American Indians; and I am proud to call him my friend. Tex, thank you for your service.

INFLUENZA VACCINE REQUIRES
SHOTS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I support the Administration's plans for combating an Influenza Pandemic, including measures to increase the capacity of the vaccine industry so that we have enough influenza vaccine to protect all Americans within 6 months of an outbreak.

However, you can't drink the Influenza vaccine, it has to be delivered with a syringe or other delivery technology, but the Administration's plan does not include any strategies for acquiring sufficient numbers of appropriate injection devices to deliver the vaccine.

The influenza vaccine will probably require 2 shots, which means that we will need 600 million syringes to vaccinate every American.

Without advance planning and stockpiling of injection devices, hospitals and public health agencies will not have sufficient numbers of injection devices to deliver the pandemic influenza vaccine. In fact, without planning and utilizing devices that are designed to ensure the vaccine is used to its full potential, we may waste the very vaccine we are working so hard to acquire.

The Administration has worked diligently with vaccine manufacturers to ensure there is additional capacity to produce pandemic influenza vaccines. The same planning and cooperation must happen with the domestic device industry. I urge the Administration to sit-down with the medical device industry to discuss potential medical device needs and capacity constraints and develop a plan to ensure we are acquiring the appropriate amount and type of syringes necessary to keep all Americans safe. It would be a tragedy to waste life saving vaccine because of a lack of foresight.

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN A. PERRY

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate my constituent, Stephen A. Perry, for his service to his country as the 17th administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). The Buckeye State is proud of Steve as one of the highest ranking Ohioans serving in the Bush administration.

As administrator, Steve brought an extensive background from both the private sector and State government. He has effectively led the GSA during a period where the Federal Government's infrastructure has been aging, but funds have been limited to deal with all these problems. However, Steve guided GSA

through prioritizing projects and making sure that agency employees had the support required to tackle Federal infrastructure issues.

He started his career at the Timken Company of Canton, a leading international manufacturer of highly engineered bearings and alloy steels. At Timken, Steve progressed from an initial position as stockroom clerk to vice president. In 1991, then Governor George Voinovich appointed Steve to his Cabinet as director of the Department of Administrative Services, which provides services to State agencies that are similar to what GSA provides Federal agencies. After his successful tenure in State government, Steve returned to Timken where he was elected as an officer and promoted to senior vice president.

Additionally, Steve has been very active in community and charitable organizations. He has been recognized by numerous groups for his commitment to his home community.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Steve for his work in getting a new Federal building for Canton, Ohio. Through Steve's leadership, this new Federal center will be a one-stop facility where citizens can come to various Federal agencies to get issues addressed. The building will be a model for the GSA system, and we owe its success to Steve's guidance. I look forward to being with Steve at the future ceremony that opens Canton's new Federal building.

We are proud of Steve's service at GSA, but also pleased that he, and his wife, Sondra, are returning home to Canton, Ohio and be active members in our community.

TRIBUTE TO MALIK AHMED,
FOUNDER AND CEO, BETTER
FAMILY LIFE, INC.

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Malik Ahmed, the founder and chief executive officer of Better Family Life, Inc., a holistic cultural and community development corporation he founded in February 1983. He has pioneered the concept of synthesizing and blending the imperatives of African-American culture with the complexities of community and economic development.

Better Family Life is dedicated to the prosperity and growth of the African-American family, as well as the preservation of culture, consciousness and community. Organized out of a need to find internal solutions to the crises within the African-American family, the organization's mission is to plan and establish social, cultural, artistic, youth, economic, housing and educational programs that help to promote positive and innovative changes within the metropolitan St. Louis and East St. Louis communities.

Under his leadership Better Family Life, Inc. has grown to include a full-time professional staff of more than 70, with 30 percent of the staff having advanced degrees. Recently, the organization purchased the former Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School at 5415 Page Boulevard, in St. Louis, MO. When the \$4 million renovation is completed, the three-story facility will be home to the Better Family Life Cultural Center & Museum, housing cor-

porate offices and four—job training—community programs: Project RESPECT—job training—Neighbor-to-Neighbor Housing Counseling & Asset Building, Youth Passport to the Future and Cultural Arts.

Other Better Family Life programs include the annual Kwanzaa Expo and the Unity Ball extravaganza. The 20th annual Unity Ball has grown to include approximately 1,500 attendees and honors numerous community leaders, elders, youth, movers and shakers at all levels. Recently, in response to this country's worst disaster on record, Better Family Life, along with the Millions More Movement, spearheaded a relief drive for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, sending an 18-wheel tractor-trailer filled with donations from the St. Louis community to Hattiesburg, MS.

Prior to founding Better Family Life, Mr. Ahmed was a registered representative with the prestigious financial planning firm, The Moneta Group. An avid collector of fine art and literature, he is president of B4 Positive Products and Marketing, a business he founded in 1989 to network, market and distribute books and African artifacts.

Mr. Ahmed has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad. He speaks fluent French. As a Peace Corps volunteer, he worked for 3 years as an urban planner in the West African country of Mali, where he successfully developed a cost-effective sanitation program for the capital city of Bamako. Mr. Ahmed holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in public administration/policy analysis. He is the recipient of many community service awards and serves on various boards. He is married to DeBorah and they have one son, Shabazz.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Malik Ahmed before the United States House of Representatives for his tireless dedication to the development of culture, community and self-improvement among minorities in St. Louis.

RECOGNIZING MURRAY/CALLOWAY AND OHIO COUNTY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize two outstanding communities in my District which were recently selected as two of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by the America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth organization. Murray/Calloway County and Ohio County, Kentucky, were chosen based on the their fulfillment of the America's Promise Five Promises: Safe Places, Effective Education, Opportunities to Serve, Healthy Start, and Caring Adults. These communities have demonstrated their commitment to the success of our area's youth by focusing on these promises and working together to ensure our youth have the skills and resources they need to succeed in life. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to represent them in Congress and grateful for their hard work and determination.

Murray/Calloway County was recognized for the healthy start and safe places it provides area students. In the fall of 2005, Calloway County implemented a countywide after school

program for grades K–5. Up to 175 students participated in the program last year alone. In addition, partnerships between Big Brothers and Big Sisters and local schools have been highly successful in establishing mentoring relationships among citizens and elementary and middle school students. Murray can also be proud of the low dropout rate at Murray High School, which is only one percent. In terms of health, Murray/Calloway County has a teenage birthrate significantly below the statewide average and has decreased drug use among its youth. Clearly, this community has much to be proud of and the youth have an ideal community in which to learn and grow.

