

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF JOHN DOMINICK BENEDETTO: HE SHARED HIS FAITH IN ETHICS AND FAIRNESS TOWARD HIS FELLOW MAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to my friend, John Dominick Benedetto, who died August 29, 2005, in Jupiter, Florida. His memory lives on in the loving embrace of his family and many friends.

John brought a breath of love and beauty to everything he touched, whether in music, the arts, in the preparation of foods, or in his creativity as an entrepreneur.

In World War II, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force. But his appreciation for this land was manifest most deeply in his heartfelt concern for all of its people. He truly believed that every man, woman and child was due—without distinction—the fairness and justice that are America's promise.

In his unassuming way, John personified for me the great Godly virtue taught to us in the Gospel of Matthew: As you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me.

My love and condolences go out to Patricia, his faithful and loving wife of 28 years, their five daughters and two sons, their seven grandchildren, and of course, his brother, Tony.

For the information of my colleagues I submit the following obituary which was published in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel on August 30, 2005.

Benedetto, John Dominick, was born on March 18, 1923 in New York City, died August 29, 2005 in Jupiter, FL. He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years Patricia, his brother Tony, five daughters, two sons and seven grandchildren. As a young boy, John sang with the Metropolitan Opera Company, where his beautiful tenor voice resonated through the hills of Italy. His talent and creativity was a mainstay throughout his life, and manifested through his passion for music, life, art, and family. After returning from his tour with the U.S. Air Force during WWII, John became an entrepreneur whose passion for invention was nurtured through the development of many ideas and opportunities. As an innovative thinker, John thought about ways to make the world a better place to live and to foster positive social change. John loved to bring people together, whether it was for a small family gathering where he would create amazing meals with love, or simply sitting on his dock and fishing with a friend or relative. His travels and life's path brought him many experiences that were colorfully shared in anecdotes over a card game or an expertly mixed drink. John's charm and charisma attracted many friends, and allowed him to touch many people. John will be greatly missed. A private service will be arranged by the family for a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family thanks all who can please donate to the

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CHILD MEDICATION SAFETY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, specifically pertaining to H.R. 1790, the Child Medication Safety Act, I firmly believe that parents should have the final say about the administering of medication to their child. I agree with the legislation's main intent to prohibit school personnel from requiring a child, as a condition of attending school or receiving services, to obtain a prescription for a controlled substance or a psychotropic drug.

JIMMY BRESLIN GETS IT RIGHT: THE IRAQ WAR IS A LOCAL ISSUE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce into the RECORD the commentary entitled "War must be a local issue", written by Jimmy Breslin in the November 9, 2005 issue of *Newsday*.

Jimmy Breslin's writing cuts to the heart of an issue and this article does just that. He focuses on how the President's lies are perpetuated at the local level, in this case by Mayor Michael Bloomberg; and how some in the Congress and we as citizens accept those lies because we are living "in a time of National Alzheimer's."

Mr. Breslin wrote of the funeral of a 26-year-old marine, Riayan A. Teheda at which Mayor Bloomberg spoke two years ago. According to Mr. Breslin, the Mayor pronounced of the marine killed in Iraq: "He died to keep the weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of . . ." After those words, Mr. Breslin said "you heard no more." Speaking of Mayor Bloomberg, Mr. Breslin wrote: "He was up there in the presence of a gallant New Yorker and he spread a lie and for me it was the start of his campaign and it ended with me not voting for him . . ."

The funeral of Riayan A. Teheda was at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on Wadsworth Avenue in Washington Heights, which to Mr. Breslin was "more than somewhat local." He reports that he had been to the funerals of other kids in the Bronx, Ridgewood and in Brooklyn. Mr. Breslin concluded: "If a kid who gets killed is local, then—the war is local."

When President Bush "comforts" the families who have lost their sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, fathers and mothers by telling

them the deaths of their loved ones honors those have died before them, he cannot really provide comfort. The parents of a fallen soldier would never ask that another family suffer what they have suffered. The parents I have met don't believe their sons and daughters need the deaths of other sons and daughters to prove their children have died honorably. They believe their children died for their country. They have died for their country.

To quote Mr. Breslin again: "They die in the splendor of bravery, the prayer of valor. And fall in vain because the government causes them to die in vain."

What Mr. Breslin identifies is national leadership that is, "a fake and a fraud and a shill and a sham" who has now, unwittingly perhaps, admitted he was wrong but blames the Democrats who voted to go to war because they made the mistake of believing what he told them.

American soldiers and Iraqis are still dying. The President has still not told anyone the real reason we are in Iraq. He has not told the truth about the intelligence he and a chosen few had when he took this country to war.

Jimmy Breslin is one of New York's most talented writers. His description of New York and of the Nation as having Alzheimer's is strong but descriptive in a way hard to put in to other words and have the same effect. The people in this country do not know there are two wars being fought by a tiny fraction of this population and that their sacrifice is being inflicted and endured out of the sight of the Media and the American public.

[From *Newsday*, Nov. 9, 2005]

WAR MUST BE A LOCAL ISSUE

(By Jimmy Breslin)

The church was empty at dusk. You stood in the stillness and looked at the place, right there on the side of the altar, where Michael Bloomberg spoke over the casket of a fallen aristocrat of the city, Riayan A. Teheda, Marine, dead in Iraq at age 26.

Bloomberg pronounced, "He died to keep the weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of . . ."

You heard no more. He was up there in the presence of a gallant New Yorker and he spread a lie and for me it was the start of his campaign and it ended with me not voting for him last night.

He says of Iraq, "It is not a local issue."

This was almost 2 years ago at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on Wadsworth Avenue in Washington Heights, which is more than somewhat local.

By myself, I have been at the deep grief of another soldier's funeral in the Bronx, one in Ridgewood, another in Brooklyn.

If the kid who gets killed is local, then—the war is local.

This war continues without an official protest that would call out the will of the people of the City of New York and might count in a Nation that by now realizes it has been the victim of a president who is a fake and a fraud and a shill and a sham and now is going around with the blind staggers.

Only the other night, in a television appearance with the opponent, Ferrer, Bloomberg was asked about withdrawing troops from Iraq and—heavens!—you can't do

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that. Why, that would mean that New York's fallen military would have died in vain. And why you could never say that about the three or four who would be killed on the day after that, and tomorrow and tomorrow.

They die in the splendor of bravery, the prayer of valor. And fall in vain because the government causes them to die in vain.

Around this great city yesterday, the day went into the heart of the night without excitement. There was an election for mayor and the streets should have been loud with the shrieks of people crying for your vote. Bloomberg last night finished spending at least \$70 million to get re-elected and the money suffocated the election. That is not democracy. Every one of those dollars should form the seeds of a revolt.

He is the mayor in a time of National Alzheimer's, and New York, too, is stricken. We have Bloomberg silent on a war. And once in this State we had as senators at the same time, Robert F. Kennedy and Jacob Javits. Look at the citizenry here accepting as United States senators, Clinton and Schumer, who both supported the war. The coin has cheapened and no outcry is heard.

How can Mike Bloomberg be the mayor of this city and not try to put his voice and weight into saving lives?

Bloomberg follows the smirking, deadly lies of a president who had people getting killed for what? For oil, for Dear Old Dad, for a racist disdain for a guy in an alley with a rag on his head. Bush saw the rag but never noticed the gun the guy carried.

Last night, Julio Cesar Tejada, the dead Marine's father, stood in the swarms of people going past his building at 602 W. 180th St. He is 53 and stocky, with short black hair and a pleasant face. On the sidewalk next to him was the small, permanent grotto to his son. A photo. Flowers. Candles. Prayers in Spanish and English.