Ohio County found itself in the spotlight because of the caring adults in the community, the safe places and healthy start it offers youth, and its effective education policies. Most experts will agree that parental involvement is important in the success of a child's education. In Ohio County, this lesson is certainly understood by the parents who volunteered over 13,800 hours in local schools. The County also invested in a state-of-the-art fitness center and now has 21 percent of the county as members. The birthrate among 15–17 year-olds decreased from 43 percent in 1997 to 14.7 percent in 2001, and the dropout rate among high school students also decreased from 8.5 percent to just over 1 percent. Perhaps most impressively, local students and adults involved in the Together We Care/Ohio County Schools community partnership decided to tackle tobacco use among kids. In a county where the largest crop is tobacco, this was a real challenge. These student/adult groups visited stores selling tobacco products and requested that they remove ads for tobacco products in their stores and move products to less visible locations. One month later, 95 percent of the stores had made the requested changes.

Again, I am proud of the progress these communities are making and pleased that they have been selected as two of the 100 Best Communities for Youth.

TRIBUTE TO HOLY ASCENSION
CHURCH AND HIS HOLINESS
FILARET PATRIARCH OF KYIV
AND ALL RUS-UKRAINE

HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the 80th anniversary of the existence of Holy Ascension Church, located on Broad Street in Clifton, New Jersey. To mark this important occasion, the church will be honored by a visit from His Holiness Filaret Patriarch of Kyiv and all Rus-Ukraine.

As a lifelong resident and former Mayor of the neighboring city of Paterson, I cannot think of another organization that has meant more to the surrounding community than Holy Ascension Church. For the past 80 years, the men and women of Holy Ascension Church have given generously of their time, talents, and energy, and have made an indelible mark on countless people's lives. I feel that it is only fitting that Holy Ascension Church be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

The history of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Clifton, formerly of Passaic, is the history of many devoted men and woman through the years, who have devoted both time and effort to maintaining the religious traditions of the Holy Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian cultural heritage.

With the large migration of Ukrainians to the United States in the early 1900's, many chose to settle in the Passaic County area. In 1925 a small group of Ukrainian-Americans set out to organize an Orthodox Parish to serve their spiritual needs. Through the efforts of the organizers the original church was purchased and consecrated on Sunday July 25, 1925 by his Excellency Metropolitan John Theodorovich. The new church served as a hub for the Ukrainian community. Over the years the Parish members relished in their heritage and shared it throughout the area. There were various outings of the Ukrainian Folk Ballet and the Lysenko Chorus which helped introduce the Ukrainian culture to other people.

In 1962-63 the parish adopted its current constitution and by-laws that would serve as the basis for all church activity well into its future. Under the pastorate of the Very Reverend Theodore Forestry, the building committee was reorganized. Land was purchased for the present church and its rectory in 1967. With the impending sale of the church property, the parishioners authorized the building committee to hire Mr. Jaroslav Sichynsky as the architect for their new house of worship. The new parish rectory was the first building to be completed in the fall of 1968. In September of 1968 the last Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Hope Avenue site and contracts were conducted with the State of New Jersey to make way for Rt. 21.

The new church structure is a masterpiece in blending old Byzantine style of architecture with the contemporary structural methods. The central dome rises above the stone and brick edifice symbolizing the glory of the kingdom of God that rises above the material world.

On Sunday, June 7, 1970, the Consecration and Blessing of the new edifice finally took place. With the presentation of floral bouquets to His Beatitude Metropolitan John, His Excellency Archbishop Matyslaw and His Grace Bishop Mark, the distinguished hierarchy, visiting clergy, and honored guests proceeded from the rectory to the church where they were traditionally greeted with bread and salt by the Parish President Peter Dutkevitch.

The blessing of the new church was followed by the Pontifical Liturgy after which the placing of the cornerstone was witnessed by all. The afternoon was celebrated with a dedication banquet.

Fifty years after its initial consecration in Passaic, this beautiful church proudly stands as a landmark in the great city of Clifton, spiritually lead by Father Oleh Zhownirovych.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, the men and women of the Holy Ascension Church epitomize the noble spirit of community service and volunteerism that we all strive to achieve. The sense of altruism and spirit of humanitarianism demonstrated daily by the congregation of the Holy Ascension Church is living proof of the difference that a handful of people can make in the lives of many.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the members of exceptional institutions such as the

Holy Ascension Church. I ask that you join our colleagues, the people of the city of Clifton, the Ukrainian community, and me in recognizing the men and women of the Holy Ascension Church for 80 years of ministry to the community of Clifton, New Jersey.

HONORING HARRIET BURGESS,
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDATION
OF AMERICAN LAND CONSERVANCY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, Harriet Burgess, President and founder of American Land Conservancy. For the past 20 years, Harriet, who presently resides in Inverness, California, has applied her consummate skill in building consensus among legislators, government agencies, landowners and environmental groups for the conservation of public lands.

Her list of acquisition accomplishments while Vice President of the Trust for Public Land reveals a national landscape of treasured sites. She saw a need for a non-profit land acquisition agency that would tackle the most challenging and difficult projects. She founded the American Land Conservancy to rescue irreplaceable environmental acreage from imminent development.

Through her talent and perseverance she has kept intact precious tracts of land from California's Topanga Canyon to the Sierra Nevada and has been a matchmaker in arranging swaps and purchases of private lands for public uses from the Malibu coast to the Columbia River Gorge.

One transaction in Nevada involved 44 different property swaps. She has also masterminded the acquisition of lands along the upper Sacramento River and the North Fork American. She played a role in the addition of a one thousand plus acre parcel to the San Francisco Bay Area's renowned Gate National Recreation Area.

Harriet Burgess grew up in Xenia, Ohio where her fondest memory is wandering through the forest looking for wildflowers. But she didn't get into protecting public space until after her children were grown, when she volunteered to rewrite the zoning ordinance for Fairfax County, Virginia. During her time in Virginia, she was an exemplary member of my legislative staff in Washington, DC.

After a divorce in 1978, she moved to California and headed the western regional office for the Trust for Public Land before founding the American Land Conservancy in 1990. The Conservancy, under Harriet's direction, has become a potent force in safeguarding California's most precious open spaces. Through sheer persistence and tenacity Harriet has time and again brought seemingly out-of-reach projects within grasp, helping local communities realize their dreams of protected land for open space.

Harriett Burgess has been a tireless and highly effective advocate of wilderness and recreational open space protection. Her list of accomplishments will be felt by generations.

As friends gather on November 16, 2005 to pay tribute to Harriet's extraordinary contribu-

tions, I join them in thanking her for the fruits of her efforts. We are grateful for her tenacity and perseverance to protect our precious lands.

HONORING WAYNE THOMAS
JAQUITH

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Wayne Jaquith upon the occasion of his impending retirement.

Over the last two decades, Wayne Jaquith has worked tirelessly to advance the cause of peace, security and disarmament.

Since June of 1999, he has coordinated the Peace and Security Funders Group, an organization which works with various philanthropic organizations interested in peace and disarmament issues. From December 1997 through May 1999, Wayne founded and ran the Peace Philanthropy Project, which sought to cultivate new philanthropy on peace and security issues. In 2002, Wayne also co-founded the Iraq Peace Fund, and served on its distribution committee. He also has been a consultant to W. Alton Jones Foundation, Ploughshares Fund and Turner Foundation.

Until July 1997, Wayne was president and founder of National Security News Service, Natural Resources News Service and Public Education Center. From 1989 through 1992, he served first as vice president and then as president of Council for a Livable World Education Fund, and as Boston director of Council for a Livable World. From 1978 through 1988, Wayne served successively as executive director of Nantucket Land Council, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control and Ploughshares Fund. He was co-founder of many coalitions including Professionals Coalition for Nuclear Arms Control, Coalition for the Non-Proliferation Treaty, Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers and the Arms Transfer Working Group.

Wayne has been an invaluable asset to the peace and disarmament community for many years. He will be missed. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING MSGT DEAN C. TEMPLE
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to MSgt Dean C. Temple upon his retirement. MSgt Dean C. Temple is a native of Hinckley, Ohio. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in January 1983, shortly after graduating from Poudre High School, in Fort Collins, Colorado. He completed Military Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas on March 1, 1983 and was sent, by direct duty assignment, to Altus AFB, Oklahoma.

During his first assignment at Altus, then Amn Basic Temple was put to work as a new General Purpose Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice. After 2 years, he was rotated into the

Diagnostic and Quality Assurance section where he served as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC). In 1988, SrA Temple was promoted to the rank of Buck Sergeant and transferred to Cosimo Air Station, Italy, on the island of Sicily. While at Cosimo, Sgt Temple served as NCOIC of the Base Operation Support, DQ&A section for the 487th Tactical Missile Maintenance Squadron. As part of his duties Sgt Temple directly supported the maintenance of Ground Launch Inter-Continental Ballistic Cruise Missile (GLCM), Launch Control Center (LCC), and Transporter Erector Launcher (TEL) equipment. During this assignment Sgt Temple was promoted to SSgt. In January of 1990 he was reassigned to the Air Training Command, Vehicle Maintenance Technical Training Center, Chanute AFB, Illinois. During this assignment SSgt Temple served as an Instructor, General Purpose Vehicle Maintenance Section and taught the GP Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice Course, Advanced Air Conditioning Course, and the Advanced Vehicle Diagnostic Test Equipment Course. While still at Chanute SSgt Temple attended the Airmen Leadership School and upon graduation was awarded the John Levitow award for leadership.

In 1993, due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions, SSgt Temple moved along with the vehicle maintenance schoolhouse to Lackland AFB, Texas where he assumed the role of Instructor Supervisor for the GP VM section and continued teaching the new 20-day Advanced Diagnostic Test Equipment and Electrical Systems Course which he co-authored with SSgt Andreas Grom. In 1996 SSgt Temple was promoted to Technical Sergeant, this promotion also coincided with another big swing of the BRAC hammer and the schoolhouse shifted again to a new location. Now a veteran of Schoolhouse moves, TSgt Temple was to move again to the newly designated Port Hueneme Schoolhouse in Port Hueneme, California. TSgt Temple now was positioned as a Course Supervisor for the GP section and was qualified to teach six of eight courses to include two Mobile Training Team Courses. These two courses generated 32 Temporary Duty Assignments that sent TSgt Temple throughout the globe. After 5 years at Port Hueneme TSgt Temple was promoted to Master Sergeant. And along with the promotion came the accompanying orders. This time the assignment was to Kunsan AB Republic of Korea, where now MSgt Temple served as Superintendent, Readiness and Evaluations. His duties included Squadron Exercise Evaluation Team Chief, Flight Self-Inspection program manager, and First Sergeant. In June of 2002 MSgt Temple finished with and was reassigned back to Det1 345 TRS, Port Hueneme, CA. After his return he served as the new Vehicle and Equipment Course Supervisor and since mid-2004 is currently serving as Air Force Superintendent, Inter-service Vehicle Mechanic School.

I commend and thank MSgt Dean Temple for his leadership and dedication. He is truly a role model and deserves the many awards and commendations that he has received. I wish him a relaxing and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MS. ELAINE
HARRINGTON

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual who I feel fortunate to call my friend, Ms. Elaine C. Harrington. She was recognized on Saturday, November 5, 2005, for her years of unwavering dedication and service as a Professor to the Passaic County Community College.

After 33 years of committed service to the Passaic County Community College (PCCC), Professor Elaine Harrington retired from the College on July 1, 2005. Her tenure at PCCC is a remarkable story of one person's belief in the power of education and its transforming effect on the lives of others. It is only fitting that Elaine Harrington be honored for her commitment to improving the quality of life in Paterson and Passaic County through education in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Arriving at PCCC in 1972, at the earliest stages of the College's existence, Professor Harrington shared her many talents generously. She began by teaching the Music Appreciation course and Cultural Field Surveys. She later began teaching courses in Mathematics, English, Public Speaking and African American Literature. She worked closely with the College's most disadvantaged students, nurturing them from the lowest levels of developmental education to the heights of academic achievement.

While at the College, Professor Harrington was tireless in her pursuit of making PCCC a beacon of educational excellence. She served as President of the Academic Council and the Faculty Association, and Association secretary for more than a decade. For two years, she served as Acting Dean of Student Affairs. She provided leadership to numerous college committees such as Commencement, Convocation, Instructional Resources, Policies and Procedures, Retention and Accreditation. She rarely missed a Board of Trustees' meeting and became one of the PCCC Foundation's most staunch advocates, earning her the Foundation's "Distinguished Service Award" in 2000.

Professor Harrington's accomplishments on campus were rivaled only by her important work in the community. As Past President of both the Paterson Branch of the NAACP and the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches, she strongly advocated for improved economic, educational, social, and political opportunities for disenfranchised persons. In her role as State President, she provided leadership to 38 NAACP branches and 20 youth units. Based on the quality and the breadth of the programming that occurred under her watch, the NAACP recognized New Jersey as the number one State Conference in all of Region II. In 1999, Professor Harrington became a member of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. In addition to her work with NAACP, she has faithfully served organizations such as Concerned Parents for Head Start, Inc., the Paterson YWCA, and the Paterson Board of Education. She is a charter member of the Christ Church United Methodist.

Born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama, Professor Harrington was an honors graduate of Tuskegee Institute High School, earned her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Tuskegee Institute (University), and later her M.A. degree in Education, Supervision, and Administration from the University of Connecticut, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She received certification in Developmental Education from Fairleigh Dickenson University, and is listed in "Who's Who Among African Americans". Upon her retirement, Professor Harrington has returned home to Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of devoted educators and public servants like Ms. Elaine Harrington. I ask that you join our colleagues, the faculty and students of Passaic County Community College, Ms. Harrington's family and friends, and me in recognizing Elaine Harrington for her years of outstanding service to the students of Passaic County.

CONGRATULATING LYNDON
LAPLANTE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Lyndon LaPlante of Keller, TX, on his dedication and outstanding athletic achievement at the Keller v. Richland high school football game on October 7, 2005.