"How has it been?" he said. He patted his chest. "My heart fell apart. I cannot work. I spend all the days going to the doctor."

"The wife?"

He shook his head. "It is very bad for her." He said he had to get the Con Edison bill paid. "They turn off the lights if you don't."

At the corner, a young woman, a college student, asked him about Bloomberg clinging to the war. Now I mentioned the speech at his son's funeral.

Julio shook his head. "I was too mixed up at the funeral."

He said then he was going to vote.

"For whom?"

He shook his head. "I don't know 'til I get there."

THE CHILD MEDICATION SAFETY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I opposed the Child Medication Safety Act in the 108th Congress and I rise today to oppose it once again on the same grounds.

It is a solution without a problem. The bill is based on the assumption that a substantial number of educators require students to take medication in order to attend school.

I opposed it previously after the House Committee on Education and the Workforce held a hearing on the bill. At that time, not one witness could produce statistical evidence that this was a nationwide problem and that stu-

dents were prevented from attending school over medication.

I still believe passing this legislation is an irresponsible rush to legislative judgment without all the facts. We should not pass legislation over anecdotes and isolated incidents, and I have yet to see evidence that this legislation is necessary.

Today, we vote on H.R. 1790 without even holding a hearing to determine why this bill is needed and to look at any new evidence.

I will not argue that there may be cases when a teacher unfairly or unjustly asks that a student take medication for behavioral concerns.

But H.R. 1790 assumes teachers across the nation are requiring students to take medication. Please, let us be clear, teachers educate. They do not medicate; physicians must prescribe medication.

This legislation is based largely on false assumptions.

Let us consider the impact of this bill in the classroom. If a child is having trouble seeing the blackboard, the teacher must advise the parent to seek professional help.

The same is true if a child has behavioral problems or mental health issues. Teachers can make recommendations that may help the student learn.

Again, I have yet to see statistical evidence that teachers are preventing students from attending school because they refusing to take medication.

Mr. Speaker, until I see hard evidence that this issue is a problem for our students and schools, I cannot support this bill.

TORTURE SHATTERS AND DEFILES GOD'S IMAGE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a letter written under the auspices of Rabbis for Human Rights North America in February 2005 (corresponding to the Hebrew Year Adar 5765) to President Bush and Members of Congress entitled: Rabbinic Letter Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment of Detainees. I wish to enter into the RECORD as well the names of all the signatories to the letter.

This letter was written of behalf of Rabbis for Human Rights of North America and was written "out of a deep sense of concern about the erosion of American's longstanding commitment that torture is absolutely reprehensible."

"We understand that the most fundamental ethical principle, which results from our belief in God as Creator of the World and Parent of all humanity, is that every human being is seen as reflecting the Image of God. Torture shatters and defiles God's Image. The purpose of torture is to remove a person's pride, humiliate that person, or make his or her life so painful that the person does or says whatever the interrogator wants. Torture 'works' by attempting to deprive a human being of will, spirit and personal dignity. The humanity of the perpetrators, as well as the victims, is inevitably compromised by the use of torture."

"We are particularly appalled by the infliction of sexual humiliation on prisoners under United States custody. Jewish tradition upholds a high standard of personal modesty. Indeed the Bible's term for prohibited sexual behavior is to 'uncover the nakedness' of another. However, even non-sexual acts that overpower people and attempt to break their will and diminish their dignity are acts of humiliation that Jewish tradition abhors."

The Rabbinic Letter specifically calls on the U.S. Government to state in unequivocal terms that the use of any tactics of physical abuse, the deprivation of food, water, sleep, disorientation, religious degradation or purposive humiliations of a prisoner is prohibited. This must be the basis understanding for the treatment of any captive, whether or not he or she originates from a country or belongs to a group that is a signatory to the Geneva conventions."

Despite the statements of President Bush that "We don't torture," the American People know that we do. Not only have we seen the pictures of the handcuffed, naked prisoners at Abu Ghraib and male prisoners being sexually humiliated; not only have we been stained by the image of the Hooded Man attached to wires at Guantanamo; not only has the International Committee of the Red Cross reported that we subject detainees to torture; now we learn we have a system of secret prisons run by the F.B.I. in which we keep detainees that have been disappeared. We don't know who they are or what has been done to them.

An article by M. Gregg Bloche, a law professor at Georgetown University who is also a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution and Jonathan H. Marks, a barrister in London, as well as a bioethics fellow at Georgetown and Johns Hopkins, revealed that mostly unredacted F.B.I. email shows that interrogation techniques used on detainees at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo were from the SAVE program invented by the Red Army and used on Americans captured in Korea and in Vietnam. These interrogation techniques are used only to break the will and spirit of a prisoner so as to get false confessions from them. In these techniques, truth is beside the point.

I support the McCain amendment. That amendment embodies everything the Rabbinic Letter calls for and everything that people of faith everywhere call for. It calls for America to renew its character and banish the stain caused by the Bush embrace of torture.

FEBRUARY 2005.

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: On behalf of Rabbis for Human Rights North America, we write out of a deep sense of concern about the erosion of America's longstanding commitment that torture is absolutely reprehensible.

All of us have been shocked by the published pictures of the behavior of some American soldiers at Abu Ghraib. We applaud the fact that this administration is prosecuting some of the worst offenders there as well as several soldiers who were responsible for the deaths of Afghani prisoners under their protection in that other theater of war.

What is most disturbing, though, is that the documents that have been made public as these cases move forward demonstrate that the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment had been approved at the highest levels of the Administration, that commanders in the field have permitted much of this behavior, that directives from the Department of Defense appear

to advocate the use of torture and other abuses, and that even today the position of the Administration is that the members of Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups are not covered by the Geneva Conventions. Recent reports from the Red Cross and from FBI agents, for example, raise new concerns about American treatment of detainees at Guantanamo.

We are not addressing the technical legal arguments that characterize this discussion. Rather, we want to express our moral concerns about the human situation—concerns that stem from the heart of America's values, the essence of democracy, and the soul of Jewish tradition.

We understand that the most fundamental ethical principle, which results from our belief in God as Creator of the world and Parent of all humanity, is that every human being is seen as reflecting the Image of God. Torture shatters and defiles God's Image. The purpose of torture is to remove a person's pride, humiliate that person, or make his or her life so painful that the person does or says whatever the interrogator wants. Torture "works" by attempting to deprive a human being of will, spirit, and personal dignity. The humanity of the perpetrators, as well as the victims, is inevitably compromised by the use of torture.

Jewish tradition calls for humane treatment even of one's adversaries. In the Book of Exodus (23:4), the Bible teaches, "When you encounter an enemy's ox or donkey, you must take it back to him." Here the religious test is, strikingly, not how one would treat a friend, but how one relates to one's enemy.

Classical Rabbinic texts are rigorous in prohibiting acts of humiliation. In Jewish tort law, an additional penalty is assessed against one who has physically injured another person when it is found that the victim also suffered, humiliation (*boshet*), while being wounded. Even verbal humiliation is said to be the equivalent of shedding blood. We are particularly appalled by the infliction of sexual humiliation on prisoners under United States custody. Jewish tradition upholds a high standard of personal modesty. Indeed the Bible's term for prohibited sexual behavior is to "uncover the nakedness" of another. However, even non-sexual acts that overpower people and attempt to break their will and diminish their dignity are acts of humiliation that Jewish tradition abhors. It is significant that nowhere in the 3000-year long corpus of Jewish law is there any allowance for acts of physical coercion in interrogations.