Mr. LaPlante is an 18-year-old Keller High School senior, who has played on the Keller football team for 4 years. He has attended every practice, summer camp, team meeting and football game since he was a freshman. On October 7, 2005, Mr. LaPlante played in his first football game against Richland High School. At this inaugural game, Mr. LaPlante, who has Down syndrome, brought a home crowd of more than 4,000 to its feet as he ran 99 yards for a Keller touchdown. Mr. LaPlante was also named football player of the week and gave a speech at Keller High School's football pep rally.

Prior to his recent game success, Mr. LaPlante participated on the Keller football team by acting as assistant head coach and running plays with the team in pre-game warm-ups. He also took photographs at every game, which were set to music and shown at the end of every year. On Friday mornings, Mr. LaPlante joins his football teammates to mentor and read stories to elementary school students. He talks to children and signs autographs at Florence Elementary School, which he attended.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Lyndon LaPlante for his commendable achievements on and off the Keller High School football field. His dedication to his team, to his school, and to his community serves as an inspiration to all.

HONORING THE BEST TEACHERS
OF ACADIANA

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special group of individuals from the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana. I am proud to represent this distinguished group from my district. They are teachers, who have dedicated their lives to educating our leaders of tomorrow. Recently, Regent Broadcasting Corporation held a banquet to honor the best teachers in the Acadiana area. I join them in this endeavor and enter into the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of each one of these educators. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them for their service to our children.

They are: Cassie Arceneaux, Rosemary Arnold, Stephen Arnold, Kristi Barker, Monica Batiste, Rachelle Beasley, Mary Benjamin, John Bliss, Phyllis Bonhagen, Diedra Bossier, Katie Botts, Sarah Boudreaux, Marcy Boudreaux-Johnson, Dina Bourque, Kerry Ann Breaux, Phyllis Breaux, Maria Brodie, Amanda Buteau, Russell Cailler, Carmen Cain, Carolyn Campos, Sera Centanni, Beth Chambers, Jim Chambers, Ashley Charpentier, Jackie Chaote, Patricia Clement, Shann Comeaux, Misti Darby, Carla Darcey, Dene Dauzat, Vianne Dawkins, Nicole Delahoussaye, Rachel Delcambre, Laura Delcambre, Nicole Duhon, Doug Duhon, Denise Ferguson, Keela Folsom, Cathy Frame, Denise Frederick, Donna Gilbert, Delia Girouard, William Greig, Brandi Gonzalea, Donna Goulas, Tiffani Granger, Patrice Grieg, Deany Guidry, Alanna Guillot, Mona Hahn, Renee Harelson, Callie Hardy, Erica Hargrave, Billy Hargroder, Dianne Hebert, Penny Hebert, Amy Hebert, Teres Johnson, Jan Johnson, Lacy Kibodeaux, Tori Kristicevich, Lea Lahasky, Amy Landry, Ginger Landry, Kim Landry, Rebecca Landry, Laurie LaPorte, Denette Latiolais, Camille Lavigne, Hedi LeBlanc, Stephanie Leger, Hayley Lejeaune, Kim LeMaire, Carey Lemoine, Denise Lotief, Angie Louviere, Brenna Mahoney, Vanessa Mayon, Rebekah McGee, Susan Merritt, Dura Minix, Allison Moore, Claire Myers, Kelly Neel, Denise Nugent, Desmond O'Conner, Dori Perez, Tonya Perry, Rosanne Plagens, Rebekah Prudhomme, Rachael Rachel, Rachelle Rachal, Debie Rebert, Nancy Reeves, LaToya Rideau, Ashlyn Roger, Damon Romero, Jonathon Royer, Kristen Royer, Sherry Rude, Tina Sapienza, Rhonda Schwarzenburg, Ros Siebold, Jennifer Semien, Donna Shotwell, Christine Simon, Lisa Stokes, Eric Stomer, Tina Stutes, Monique Taylor, Shawne Taylor, Krystal Theriot, Lyndelle Theriot, Nikki Thevis, Patricia Thibodeaux, Charlene Trahan, Kathy Verrette, Gwen Vice, Melanie Voison, Margaret Walet, Leslie Willis, and Wendy Wisdom.

CONDOLENCES TO PEOPLE OF
JORDAN

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my deepest condolences to the people of Jordan

in the wake of the deadly suicide bombings which occurred on November 9. Jordan has been a leader of peace and stability in the Middle East, and a strong ally and friend to the United States. King Abdullah stood firmly with the United States following the terrorist acts of September 11, and today the United States stands with him and his country.

Jordan, formerly led by the late King Hussein and now King Abdullah, has worked tirelessly towards the goal of finding a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and promoting stability throughout the region. Jordan is a country of strength and tolerance. From the rubble of these attacks, I am confident Jordan will remain more committed than ever to the eradication of terrorism worldwide.

The heinous acts are the work of cowards. I am confident that Americans and Jordanians will come together in these tragic times to work together towards a safer and more peaceful world.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
CONTINUING DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT OF EMPLOYERS
OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL
GUARD AND THE OTHER RE-
SERVE COMPONENTS

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to relate the experience of Major Jeff Williamson, an employee of General Mills who serves in the Marine Forces Reserve. He was called to duty in February 2002 and sent to Camp Pendleton for anti-terrorism operations training. In March 2003, Major Williamson was sent to Iraq for initial operations, and remained until June 2003. During his service abroad, General Mills made up the difference to match what his regular salary had been while employed with the company back home. He and his family's medical and dental benefits remained unchanged during this time as well. When asked if he had any comments on how he felt about General Mills treatment of him during that time, he said he had not given that question much thought, adding that, that in itself, says a lot. Major Williamson commented that he did not have to worry about a thing as he and his family were well taken care of. In January, he will be considered for the position of Lt. Colonel. He is married to Tanja and they have two lovely little girls.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS UNDERWOOD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a man who will long be remembered for his extraordinary leadership and the significant contributions he made to the western states of our Nation. Dennis Underwood served his country in many capacities and dedicated the better part of the past 35 years as an influential leader of water pol-

icy in the West. On November 2, 2005, Dennis passed away following a long battle with cancer. Our region collectively mourns his passing, while remembering his lifelong contributions.

Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation from 1989 until 1993, Dennis most recently served as the chief executive officer and general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which serves 18 million people. Dennis also served as the Executive Director of the Colorado River Board of California. He worked tirelessly with the seven Basin States, the International Boundary and Water Commission, and various Federal agencies to develop and manage Colorado River water resources.

The greatest challenge facing the West today and for the foreseeable future is meeting water supply needs in an atmosphere of growing population, conflicting state and international claims, and demands of environmental protection. Although Dennis most recently represented water consumers in Southern California, his leadership, ingenuity, fairness, and perseverance yielded important dividends for water users throughout California, Nevada, Arizona, and other states that draw water from the over-allocated Colorado River.