Consider the ruling of the Supreme Court of Israel, which outlawed the use of torture in interrogations, despite the fact that terrorist organizations have Israel's annihilation as their express goal, carry out attacks that murder scores of men, women, and children, and do not distinguish between civilian and military targets. Despite this constant reality of cruelty and merciless savagery, the Supreme Court of Israel found no reason why tactics other than face-to-face interrogation should be allowed against any prisoner. After the fact, if/when an interrogator is charged with a violation, he is permitted to raise a defense of necessity—i.e., his actions were necessary to prevent an imminent attack endangering human life; but no permission is given before the fact, even in a country facing life-threatening terror.

At the conclusion of their decision, the Israeli jurists acknowledge that forswearing inhumane means such as torture, even for honorable ends,

"* * * is the destiny of democracy, as not all means are acceptable to it, and not all practices employed by its enemies are open before it. Although a democracy must fight

with one hand tied behind its back, it nonetheless has the upper hand. Preserving the rule of law and recognition of an individual's liberty constitutes an important component in its understanding of security. At the end of the day, they strengthen its spirit and its strength and allow it to overcome its difficulties."

First, as Jewish leaders representing all the movements of our Jewish community, in consonance with world consensus and with the teachings of Jewish tradition in every age, we call for a complete repudiation and prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment for any purpose, in any instance. We call on the U.S. government to state in unequivocal terms that the use of any tactics of physical abuse, the deprivation of food, water, sleep, disorientation, religious degradation or purposive humiliation of a prisoner is prohibited. This must be a basic understanding for the treatment of any captive, whether or not he or she originates from a country or belongs to a group that is a signatory to the Geneva conventions. All those in the custody of U.S. military, military contractors, or intelligence officials must be provided with visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross, in accordance with U.S. obligations under international law.

Secondly, we note that in the trial of Specialist Charles A. Graner, Jr., his defense lawyers argued that he was simply following the lessons he had learned in civilian life as a prison guard. It is shocking to think that the prelude to Abu Ghraib may have been the treatment of our people in our own prisons. The demonstration of the administration's commitment to human dignity must begin at home, to insure that the same principles of human dignity we are urging the administration to adopt regarding foreign captives be equally applied to American prison inmates. Otherwise, we become what we claim to abhor.

Lastly, we call for full investigation of all allegations of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment committed in settings under United States control or direction and for proper legal sanctions to be applied against individuals who are found to have committed acts of torture. We support the creation of a bipartisan commission to investigate and report on the detention and interrogation procedures of U.S. military and intelligence agencies and to set a course of corrective action.

We look forward to hearing your views on this question and hope that you will provide much needed moral leadership for our nation.

With blessings of Shalom,

RABBI GERRY SEROTTA,

Chair.

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Hammerman, Congregation B'nai Israel, Cincinnati; Rabbi Vered Harris, Leawood; Rabbi Maurice Harris, Temple Beth Israel, Eugene; Rabbi Abraham Havivi, University of Judaism, Los Angeles; Rabbi Alan Henkin, Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Council, Northridge.

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Rabbi Stuart Kelman, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Berkeley; Rabbi Stanley Kessler, Rabbi Emeritus, Beth El Temple, West Hartford; Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block, PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, Rockville; Rabbi Ralph Kingsley, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Sinai of North Dade, Aventura; Rabbi Paul Kipnes, Congregation Or Ami, Calabasas; Rabbi David Klutzer, Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody; Rabbi Stephen Klein, Scarsdale Synagogue-Tremont Temple, Ardsley; Rabbi Jason Klein, Reconstructionist Cong. Beth Emeth, Hewlett; Rabbi Jonathan Klein, USC Hillel Foundation, Los Angeles; Rabbi Amy Klein; Rabbi Andrew Klein, Hevreh, Great Barrington; Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, New York; Rabbi Adam Kligfeld, Congregation Eitz Chaim, Monroe; Rabbi Jonathan Kligler, Woodstock Jewish Congregation, Woodstock; Rabbi Marc Aaron Kline, Temple Adath Israel, Lexington; Rabbi Myriam Klotz; Rabbi Shelley Kniaz, Teaneck; Rabbi Norman D. Koch, Temple Shalom, New Milford;

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Rabbi Amber Powers, Reconstructionist Rabbincal College, Wyncote; Rabbi Marcia Prager, Philadelphia; Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, Monmouth Reform Temple, Tinton Falls; Rabbi Sanford Ragins, Leo Baeck Temple, Los Angeles; Rabbi Lawrence Raphael, Sherith Israel, San Francisco; Rabbi Geela Rayzel Raphael, Jewish Family & Childrens Services, Melrose Park; Rabbi Paula L. Reimers, Center for American & Jewish Studies, Waco; Rabbi Michael M. Remson, Kenosha; Rabbi Steven Reuben, Pacific Palisades.

Rabbi Yael Ridberg, West End Synagogue, New York; Rabbi Moti Rieber, Congregation Beth Shalom, Naperville; Rabbi Seth Riemer, Adath Israel, Middletown; Rabbi Debra Robbins, Temple Emanu-El, Dallas; Rabbi Norman T. Roman, Temple Kol Ami, West Bloomfield; Rabbi Brant Rosen, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Evanston; Rabbi Tracee Rosen, Congregation Kol Ami, Salt Lake City; Rabbi James Bruce Rosenberg, Temple Habonim, Barrington; Rabbi David Rosenn, Avodah, New York; Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, Rabbi John L. Rosove, Temple Israel of Hollywood, Los Angeles; Rabbi Donald Rossoff, Temple B'nai Or, St. Louis; Rabbi Jeff Roth, Co-founder of Elat Chayyim, New Paltz; Rabbi Sandy Roth, Kehilat HaNahar, New Hope; Rabbi Michael Rothbaum, Reconstructionist Temple Beth Israel, Maywood; Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild, Wimbledon Synagogue in England, Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser, Morristown; Rabbi Steven Rubenstein, Congregation Beth Shalom, Kansas City; Rabbi Gloria Rubin, Rabbi Rachel Sabath, Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem; Rabbi Douglas Sagal, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield; Rabbi Joanna Samuels, Congregation Habonim, New York; Rabbi Neil Sandler, Ahavath Achim Synagogue, Reseda; Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Washington; Rabbi Marc Saperstein, George Washington University, Washington.

Rabbi Marna Sapsowitz, Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, West Newton; Rabbi Elizabeth Sarah, Rabbi, Brighton & Hove, Progressive Synagogue, Brighton & Hove; Rabbi Dennis & Sandy Sasso, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis; Rabbi Scott B. Saulson, Jewish Family & Career Services, Atlanta; Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller, Congregation Sherith Israel, San Francisco; Rabbi Rabbi Richard Schachet, Valley Outreach Synagogue, Henderson; Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Aleph, Boulder; Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb, Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, Bethesda; Rabbi Chaim Leib Schneider, California Community Chevre, Santa Cruz; Rabbi David A. Schuck, Pelham Jewish Center, Pelham; Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz, Temple Bnai Israel, Willimantic; Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz, Congregation M'kor Shalom, Cherry Hill; Rabbi Arthur L. Schwartz, Kehillath Shalom Synagogue, Cold Spring Harbor; Rabbi Sidney Schwarz, Panim, Rockville; Rabbi David Seidenberg, Academy for Jewish Religion, Los Angeles; Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, San Jose Bruce; Rabbi Bruce Bromberg Seltzer, Smith College, Northampton; Rabbi Gerald Serotta, Temple Shalom, Chevy Chase; Rabbi Isaac Daniel Serotta, Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism, Highland Park; Rabbi Drorah Setel, Congregation Havurah, Buffalo; Rabbi Judy B. Shanks, Temple Isaiah, Lafayette; Rabbi Mark Shapiro, Sinai Temple, Springfield; Rabbi Noach E. Shapiro, Congregation Shomrei Emanah, Montclair; Rabbi Rona Shapiro, Ma'yan, Brooklyn; Rabbi John M. Sherwood, Temple Emet of Woodland Hills, CA, Oxnard.