Mark Twain famously stated that "whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting." While the West has undoubtedly seen its share of water wars, I can't think of a person who had a better ability to get people to stop fighting and sit down at the bargaining table than Dennis. His wisdom, warm good nature, positive approach and—above all—sterling honesty kept all players in the Western water drama focused on finding solutions instead of persisting in conflict.

Personally, I had the pleasure and honor of working with Dennis on a number of important water issues, including the sometimes tumultuous negotiations of the Quantification Settlement Agreement, which brought California's water use in compliance with its legal apportionment for Colorado River supplies. In each instance, Dennis displayed a tremendous ability to find balanced solutions that satisfied all parties.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has lost a great servant, the West has lost a brilliant leader, and I have lost a dear friend. On behalf of our region, I want to convey our appreciation for all of Dennis's efforts and express our heartfelt condolences to the Underwood family, including his wife, Carmen; daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Ryan Dejourmett; brothers, Russell, Lawrence, Rory, Kevin, and Jeffrey; and two grandsons.

TRIBUTE TO BOB SANCHO

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Robert Sancho, an outstanding individual and a dear friend who has dedicated many years of service to empowering the people of my community. Tonight the Citizens Advisory Board will recognize him for his many achievements in the City of New York.

Bob was born and raised in the South Bronx. He is a product of the New York City

Public School system and went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the Inter-American University in San German, Puerto Rico specializing in Education and Political Science. As an undergraduate Bob was awarded a Minority Urban Education Scholarship and completed a Teaching Fellowship in both Urban and Rural School Districts on the Island of Puerto Rico. He received a scholarship to the prestigious Graduate School of Urban Affairs at Hunter College where he completed his Masters of Science Degree.

Throughout his career Bob has held positions of great importance in the City of New York and has demonstrated his ability to work extremely well under pressure. As Deputy Superintendent of Schools in Community School District Number 4, he took the district from last place (32nd) in reading and math to 13th among New York City School districts. This feat was achieved over a 7 year period and was considered one of the most successful educational accomplishments in America.

During the 1960s Bob was successful in organizing the East Harlem Community against attempts by the Mayor to close down Metropolitan Hospital Center which provided much needed services to the people of that community.

In 1981 Bob was appointed Vice President of Development and External Affairs at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, the second largest medical facility in the Bronx. During his 23 year tenure at the hospital, Bob was an important catalyst in securing over 240 million dollars in New York State guaranteed Bonds. These bond issues financed the construction of three new buildings and provided for the rehabilitation of the existing hospital buildings. In addition his department has raised approximately \$15 million during the last several years for various hospital programs.

Mr. Speaker, what makes Bob such a unique an incredible person is that he is willing to put his knowledge and skills to work for causes that help everyday people. Such selflessness is hard to find in today's world. The great work that Bob does at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center inspires me to work harder in Washington for the people of the Bronx. It is my hope that he will continue to work to empower and protect those who need it most.

For his unyielding spirit and selfless dedication to the citizens of New York, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Mr. Bob Sancho as he is recognized for his many achievements by the board of the Citizens Advice Board.

HONORING MADELINE DUCKLES

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of Madeline Duckles of Berkeley, California. A longtime peace activist and community leader, Ms. Duckles will soon celebrate her 90th birthday, an occasion which will coincide with the 90th Anniversary of a group in which she has been active for several decades, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

Born in Loomis, California, Ms. Duckles was the youngest of five children. After her older siblings left for school, Madeline went to live with her school music teacher in a household filled with opportunities to read books, learn music, and explore the outdoors. In this household she was encouraged to attend a university despite the opposition of her father, who felt that sending a girl to college was a waste of money. Ms. Duckles nonetheless went on to attend college, graduating in 1937.

At that time Ms. Duckles also became involved at the local YWCA, which at that time was the only place where she was able to discuss social issues. She received much of her early political education through the time she spent there, which coincided with the Spanish Civil War and a high incidence of labor strikes on the domestic front.

Upon her graduation, Ms. Duckles left California for New York City, where she married Vincent Duckles, who was doing graduate work at Columbia. Over the next several years they moved around to several different states while Vincent completed his studies and they both worked a number of jobs, working at different times as teachers, in retail service and other industries.

Eventually they returned to Berkeley, California, which is where Ms. Duckles became active in WILPF. Still outraged at the Japanese internment and the use of atomic weapons against Japan in World War II, she was part of a group of women who in 1961 went on strike across the country to protest atmospheric nuclear tests. Another issue of growing concern among these women was the increasing involvement of the United States in Vietnam, an issue regarding which Ms. Duckles would become progressively more active in years to come.

Even with five children to care for, Ms. Duckles devoted immeasurable amounts of time and energy into the movement for peace and justice in the years that followed. She attended meetings with the World Council of Peace in Europe and Asia, and even went on a speaking tour through Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Even following the Vietnam War, Ms. Duckles has remained an outspoken advocate for peace and justice for all people throughout the world, continuing to travel and host international delegations of visitors to the United States as well.

This week Ms. Duckles' friends and family come together to celebrate her many years of activism, and the immeasurable impact she has had on our community. On behalf of the California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I salute and thank Madeline Duckles for her many years of work toward creating a peaceful world for all.

WINTER OUTDOORS MONTH RESOLUTION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as obesity and the associated health risks continue to increase it is important to encourage American's of all ages to participate in physical activity all year long.

To help spread this message, today I am introducing with my colleague from New York,

Rep. JOHN SWEENEY, a resolution urging the President to declare January 2006 Winter Sports Month.

This resolution notes the increase in adult and childhood obesity along with the negative consequences of extremely overweight and obese people, including a decrease in the average life span and rising health care costs stemming from obesity related illness. It also includes the role winter sport activities can play in addressing obesity and the positive effects of participating in physical activity. It resolves that the House of Representatives urge the President to declare January 2006 Winter Sports Month.

Alpine skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and cross country skiing, not only offer excellent aerobic and anaerobic exercise but they also are activities that allow an entire family to play together in a natural environment. Colder temperatures and snow should not deter outdoor activities.

"Winter Outdoors Month" would remind citizens of the importance to maintain a consistent exercise program and healthy lifestyle all year twelve months out of the year. Winter sports offer unique opportunities to allow all Americans a chance to be together outside, enjoy the season.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF ORENE SCHWEINLE JORDAN

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Orene Schweinle Jordan on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Jordan is a great example of the determination and dedication the citizens of America possessed in striving to improve their lives and the lives of their family members during the stressful years of the early 1900's. She has seen firsthand this great country develop from the horse-and-buggy era to the age of Internet.

Born in a remote area of rural Texas on December 4, 1905 into a family of seven children, Mrs. Jordan had limited formal education and learned early that hard work and self-improvement were her only avenues to a better life. She developed the philosophy that, "You can do anything if you set your mind to it and never quit." That philosophy has sustained her to age 100 and she has set an example for her children and those around her.