Rabbi Dan Shevitz, Congregation Mishkon Tephilo, Venice; Rabbi David Shneyer, Am Kolel, Rockville; Rabbi Stephen Shulman, Bronx; Rabbi Sheila Shulman, Beit Klal Yisrael, London; Rabbi Hanna Tiferet Siegel, B'nai Or, Boston, W. Roxbury; Rabbi Jodie Siff, RSNS, Plandome; Rabbi Reuven Silverman, Manchester Reform Synagogue, Manchester; Rabbi David Wolf Silverman, Princeton Jewish Center, Princeton; Rabbi Suzanne Singer, Temple Sinai, Oakland; Rabbi Steven Sirbu, Temple Emeth, Teaneck; Rabbi Scott Slarskey, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, San Francisco; Rabbi Jonathan Slater, Institute for Jewish Spirituality, Hastings On Hudson; Rabbi Eric Slaton, Beth Israel Synagogue, Toms River; Rabbi Amy Small, Congregation Beth Hatikvah, Chatham; Rabbi Joel Soffin, Temple Shalom, Succasunna; Rabbi Ruth H. Sohn, Milken Community High School, Los Angeles; Rabbi Myra Soifer, Temple Sinai, Reno; Rabbi Felicia L. Sol, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York; Rabbi Rav A. Soloff, Lansdale; Rabbi Eric M. Solomon, Congregation Tehillah, New York; Rabbi Mark Solomon, Liberal Jewish Synagogue, The, London; Rabbi Marc Soloway, Bonai Shalom, Scarsdale; Rabbi Hesch Sommer; Rabbi Scott Sperling; Rabbi Aaron Spiegel, Indianapolis Center for Congregations, Indianapolis.

Rabbi Adam Spilker, Mount Zion, St. Paul; Rabbi Jonathan Spira-Savett, Forest Hills; Rabbi Toba Spitzer, Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, Lexington; Rabbi Sonya Starr, Columbia Jewish Congregation, Columbia; Rabbi Howard Stecker, Temple Israel, Great Neck; Rabbi Margot Stein, Bala, Cynwyd; Rabbi Peter Stein, Temple Sinai, Cranston; Rabbi David Steinberg, Temple Beth Israel, Plattsburgh; Rabbi Naomi Steinberg, Temple Beth El, Eureka; Rabbi George M. Stern, Northwest Interfaith Movement, Philadelphia; Rabbi Benjamin Sternman, Congregation Beth Israel, Austin; Rabbi Jeffrey B. Stiffman, Congregation Shaare Emeth, St. Louis; Rabbi Ira Stone, Rabbi Ariel Stone-

Halpern, Congregation Shir Tikvah, Portland; Rabbi Michael Strassfeld, Society for the Advancement, New York; Rabbi Andrew F. Straus, Temple Emanuel of Tempe, Tempe; Rabbi David Straus, Rabbi David Straus, Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim, Wynnewood; Rabbi William Strongin, Kehillat Ahavat Achim, New Paltz; Rabbi Leah Kurtz Sudran, Congregation B'nai Israel, Petaluma; Rabbi Alvin M. Sugarman, The Temple, Atlanta; Rabbi Yaaffa-Shira Sultan, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; Rabbi Jeff Sultar, Mishkan Shalom, Philadelphia; Rabbi Alana Suskin, Adas Israel Congregation, Washington; Rabbi Daniel Swartz, Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light, Takoma Park.

Rabbi Robert Tabak, Hospital of The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Rabbi Joshua Taub, Temple Emanuel, St. Louis; Rabbi Dov Taylor, Congregation Solel, Highland Park; Rabbi Elliott Tepperman, Bnai Keshet, Montclair; Rabbi David Teutsch, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote; Rabbi Carla Theodore, Witnesses for a Sustainable Economy, Sperryville; Rabbi Robert Traer, Dominican University of California; Rabbi Lawrence Troster, Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, Teaneck; Rabbi Theodore Tsuruoka, Temple Isaiah of Great Neck, Great Neck; Rabbi Gordon Tucker, Temple Israel Center, White Plains; Rabbi Jason Van Leeuwen, B'nai Tikvah Congregation, Los Angeles; Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky, New York; Rabbi Andrew D. Vogel, Temple Sinai, Brookline; Rabbi David Vorspan, Congregation Shir Ami, Woodland Hills; Rabbi Moshe Waldoks, Temple Beth Zion, Brookline; Rabbi Brian Walt, Rabbis for Human Rights-N.A., West Tisbury; Rabbi Philip Warmflash, Jewish Outreach Partnership of Philadelphia, Melrose Park; Rabbi Andrew Warmflash; Rabbi Arthur Waskow, The Shalom Center, Philadelphia; Rabbi Michael Wasserman, The New Shul, Scottsdale; Rabbi Mira Wasserman, Congregation Beth Shalom, Bloomington; Rabbi Pamela Wax, Kehillat Chaverim, White Plains; Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote; Rabbi Joshua Waxman, Or Hadash, Philadelphia; Rabbi Nancy Wechsler-Azen, Congregation Beth Shalom, Carmichael; Rabbi Elyse Wechterman, Congregation Agudas Achim, Attleboro; Rabbi Sheila Weinberg, Amherst; Rabbi Daniel A. Weiner, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Seattle.

Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, The National Center for Jewish Healing, New York; Rabbi Samuel Weintraub, Kane Street Synagogue, Brooklyn; Rabbi Mimi Weisel, Jewish Community High School of the Bay, San Francisco; Rabbi Lew Weiss, IHC, Indianapolis; Rabbi Zari Weiss, Rodef Tzedek, Seattle; Rabbi Michael White, Temple Sinai of Roslyn, Roslyn; Rabbi Nancy Wiener, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City; Rabbi Dan Wigodsky, Riverdale; Rabbi Jeffrey Wildstein, Temple Israel, Minneapolis; Rabbi Avi Winokur, Society Hill Synagogue, Philadelphia; Rabbi Irvin Wise, Adath Israel Synagogue, Boulder; Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg, The New North Masorti London Synagogue, London; Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlberg, Adas Israel Congregation, Washington; Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf, Rabbi Emeritus, K.A.M. Isaiah Israel Congregation, Chicago; Rabbi Joseph Wolf, Havurah Shalom, Portland; Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan, Congregation Emanu-El, San Francisco; Rabbi Bridget Wynne, Kehilla Community Synagogue, Berkeley; Rabbi Moshe Yehudai; Rabbi Daniel G. Zemel, Temple Micah, Washington; Rabbi Moshe Zemer, Director, Institute of Progressive Halakhah, Tel Aviv Israel; Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz, The Community Synagogue, Port Washington; Rabbi Shawn Zevit, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, Elkins Park; Rabbi Laurie Zimmer-

man, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Madison; Rabbi Michael Zimmerman, Congregation Kehillat Israel, Lansing; Rabbi Henry Zoob, Temple Beth David, Westwood; Rabbi David J. Zucker, Shalom Park, Aurora.

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SALUTING MEG MCCRUMMEN AND THE STUDENT BODY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL IN MOBILE, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, Americans from all walks of life—and from all corners of this great country—celebrated Veterans Day 2005.

In our largest cities and our smallest towns alike, people paused, even if for just a moment, to say thank you to the men and women who over the years have helped to keep America free and strong.