Mrs. Jordan has been an outstanding mother to her children and is the recognized force that molded their lives. Her son, Don D. Jordan, became Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Houston Lighting & Power Company, Houston Industries, and Reliant Energy in which capacity he served for 23 years. He also served as the International President of the World Energy Council in London, England. Mrs. Jordan's daughter, Shirley A. Jordan Flanagan, perhaps made the biggest contribution as she energized young lives while serving as an elementary school teacher in the public schools of Texas for 35 years.

Married to W.G. Jordan for 60 years, Mrs. Orene Jordan was always a working partner. When the family moved from a small town in south Texas, they opened a small grocery store in La Marque, Texas even though they

had no real business experience. Mrs. Jordan put her "hard work" philosophy into action by working 12 hours a day, 7 days a week to make her family's business thrive. In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan sold their store and started a cattle ranch in Van Vleck, Texas in Matagorda County.

Mrs. Jordan still lives on the ranch, which she has helped operate for the past 49 years. During that time, she has developed as an artist, written several short stories, built her own furniture, become a recognized horticulturist, been active in her church, and touched the lives of numerous people.

Above all else, Orene Jordan is a patriot. She loves America and has never wavered from honesty, personal integrity, respect for the rule of law, and consideration of others. She has made the United States of America, Texas and Matagorda County a better place, and she is not finished yet!

IN MEMORY AND TRIBUTE TO
JOSEPH MONSERRAT

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to bid farewell to friends and mentors, especially those who have worked so hard and given so much to their communities and to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of and tribute to Joseph Monserrat, who passed away this week.

Joe spent his life in public service, both to his community and to his people. He was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, and like so many of his generation, moved at a very young age to the United States. He attended public schools and some of New York's most prestigious universities.

Joe served honorably in the Army Air Force, and upon returning, began his long career of public service. He quickly rose to positions of leadership in all his undertakings, making a significant mark as Director of the New York office and Deputy National Director of the Migration Division of the Puerto Rican Department of Labor.

This agency helped assist and smooth the transition for Puerto Ricans resettling in the United States by working to increase employment and business opportunities, increasing the number of major corporations that had employment programs for Puerto Ricans, and other vital services. After eight years in this capacity, because of his hard work and talent, Joe was promoted to National Director of the Division, where he served for another nine years.

Under his leadership, this agency was to become one of the most important national organizations devoted to the cause of helping Puerto Ricans gain a foothold in the United States. He later turned his attention to education, serving on the New York City Board of Education in the early 1970s and later teaching.

In his spare time, Joe served on the boards of many prominent civil rights organizations as well as service with many labor-related organizations. He also spent a great deal of time researching and writing some of the most influential scholarly works on issues affecting His-

panics, Puerto Ricans, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Mr. Speaker, Joe was a tireless leader, brimming with vision, energy and ideals. He was a mentor, a teacher, a friend, and, most importantly, the source of inspiration to countless leaders. The institutions that he touched were forever marked as they reached new heights of service and dedication to worthy causes.

Joe's legacy of service to others and his valuable contributions in all sectors of society will be sorely missed but his legacy lives on.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Joe's family, colleagues, friends, and all those whom he touched by his life and example.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Monserrat was an uncommon leader on the many different issues that he addressed during his life. He truly showed the way for many Puerto Ricans and Hispanics who followed in his footsteps in New York City and in the nation. Joe could truly be called one of the leading lights of the Hispanic community in the United States, and his commitment to public service should be honored. Fortunately through his leadership, he created a generation of people who will ensure that his vision for the betterment of the Puerto Rican and Hispanic community will not be lost.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to report that even with his passing, his light was not extinguished; instead it will shine stronger than ever among all those he inspired. I ask my colleagues to join me and all who had the privilege of knowing Joe Monserrat in paying tribute to him for serving his community and our nation with uncommon wisdom, generosity and dignity.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2419,
ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOP-
MENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2006

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the Senate version of the Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Act included a provision authorizing the Bureau of Reclamation to work in cooperation with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB), the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District (COMCD), and local entities to initiate a Water Supply Augmentation Feasibility Study at Lake Thunderbird near Norman, Oklahoma, and appropriating \$300,000 to the Bureau to initiate this study. Unfortunately, due to current fiscal constraints and the difficult decisions that had to be made in light of these constraints, the conferees were forced to remove this provision in the final conference report.

Mr. Speaker, since its construction in 1965, Lake Thunderbird has served as a reliable source of municipal and industrial water for three communities in my district, including Norman. Preliminary findings by the OWRB and the City of Norman indicate that the City's water demands will exceed its current combined supply from groundwater and Lake Thunderbird within 5 years. In fact, since

1988, Norman has exceeded its proportional allocation 12 separate years. Today, all projections show that the annual allocation afforded Norman will always be exceeded without additional supplies being made available. It is anticipated that the two other communities served by Lake Thunderbird may also need additional water in the future.

Appraisal level studies initiated by the Bureau of Reclamation in Fiscal Year 2003 support the need for additional water supplies to meet the region's future needs. This provision was included in the Senate bill to enable the Bureau of Reclamation, in partnership with the OWRB, the COMCD and its member cities, to initiate a more in-depth feasibility-level study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the COMCD and its member cities. I look forward to working with the Chairman and the Bureau of Reclamation to identify any unobligated balances within the Bureau's budget that may be released to initiate this study.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOM-
PLISHMENTS OF VICE ADMIRAL
ARTHUR K. CEBROWSKI, UNITED
STATES NAVY, RETIRED

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a visionary leader, a dedicated naval officer, and a true gentleman. Vice Admiral Arthur K. Cebrowski passed away on November 12, 2005 after a lengthy illness and a lifetime of service to this Nation.

Most recently, Vice Admiral Cebrowski served as the Director of the Office of Force Transformation in the U.S. Department of Defense. He was charged with helping transform the Nation's military capabilities from the post-Cold War Industrial Age to a more agile Information Age military force. But his legacy is much greater than just the leader of an office within the Pentagon.

Admiral Cebrowski was, for many years, a driving force for change—an intellectual whose ideas mattered and found their way into the battlespace, the hands of the troops, and the nooks and crannies of the Pentagon. It was Vice Admiral Cebrowski who first introduced the idea of Network Centric Warfare, now a critical term of art in military strategy. It was Vice Admiral Cebrowski whose ideas on defense procurement are changing the types and quantities of ships the Navy buys and how the Department of Defense will buy satellites and services in the future. It was Vice Admiral Cebrowski who identified the need to move technology more quickly into the hands of the war fighter. He was able to push innovative equipment and tools to the troops for operational experimentation during the War on Terrorism.

While intellectual honesty and vision were his trademark, he was also able to express those ideas in simple and understandable terms to others. As the Director of Force Transformation and as President of the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, he was able to share his vision to educate and shape a new generation of leaders. It was a vision based on combat experience in Vietnam and Desert Storm and as a commanding officer of fighter squadrons and ships.