Some communities held parades; others held rallies or prayer vigils, especially for the men and women who are currently fighting for freedom in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

And true to what living in a free country is all about, there were also the occasional signs of protests from people in some parts of the country who oppose our current involvement in the global war on terrorism or, for that matter, oppose anything the majority of Americans support.

At St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, I had the opportunity to wear the hat of a proud parent as the student body held what has become a tradition, the annual St. Paul's school-wide assembly. This year's assembly focused on the meaning of patriotism, as well as a salute to our veterans, a number of whom were in attendance.

Mr. Speaker, last Friday was a beautiful day in Mobile and everyone in attendance witnessed a wonderful tribute to our country, led entirely by the student body. The presentation by the music department set the tone early on with patriotic songs filling the air. It was truly a "Kodak moment" of pride in America.

Naturally, Janée and I were especially proud when it came time for our own 4th grader to represent her class and tell about what patriotism means to her. While admitting some degree of prejudice, we were especially proud because Lee wrote her paper on her own,

without either her mother or daddy's input. That seemed to make her teacher, Mr. Fricke, pleased as well.

All of the students who took part in Friday's tribute did a great job. Every parent, grandparent, teacher and friend had to be full of pride as the words of more than a dozen young people were somehow woven together to make a beautiful quilt of patriotism and love of country.

While everyone did a superb job, one young lady, Meg McCrummen, a St. Paul's junior who is secretary of the Student Government Association, perhaps captured the moment as well as any I have ever heard with her essay on patriotism. It is as follows:

"For the love of her country, Rosa Parks endangered her life for freedom; for the love of his country, George Washington turned down a real chance for great power because he knew America didn't need a king; for the love of his country, Jeremiah Denton endured torture in the Vietnam War, saying he was 'honored to have had the opportunity to serve [his] country,' for the love of their country, people from all over America have come to the Gulf Coast to help clean up the mess left from hurricanes; for the love of their country, individuals support candidates whom they believe will lead America well.

"Patriotism goes far beyond wearing red, white and blue on the Fourth of July; it is a very personal response of gratitude to America. Loving America doesn't at all mean blindly agreeing with leaders. Patriots often speak out against the government they believe is wrong—but it means acknowledging the tremendous gift of being American.

"Every person here is blessed by the fact that we are American. There is a contagious spirit of justice and goodwill that is evident throughout our history of dealing with people. Our country is the envy of many others, and we know freedoms that some foreigners only dream of.

"But where does that leave us, here at St. Paul's? When asked by his wife on Election Day who she should vote for, a soldier on active duty in Iraq replied, 'You vote for whom-ever you want to . . . that's why I'm over here fighting.'

"Is there something worth fighting for? He believes so. I believe so.

"If not with guns, fight with service to our community. If not in Iraq, then fight injustice in Mobile. And so, I challenge you to pray for our leaders, love America actively, and be thankful for the men and women that saw fit to sacrifice their lives for her freedom."

Well said, Meg. Well said.

A TRIBUTE TO LOUISE WILLIAMS BISHOP

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my State Representative, Louise Williams Bishop upon her receipt of the Outstanding Community Leader award from the Friends of Labor Committee of Laborers' Local 332. This amazing woman has simultaneously distinguished herself in three separate careers: as a broadcaster, a Baptist minister, and a State Representative. It defies the

imagination even further to realize that she achieved all of this while raising four children.

Within a few years of graduating from high school, Louise Bishop was named the 'Youngest Voice in Radio,' earned a degree from the American Foundation of Dramatic Arts, and later was awarded both an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Monrovia College and an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Eastern University. From the success of her own career, Louise has nurtured the careers of world-famous recording artists, including stars such as Aretha Franklin.

Called to the ministry early in life, Louise was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1978. A similar inspiration to benefit the community at large later led her to run for public office, and she was elected to the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives in 1988. The voting public already knew her for her good works as a broadcaster and a minister, and has not been disappointed by her record in office. In addition to her other roles, she is now a highly sought after public speaker, as admiration for her strength, character, and accomplishments has spread far and wide.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to Louise Bishop upon her receipt of this award that she so richly deserves. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to recognize her for her many accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL
LUSSIER

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Michael Lussier, the President and CEO of Webster First Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Webster, MA, on his recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). As a Member of the Financial Services Committee, I have enjoyed working with NAFCU to address the needs of our nation's federal credit unions. Mr. Lussier has been a vocal supporter of credit union issues at both the state and national levels and I know he will be an asset to the NAFCU Board.

Mr. Lussier's election to the NAFCU Board is just one more in a long list of accomplishments that has spanned his 19 years with credit unions. He has served as the Chairman, and is currently a Board Member, of the Massachusetts Share Insurance Corporation (MSIC). His illustrious experience further includes service as the Credit Union Ambassador for the United States for Australia and New Zealand and he is a former Director of the Credit Union League of Massachusetts Insurance Agency.

As the President and CEO of Webster First, Mr. Lussier has focused on ensuring his members receive helpful, personal service that caters to the needs of his members and their financial goals. Through his credit union, he is teaching kids necessary life skills by fostering a "Credit Union at School" program to teach

the importance of savings to elementary aged children.

Mr. Lussier's involvement to improve the lives of others can be further illustrated in his commitment to the American Red Cross where he presides as a local Board Member. He spearheaded an effort to build a much needed Red Cross facility in Worcester, MA, by coordinating area credit unions to donate funds to pay for the facility.

It is because of the good work of Mr. Lussier, and others like him, that the credit union movement enjoys the success it has today. Such service is the hallmark of the credit union movement and I wish him the best of luck in his new role as a member of the NAFCU Board of Directors and look forward to working with him in that role.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN ED
ROYBAL

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing and celebrate the life of former Congressman Ed Roybal, an individual who had an extraordinary and inspiring dedication to public service. Ed Roybal's fight for social justice and the rights of the underserved mark him as a true American patriot.

Congressman Roybal's lifelong commitment to public service began at the California Tuberculosis Association, where he eventually became the Director of Health Education. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and then returned to Southern California to found the Los Angeles Community Service Organization, an agency dedicated to mobilizing Los Angeles' Mexican-Americans against discrimination. He was the first Hispanic to serve on the Los Angeles City Council. Representative Roybal was also the first Hispanic from California to serve in the United States Congress in nearly one hundred years. During his 30 years of service, Representative Roybal sat on the Appropriations Committee and chaired the Treasury, Postal Service General Government Subcommittee.

Representative Roybal spent his career fighting for and protecting the rights of the underprivileged. Through his leadership in Los Angeles, he advocated for an end to discrimination against Mexican-Americans in housing, employment, and education. On the national level, Representative Roybal fought for funding for civil rights, health programs, and education initiatives. In 1967, he introduced and won approval for the first federal bilingual education law, which established English classes for migrant children and others. Representative Roybal was also one of the first members of Congress to press for HIV/AIDS research funding. In addition, he fought for the elderly, campaigning for funding for senior programs and successfully maintaining Meals on Wheels. In 1993, the retired congressman founded a non-profit agency dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of health and human services for older persons.

Representative Roybal will be remembered for his distinguished service and his remark-

able leadership in the fight for civil rights and justice. His work is a legacy that serves as an important example for all of us about the immense good that a dedicated and committed public servant can accomplish. I am proud to serve with Representative Roybal's daughter, Representative LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, who continues the legacy of her father with honor and distinction.

HONORING THE FRANK AND
OCLLO BOYKIN HUNTING LODGE
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH
YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Frank and Ocllo Boykin Hunting Lodge on the occasion of its 100th year.

Stories of Congressman Frank Boykin are certainly not unfamiliar to many in this chamber. For nearly three decades, spanning much of the Depression, World War II, the Korean War, and the space exploration and civil rights eras, Congressman Boykin tirelessly served as the representative of Alabama's First Congressional District.

During this time, "Mr. Frank" invited some of the most prominent government, military and business leaders to his hunting lodge in Washington County, Alabama. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the residents of southwest Alabama, ensuring that their needs and concerns were always heard and that their individual problems received the attention they deserved over the course of his 14 terms in the House of Representatives. To say that he loved the people of his district would be an understatement; even the sign at the Boykin Lodge underscored his very love of life... "Where everything is made for love."

Starting with his first year in Congress, Congressman Boykin would bring congressional colleagues and other officials to his hunting lodge on a chartered Pullman car. Guests of the Boykin Lodge included three different Speakers of the House and almost every Alabama governor during the congressman's career. The hunts are held a few days after Thanksgiving every year and are attended, even to this day, by local and statewide officials.

Stories of a Boykin hunt weekend almost always included hound dogs, barbecue, cold "adult beverages," a game or two of cards and shotguns. In addition to the hunting stories, the lodge also served as a place for colleagues to relax, enjoy being away from Washington, D.C., and to bond with one another. Many of the friendships fostered at the Boykin Lodge extended far beyond the boundaries of this rural part of Washington County.

It is my sincere hope that the Frank and Ocllo Boykin Hunting Lodge will continue to be such a source of relaxation, good fellowship and camaraderie for another 100 years, and I rise today to salute this proud family and the many contributions they have made toward the betterment of south Alabama.

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES HARPER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James Harper upon his receipt of the Outstanding Labor Leader award from the Friends of Labor Committee of Laborers' Local 332. Jim Harper has filled the position of Business Manager of Laborers' Local No. 413 since 1977, where he has earned great respect within the Local and in the community at large.

Jim first joined Local 413 in June of 1960, after graduating from Upper Darby High School. Following graduation, Jim put himself through school at West Virginia State College, by using the union dollars he earned from summer employment. A hardworking student, Jim was also very active in the community, where he taught neighborhood children reading and writing skills and developed a college open-house program for students, parents, and school administrators. He also led civil rights demonstrations and participated in the ROTC program.

After college, Jim continued to add to his already impressive record. He attended Penn State University Graduate School, where he balanced his publications on Black History with crucial practical contributions to the community, such as mentoring youth and working to reduce street gang tensions. Jim later served in Vietnam, attaining the rank of captain and receiving several Medals of Honor before returning to teach at Penn State. Throughout his career, Jim has constantly demonstrated his dedication to the union's commitments to unity, education, safety, and community.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my gratitude for Jim Harper's years of service to the community, and I extend my warmest congratulations to him upon his receipt of this award. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate him on all of his accomplishments.

HONORING ROBERT B. (R.B.)
EHLEN

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the accomplishments of a great man and a great Minnesotan, Robert B. Ehlen, on the anniversary of his 100th birthday.

R.B. Ehlen was a true pillar of his community. As a leader in business as well as local politics, R.B. was a real example of the values held dear by Minnesotans—hard work, perseverance, and dedication.

R.B. Ehlen began his work experience when he was five years old—running errands for local merchants, setting pins in a bowling alley, and other odd jobs. When he was sixteen, he was hired on at the Federal Cartridge Corporation (FCC), working as a mail boy and lawn raker. He was an enthusiastic employee—working at least ten-hour days, for 22½ cents an hour.

From this beginning, R.B. moved up quickly at FCC—working in all stages of production, and eventually becoming plant manager. At this time, R.B.'s employees began to recognize his knack for working with people, and they organized a write-in campaign to elect him to the local school board. He won the election, and his lifelong interest in public service was born, culminating in a 12-year term as mayor of Anoka.

R.B. continued to move up the ranks at FCC, drawing praise from coworkers and on-lookers for his fair treatment of his workers and his general compassion for all people. At the time of his retirement, R.B., then the Chairman of the Board of Directors, had served 57 years at FCC, which had grown from just a small company to a nationwide industry leader under his watch.

Mr. Speaker, R.B. Ehlen was a true American leader. A successful businessman and public servant who worked tirelessly for so many years, Ehlen will long be remembered in Anoka and throughout Minnesota as a leader and role model for many.

NATIVE AMERICAN TECHNICAL
CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3351, the Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005. Section 108 of H.R. 3351 contains language from H.R. 600, a bill that I introduced with my colleagues from New Mexico, Representatives HEATHER WILSON and STEVE PEARCE, to clarify issues of criminal jurisdiction within the exterior boundaries of Pueblo lands.

Recent court decisions in New Mexico have created uncertainty and the potential for a void in criminal jurisdiction on pueblo lands. Because of the risk to public safety and law enforcement arising out of this uncertainty, it is important to clarify the scope of criminal jurisdiction on pueblo lands. I share the concerns of tribal leaders who have urged Congress to step in and resolve this legal quandary. I will work with other members of the delegation to see that we can make this law as soon as possible.

The language in my bill and now in H.R. 3351 addresses confusion over criminal jurisdiction on pueblo lands in New Mexico arising out of the holding in *United States v. Gutierrez*, an unreported decision of a federal district court judge in the District of New Mexico that overturned prior precedent regarding the status of the lands within the exterior boundaries of pueblo grants.

The language in the technical corrections bill will amend the Pueblo Lands Act to make clear that the pueblos have jurisdiction, as an act of the pueblos' inherent power as an Indian tribe, over any offense by a member of the pueblo or of another federally recognized Indian tribe, or by any other Indian-owned entity committed anywhere within the exterior boundaries of any grant to a pueblo from a prior sovereign, as confirmed by Congress or the Court of Private Land Claims. The legislation also makes clear that the United States

has jurisdiction over any offense within these grants described in chapter 53 of title 18, United States Code, committed by or against a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe or any Indian-owned entity, or that involves any Indian property or interest. Finally, the legislation makes clear that the State of New Mexico shall have jurisdiction over any offense within these grants committed by a person who is not a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, which offense is not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

This legislation will not affect the scope of pueblo civil jurisdiction within the exterior boundaries of pueblo grants, and it does not in any way diminish the exterior boundaries of these grants.

I would like to thank Chairman POMBO and Ranking Member RAHALL for bringing forth the Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005. I encourage my colleagues to support this important piece of legislation.

U.N. INTERVENTION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the Internet is a truly American invention. As such, it is imbued with the American values of openness, freedom and democracy. It enables information and commerce to flow freely across oceans and political boundaries. The freedom of expression it creates has made censorship and information control futile, forcing governments to sell their ideologies and policies in an open market of ideas.

Because of the freedom embodied by the Internet, it is no surprise that the world's dictatorial regimes would love to control and repress it. Therefore, it is no surprise that representatives from Iran, North Korea and China are conspiring to radically change the way the Internet is run. While they claim to be concerned about the level of control America has over the Internet, their real concern is their own lack of control!

That is why many of these nations had proposed to install a new international government bureaucracy to dictate Internet policy for the world. This new bureaucracy would not only have removed industry and civil society groups from decisions about Internet management, but also threatened the stability of the network and the future of Internet innovation.

But those are unimportant issues to nations that want to rein in dissidents and civil society groups that are using the Internet to spread democracy and freedom in their countries. They don't care about the stability of the Internet; they care about the stability of their morally bankrupt regimes.