It is not often that a nation is blessed with a great military leader whose powerful ideas make lasting and important contributions to the future. Sometimes it is only through the passage of time and history that their greatness is recognized fully. After some decades, Rear Admiral William A. Moffett eventually became known as the father of naval aviation. Admiral Hyman G. Rickover was recognized as the father of the nuclear Navy. I believe that Vice Admiral Arthur K. Cebrowski will become known as the father of a network centric military, and students of warfare and peace-making will study his ideas and marvel at his contributions for decades to come.

TRIBUTE TO DICK TSCHIDER

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize the remarkable career of one of the all-time leaders in North Dakota healthcare.

Dick Tschider, CEO of the St Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck, North Dakota, for the past 29 years, is retiring from this position. He has devoted his entire career to this outstanding facility, joining it right out of college, 45 years ago.

We all know about the revolution in health care that has occurred during the last four and a half decades. Under Dick Tschider's leadership, St. Alexius has grown dramatically during this period, and is now recognized throughout the region as one of the premier multi-specialty hospitals in the area.

In fact, when ranked in terms of quality of care and patient safety, it is one of the top 100 hospitals in the entire country. Several aspects of St. Alexius care—notably cardiac care—are exceptional, as determined by the competitive analysis of external reviewers.

It has been my personal and professional privilege to know Dick and work closely with him during the last 20 years as I served as North Dakota's Insurance Commissioner and Congressman. Dick was an exceptional football player and he would throw himself into healthcare reimbursement issues with the zeal and intensity he formerly used against gridiron opponents.

During the years of our working relationship, sometimes we agreed, sometimes we didn't, but we maintained a constructive and productive association throughout all of these years. This relationship led to a very significant achievement for North Dakota in the Medicare Modernization Act passed 2 years ago. Dick and other leading members of the medical community convincingly documented the threat discounted Medicare reimbursements held for healthcare—especially in North Dakota. Senator CONRAD, Senator DORGAN and I fought to get an equitable reimbursement adjustment in the Medicare Modernization Act and then worked feverishly to pass the bill which made it by the slimmest margins.

Dick Tschider is an energetic and compassionate man of considerable abilities. Western North Dakota has been fortunate to have someone of his talent and commitment advancing healthcare in our region. I have been fortunate to have him as a friend.

The career of Dick Tschider is an example of leadership and achievement in service to others. I wish him the best in retirement.

AMERICA'S UNSUNG HEROES—THE CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, each and every Member of Congress has crime victim advocates in his or her District. It's likely you hear from them now and again, particularly when critical funding for crime victim services is at stake—like the Administration's proposal to drain the Crime Victim Fund to balance the budget—or you may hear from them when they plead that victims' rights are enforced in accordance with the law. It's also likely that you have an inkling of what these folks do for a living. But I'm pretty sure that you don't know just how much victim advocates are the “unsung heroes” of America today.

Back when I was a prosecutor in the great state of Texas, we didn't have “victim advocates.” There was nobody to provide the victim with support and guidance. The criminal and juvenile justice systems were like a maze to them and, let me tell you, the laboratory mice did a lot better in finding the cheese! Crime victims were lost. Crime victims were forgotten. Crime victims were merely “evidence” used to successfully prosecute criminal cases. Crime victims were “re-victimized” on a daily basis by a system that should be designed to protect them.

At the end of my days as a prosecutor and the beginning of my days as a judge, I started to see these folks called “victim advocates” in court. Back then, their job was to notify victims of the status of their cases and offenders, and explain to them what is often an overwhelming criminal justice process. But if you listened to victims back then, they would tell you that their advocates were so much more. They were a “Rock of Gibraltar” in a rocking sea of confusion. They were there to hold their hands and provide comfort. They were, as one prosecutor from Texas last month noted, “the centerpiece of the courtroom” when it came to helping crime victims and witnesses.

I was privileged earlier this month to deliver a keynote speech at the National Conference of State VOCA Assistance and Crime Victim Compensation Administrators in New Mexico. These are folks that, every single minute of every single day, are on “the front line for victims of crime.” There were over 300 “victim advocates” in the house, and I think it is well worth the time of the U.S. Congress to recognize them.

You should know about the remarkable victim advocates who spent the last year planning this conference, and spent some really quality time learning from each other about how to better help crime victims. For 4 days, state-level victim advocates who oversee funding for vital victim services, and manage state victim compensation programs that help victims recover from the financial losses resulting from crime, came together to teach each other, and learn from each other, and figure out ways to improve assistance to crime victims in ALL our Districts.

Let me begin by saluting John Gillis, the Director of the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime. John knows too well the impact of crime on victims. When he was an LAPD detective almost 30 years ago, his beautiful daughter Louarna was murdered by gang members in a vicious “kill a cop's kid” murder that would move them up the gang hierarchy.

John and his wife Patsy reacted to Louarna's death as so many crime victims and survivors do. They became activists to change how our criminal justice system treats victims, and change how our society views victims. John has spent the last three decades fighting for crime victims' rights, and does so now at the helm of the Office for Victims of Crime, considered the “mother ship” of victim assistance in America. John has become a friend and someone whom I admire and deeply respect. He is our nation's leading “victim advocate” and crime victims everywhere in America are fortunate to have him at the Office for Victims of Crime.

Next, I would like to recognize the Directors of the two national associations that help states manage funding for victim services and victim compensation.

Steve Derene is the Director of the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators. Back in 1984, he helped craft the Victims of Crime Act, which uses fines and fees assessed against convicted Federal offenders to support crime victim services. He has been a true advocate for victims in Wisconsin and, in the past five years, for victims across our nation. He is known as “Stevie Wonder” because he, more than most, has embraced technology as a means to facilitate more effective justice processes and victim assistance; and because it seems he is on call 24/7 to help victims and those who serve them.

Dan Eddy is the Director of the National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards. Dan is a quiet, unassuming victim advocate, but the impact of his work is far-reaching. Under his direction, victims of crime in all of our Districts have received millions of dollars—again, not from taxpayers but from convicted offenders—to help them cope with the financial impact of crime. Dan Eddy is truly an “unsung hero” whose efforts are felt in states, communities, neighborhoods and homes across America each and every day.

The Presidents of both Associations—Joe Hood from Georgia and Larry Tackman from New Mexico—also deserve mention. These are two men with a true vision for the field of crime victim services. When they are not managing their state VOCA and compensation programs, they are working hard to promote strength and unity in victim services across our land. With their respective Boards of Directors, they put on a fine conference, and deserve our thanks.

I am guessing ya'll have attended events where everything ran very smoothly. I can assure you this doesn't happen by “accident.” So let me tip my hat to Ms. Gillian Nevers, who had an illustrious career as a Wisconsin victim advocate, and who earlier this month facilitated one of the best victim assistance training conferences ever.