Fortunately, our United States negotiators have successfully beat back this lunge for control by the United Nations. But let there be no doubt about it—the desires of these foreign nations and international organizations to control the Internet for their own purposes is still strong, and they will try again and again until they succeed. That is why we must pass H. Con. Res. 268, which reconfirms America's commitment to ensuring the stability and openness of the Internet. It is critically important that the world knows that the United

States Congress stands solidly behind its delegation debating this issue, and behind the freedom of the Internet. More than a billion people rely on the Internet, so we must not compromise on the values of democracy and freedom that have made this engine of information so successful throughout the world. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this important resolution.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge today, November 17, 2005, as the Great American Smokeout. For nearly three decades, the American Cancer Society has designated the third Thursday of each November as a day for smokers nationwide to unite and kick the deadly habit of smoking.

Today, smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. It is a major cause of not only lung cancer, but cancers of the mouth, larynx, pharynx, esophagus, kidney, bladder, pancreas, cervix, and has most recently been associated with acute leukemia and cancers of the stomach. Yet, over 45.4 million Americans are addicted to tobacco.

Mr. Speaker, due to the commendable efforts of organizations such as the American Cancer Society, 46 million Americans have thankfully already quit smoking. The American Cancer Society will be conducting activities today throughout the United States to celebrate the Great American Smokeout. I encourage all smokers to take part in this critically important endeavor.

COMMENDING PROFESSOR KYLE D. SMITH

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions and research of Dr. Kyle D. Smith, a Professor of Psychology at the University of Guam. Today, Dr. Smith will be honored as the "Professor of the Year" from Guam at an awards ceremony here in Washington, DC, sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Smith has devoted his academic career to undergraduate teaching, and his contributions in the field of psychology and his innovative teaching techniques, have earned him the selection as Guam "Professor of the Year" for 2005.

In 1981, Professor Smith graduated *summa cum laude* in psychology at the University of Tulsa. He received both a Master of Science degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1984 and 1987, respectively. Professor Smith has served on the faculty at the University of Washington, Seattle, the University of Washington at Bothell, and Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey. He currently is

a Professor of Psychology in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Guam.

Professor Smith is a respected academician and is recognized by his colleagues for his outstanding research and teaching ability. Professor Smith has focused his recent research on cultural factors in emotions and moral concepts. He has contributed to national dialogue on important issues currently facing academia, including most especially contributions in the areas of minority education and published research with respect to the learning environment for international students. His research has focused on the incorporation of culture, ethnicity, and diversity in teaching methodology and in the curriculum. In a joint research endeavor with colleagues, Professor Smith has designed a new undergraduate degree program in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Professor Smith is widely recognized for his interactive classes in general psychology, social psychology, and cross-cultural psychology, where he emphasizes innovation, cultural relevance, and leadership. He applies theory to real world situations and promotes critical thinking development.

His commitment to teaching and his research in the field of psychology has contributed to the mission and growth of the University of Guam. Our island community recognizes his accomplishments and his selection as the "Professor of the Year" for 2005. Our Nation needs professors like Dr. Smith who are committed to teaching and who educate the leaders of tomorrow. Great educators should be commended for their contributions to society. The U.S. Professors of the Year Awards sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching help sustain the national commitment to undergraduate education. I join with the people of Guam in commending Professor Kyle D. Smith upon receiving this award and in honoring his accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAT AND JERRY JAMBAZIAN ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WONDER CLEANERS & DRAPERY IN TEMPLE CITY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pat and Jerry Jambazian on the 50th anniversary of Wonder Cleaners & Drapery in Temple City. The Jambazian family has been providing their excellent services to the community since 1955. Jerry Jambazian's parents, Andrew and Rose Jambazian, first started the family business in San Gabriel in 1947, and in 1955 the Jambazian family moved to Temple City, where they have been giving back to the community ever since.

The Jambazians' Wonder Cleaners & Drapery is the oldest family-owned business in Temple City. Over the many years they have spent in Temple City, the Jambazians have shown themselves to be both excellent entrepreneurs and good neighbors. Throughout the past 50 years, their passion for providing conscientious, caring service to their customers

has not waned, and they remain committed to making everyone feel well taken care of and welcome. It is this level of personal care and dedication that has allowed Wonder Cleaners & Drapery to grow steadily through the years.

Even while running a successful family-owned business, the Jambazians have also managed to remain deeply involved in the community. In addition to his duties and responsibilities as a proprietor, Jerry Jambazian has been involved in numerous different civic organizations, ranging from the Kiwanis Club to the Temple City Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jambazian supports our local schools by organizing the Student of the Month program and working closely with students, teachers, and the community to encourage a greater appreciation of education. Jerry Jambazian also serves on the boards of many different nonprofit organizations, and his leadership efforts in constructing the Outdoor Performance Pavilion have contributed to the completion of that beautiful venue in Temple City. Jerry Jambazian has further contributed to Temple City through his excellent photography skills; his photos are beautiful mementos of special community moments. Without Jerry Jambazian's leadership skills, enthusiasm, and passion for helping others and serving the community, Temple City would not be what it is today.

I am proud to congratulate the Jambazian family on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their family-owned business, Wonder Cleaners & Drapery. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring the Jambazians for their dedication to making our community a better place to live.

RECOGNITION OF THE TIME TO READ LITERACY PROGRAM

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work and mission of the Time to Read literacy program.

Since 1985, Time Warner, Inc.'s Time to Read program has worked to address the crisis of illiteracy among American children and adults.

Today, Time to Read is the nation's largest corporate-sponsored volunteer literacy program. I am particularly proud that the Mid-South chapter, which includes Memphis, Tennessee, is the largest Time to Read program in the nation, helping more than 6,000 children and adults every year.

Each week, Time to Read's 33,000 participants meet at more than 550 schools, adult-education centers, prisons, libraries, churches, community centers, clinics and homeless shelters across the nation to learn together how to read.

Time to Read students are matched with reading mentors who use real-life learning materials, magazines and other publications as teaching tools to help inform new readers about everyday culture, life and current events. These reading mentors serve as tutors and role models, giving children the confidence to succeed in school and adults the tools necessary to compete in the workplace.

However, these tireless mentors do much more than help kids and adults learn to read.

Together, they give Time to Read participants hope and an opportunity for a better future.

Time and again, this program has demonstrated its ability to take on this important challenge of raising America's literacy rates. With quiet determination and steadfast commitment, Time to Read volunteers make a difference in the lives of thousands of kids and adults each year.

For this reason, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring the purpose and spirit of the Time to Read Literacy Program, its volunteers and participants.

TRIBUTE TO E.G. "JERRY"
GLADBACH

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, the end of 2005 will mark the conclusion of E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach's term as President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). His tenure has been marked by several successes on behalf of ACWA and the California water community.

A resident of Valencia together with his wife Donna, Jerry has served as president of ACWA since January of 2004, after having served as ACWA Vice-President since January of 2002. He has served as a director of Castaic Lake Water Agency in Santa Clarita since 1985, and has served as President of Castaic Lake's Board of Directors and is currently the Chair of the Water Resources Committee of that Agency.

Mr. Gladbach has been involved in water and energy issues for the past forty-two years and active with ACWA since 1973. As President of ACWA, Jerry has led the association in fighting to maintain water quality, protect communities from disastrous floods, and ensure that California has the water needed for people, agriculture and the environment.

He appointed the task force that created No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water, a policy document that serves as a common vision for the many diverse interests of California's water community, and has drawn headlines statewide.

Mr. Gladbach served as a manager with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and retired after 35 years of service. At LADWP he provided critical leadership on developing alternative energy supplies, environmental and governmental affairs, and design of hydroelectric power plants and transmission lines.

Jerry is first vice-chair of the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and is on the Executive Board of the California Association of LAFCOs. He was recently granted lifetime membership with the American Society of Professional Engineers.