And now I'd like to introduce you to some wonderful victim advocates from New Mexico, and know that my colleagues from New Mexico join me in thanking them. These are the folks who not only put on the conference I attended, but also help victims of their state

every day, in ways large and small. These are people for whom compassion is part of their DNA. Let me introduce you to the staff of the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission: Kristy Ring, Deputy Director; Robin Brassie, VOCA Administrator; Sheila Allen, VAWA Administrator; Julie Duren, Reparation Officer Supervisor; Terri Ruegger, Financial & HR Officer; Dorothy Padilla; Randy Vallejos; Debra Yepa; Jacqueline Chavez; Denise Jaramillo; Mary Anne Garcia; Michele Threlkel; Moises Valdez; Paula Smith; Debra Simpson; Suzanne Gallegos; Wendy Archibeque, and Robert Norfor.

You are simply hearing their names. But I had the chance to meet them, and want you to know that our Nation is a better place because of their ongoing commitment to helping victims of crime.

And that's just the way it is.

THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT (H.R. 2744)

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Conference Report on the fiscal year 2006 Agriculture Appropriations Act. While this bill takes some positive steps, overall it is a missed opportunity.

This bill provides increased funding for critical food assistance programs, including Women, Infants and Children, WIC, and school lunch. The conference report also upholds current adjunctive eligibility requirements for WIC and Medicaid. This will save local WIC agencies in six states, including Minnesota, from having to conduct 275,000 duplicative eligibility determinations and keep resources devoted to nutrition assistance.

Voluntary conservation programs that I support, such as the Conservation Reserve Program, CRP, and the Wetlands Reserve Program, WRP, receive \$840 million in funding. For generations, farmers and others working close to the land have made positive contributions to the conservation effort. Programs like CRP and WRP assist landowners in reducing erosion, improving soil and water quality, and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat.

Funding for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, APHIS, is increased to address food safety and emerging diseases, namely avian influenza. Prompt action is needed to safeguard against further spread of this deadly strain and to be prepared for a potential outbreak at home or abroad.

Despite these positive aspects, Congress missed an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of families by failing to provide relief for the millions of Americans facing soaring prescription drug prices. I supported language passed by the House of Representatives to allow reimportation of prescription drugs. Unfortunately, this language—which would have barred the Food and Drug Admin-

istration, FDA, from preventing prescription drug reimportation—was stripped in conference committee for a third year in a row. It is unacceptable for anyone to suffer because prescription drugs have become too expensive, and it is disappointing that once again Congress has prioritized pharmaceutical companies over families.

This bill also imposes further delays upon implementation of mandatory Country-of-Origin Labeling, COOL, requirements. COOL provides our families with important information on meat, fish, fruits and vegetables. It also gives U.S. producers credit for the considerable investment they make in the quality and safety of their products. The 2002 Farm Bill required mandatory labeling by 2004, but the fiscal year 2004 Agriculture Appropriations Act delayed implementation of COOL to 2006. This conference report further delays implementation of COOL until 2008.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2419, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this conference report.

I would first like to thank the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr. HOBSON, and the Ranking Member, Mr. VISCLOSKY, for their work in putting together the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, and in negotiating with the Senate on this conference report.

I also want to thank both of them for including \$48 million in the conference report to continue funding the Port of Oakland's 50-foot dredging project in my district in California, and for including \$5,585,000 for Operations and Maintenance.

As the fourth largest container port in the country, the Port of Oakland serves as one of our premier international trade gateways to Asia and the Pacific.

The 50-foot dredging project will underpin an \$800 million expansion project funded by the Port that will improve infrastructure, expand capacity and increase efficiencies throughout the distribution chain.

Once this project is finished, the Port projects that an additional 8,800 jobs will be added, business revenue will increase by \$1.9 billion, and local tax revenues will go up by \$55.5 million. Best of all, 100 percent of the dredged materials will be reused for wetlands restoration, habitat enhancement, and upland use within the San Francisco Bay Area.

I appreciate the Subcommittee's support for this project and I look forward to continuing to work with the chairman and ranking member to complete it.

COMMENDING THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY EMPLOYERS OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 302, recognizing and commending the support provided by the employers of members of the National Guard and other reserve divisions who have been mobilized during the Global War on Terror.

More than 433,000 members of the reserve components of the United States Army have been mobilized for active duty since September 11, 2001. During this difficult time for them and their families, the commitment of their employers is essential. The obligations of the National Guard and other reserve components will continue for years to come, and job security and support for those who are mobilized in defense of our nation is crucial for the country in continuing the War on Terror.

In my home town of Chicago, many employers have demonstrated their commitment to the safety of the nation and to those who fight to secure it. When National Guard employees of Chicago law firm Bell, Boyd & Lloyd learned they would be deployed, the firm responded by asking how it could help. Whether the need was for supplying care packages to the troops or redoubling their support as deployments were extended, this firm has provided tremendous assistance to its employees and their families.

Doug Ewing, the former president of Ewing-Doherty Mechanical, Inc., left a strong legacy of support for our troops. When his employees were deployed, Mr. Ewing supplied them with necessary provisions and equipment. He also frequently contacted his employees' families in order to boost their morale and ensure that they were provided with any necessary assistance. Mr. Ewing has sadly passed away, but his commitment and compassion will long be remembered by his employees and their families.

The Chicago Fire Departments and Chicago Police Department also merit recognition for the support they give to their employees who have been mobilized during the War on Terror and their families. These employers have shown themselves to be dedicated to the security of the nation, and have provided support beyond that which is required. They deserve our most sincere recognition and gratitude. I would like to offer my praise for their contributions, and encourage the Department of Defense to continue its efforts to maintain a high level of support between deployed Guardsmen and their employers.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in recognizing and commending the strong support provided by employers for those who work to secure the goals and safety of the United States.

DESIGNATING THE ALBERT H.
QUIE POST OFFICE (H.R. 3989)

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3989, a bill to designate the U.S. Post Office in Dennison, Minnesota as the "Albert H. Quie Post Office."

It is appropriate that we honor this special Minnesotan, who served our great state and Nation in the U.S. Navy during World War II and as State Senator, Congressman, and Minnesota Governor. It is especially fitting that the

Post Office in Dennison, MN will carry his name. Al Quie grew up on a farm outside of Dennison and attended school in nearby Nerstrand and Northfield. His family and the community he lived in instilled in him a sense of service that is still with him today.

Governor Quie led a distinguished career in many respects, one that was especially important to me as a student living in his Congressional district. As a long-time member of the House Education Committee, he created a special legacy in the area of education and advocated tirelessly for quality education programs for America's children. His leadership in public education is still respected in Minnesota, where he is often asked to share his

vision for education at meetings and conferences.

This devout Lutheran left another legacy in Congress when he helped start the Congressional Prayer Breakfast for his colleagues. Forty-seven years later, Members still enjoy this weekly tradition.

Mr. Quie was elected to Congress in 1958 and ten succeeding Congresses, but I remember most fondly his election in 1972. The 26th Amendment had just been ratified, giving me and other 18 year-olds the right to vote. I cast my vote for Albert Quie, a vote I am still proud of today.

Thank you for your fine service, Governor Quie, and for inspiring a spirit of service in others.