He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1961, and returned in 1963, earning his Master's degree at the same institution in 1964.

Our thanks to Jerry for a lifetime of continuing service to California.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, due to an error, my vote for rollcall No. 580, on H.R. 2419, on agreeing to the conference report was not recorded. I voted "yes" on this rollcall.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF
LAPORTE, INDIANA, AS BEING
NAMED THE INDIANA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE 2005 COMMUNITY
OF THE YEAR

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, it should come as no surprise to anyone who has recently visited LaPorte, Indiana that the Indiana Chamber of Commerce named the city its "2005 Community of the Year."

The honor was bestowed on LaPorte at the Chamber's 16th Annual Awards Dinner, held in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 10, 2005.

More than 1,400 members of the Hoosier state business community gathered for the annual awards banquet, including a delegation of over 50 LaPorte Chamber of Commerce members, which, I am told, is the largest group ever from a community receiving the award during its 16-year existence.

The state Chamber noted that LaPorte received this distinction largely because it has "enjoyed an economic revival under [LaPorte Mayor Leigh Morris] and the businesslike approach he implemented at City Hall."

Mr. Speaker, I would have to agree with the Chamber's conclusion.

In the past year, LaPorte has seen their business environment thrive. Three businesses have started new operations in the area, and 4 existing businesses continued their growth, adding over 100 new jobs between them.

Mayor Morris has had help in his efforts to bring new and grow existing businesses in LaPorte County. He formed a cooperative, bipartisan effort between himself, Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie, the LaPorte County commissioners, and Purdue-North Central University. This coalition is committed to seeing continued economic growth in LaPorte County.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of LaPorte Chamber of Commerce President Mike Seitz and the Greater LaPorte Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Owen Rock. They have worked together with Mayor Morris to help move LaPorte forward.

Mr. Speaker, LaPorte is clearly a community on the rise, and I congratulate Mayor Morris and the entire community on being named the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's "2005 Community of the Year."

CONCERN OVER THE KASHMIR
EARTHQUAKE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak on behalf of the earthquake which occurred in Kashmir. On October 8th, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake hit Pakistan, India, Afghanistan. So far, Over 80,000 have perished and three million are homeless. Over half of those who lost their lives were school aged children who were attending school. It is evident a generation of Pakistani's no longer exist. I am concerned that tens of thousands will also soon perish from weather, disease, and malnutrition.

Our President, who campaigned as a compassionate conservative, has been wholly inadequate in his response to the crisis in Pakistan. The United Nations has asked for \$550 million in emergency aid. Although, we have given only \$40 million while our generous citizens have given more than \$50 million in relief aid. To date, we have only pledged \$150 million for reconstruction when the World Bank estimates Pakistan needs \$5.2 Billion. Our government can do much better.

Last week, the President instructed 5 Fortune 500 CEOs to fundraise for the disaster. This should help. However, we need to show our allies that the U.S. will help them in their time of need. If we are serious about the welfare of the Muslim world and our ally, Pakistan; then we will pledge significantly in the upcoming donor conference this weekend in Islamabad, Pakistan. We proved our great generosity after Tsunami; we need to show it again.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
MOVEMENT

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the American Community Health Center Movement which began in Dorchester, Massachusetts in my home district with the founding of the Columbia Point Community Health Center in 1965.

Development of health centers in the mid 1960s was fueled by the lack of primary care doctors practicing in urban and rural areas across the country. In 1961 more than 60 percent of Boston physicians had their offices located in hospitals. As a result, two Boston-based physician-activists, H. Jack Geiger and Count Gibson of Tufts Medical School, were determined to address both the lack and nature of primary care in Boston's neighborhoods. Working with residents in the Columbia Point neighborhood of Dorchester, these pioneering physicians helped to organize a new community-based model of primary care. Today this site is known as the Geiger-Gibson Community Health Center and still provides over 6,000 residents of Harbor Point and Dorchester with access to world-class health care.

Since the 1960s, community health centers have grown into the largest unified primary care network in the United States. Today, we have over 1,000 community health centers nation-wide, with a total of 53 in Massachusetts alone. In my own district, I am honored to represent 12 community health centers that ably serve the families of the Ninth Congressional District of Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, community health centers are pioneers in working to reduce health disparities among racial minorities and in recognizing the primary socio-economic factors that help determine health status: the lack of educational and economic opportunity, and substandard housing. They continue this work today, serving 677,000 patients in Massachusetts and 15 million nationally.

The community health center model was revolutionary in another aspect of its mission: community governance. The belief that community members could play a direct role in improving their life circumstances, including health status, was the basis of what we call the "American Community Health Center Movement." The early health centers sprung from "kitchen table discussions" among mothers and fathers and community members about the need for primary care in their neighborhoods. In 2005, health center boards of directors continue to be driven by community members who use their local community health center.

Mr. Speaker, today in this country, we have over 45 million individuals without any sort of health insurance living in both rural and urban areas; accordingly, we need Community Health Centers and the essential services they provide now more than ever. I ask that my Colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating the entire Community Health Center Movement on 40 years of helping to reduce health disparities among our most vulnerable populations through the provision of high quality, compassionate and cost-effective primary health care.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT
FRAGASSO

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Robert Fragasso for all of the great work he has done as the President of the Amen Corner.

Over the past 150 years the Amen Corner has been a well known social club for businessmen and now women in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The club is known for its service to help better the community and for the events for its members. There is an annual dinner held to honor the outgoing president. This year's dinner will take place on December 14, 2005 and will honor the outgoing president, Robert Fragasso.

Robert Fragasso, the president of The Fragasso Group, is a certified financial planner. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, graduated from Duquesne University, and did postgraduate work at Carnegie Mellon University and The University of Pittsburgh. He has recently written a book titled, *Starting Your Own Practice*, which has reached national recognition.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Robert Fragasso for all of the work he has done for the Amen Corner. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a dedicated individual such as Mr. Fragasso.

IN HONOR OF ELIZABETH ANN
LEEPER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Elizabeth Ann Leeper who passed from this life on November 5, 2005.

She was a fearless and tireless community activist, who taught her children and grandchildren to always question authority and not be afraid to fight for what they believe in. Known as a political radical, Liz said, "Troublemakers have more fun."

Liz was deeply involved in the local political scene, often being referred to as "The Mayor of New Monterey." She was a charter member of the American Civil Liberties Union and was active in women's issues, the peace movement, and the Democratic Party.

Liz graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a degree in social work and education. She taught elementary and middle school on the Monterey Peninsula for 20 years. After her retirement she continued to be a mentor to anyone seeking advice, especially helping women become aware of their own potentials.

Family was of prime importance to Liz, with three husbands, Norman Godbe, Bruce Harris, and Ed Leeper; two daughters, Kira Godbe and Dana Carnazzo; and four grandchildren, Arye and Blaise Lipman and Alonzo and Tessa Camazzo. Liz adored her grandchildren and was present at each birth. One of their favorite memories of her will be the smells and sounds of grandma making pancakes for them.

The community will miss her greatly, but we know her life will continue to inspire those she touched.

HONORING RICHARD WITTEN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Witten, this year's recipient of Columbia University's Alexander Hamilton Medal. This honor is considered the highest tribute an individual in the Columbia College community may receive from the alumni association.

Richard is a proud alumnus, established businessman, published author, generous philanthropist and distinguished member of the Columbia University administration. Richard currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Columbia University Board of Trustees; chairs the Trustees' Committee on Alumni Relations and Development; and is

a member of the board of the Columbia University Investment Management Company. Additionally, Richard is the former chair of the Columbia College Board of Visitors.

Professionally, Richard has achieved significant success. Currently he is the senior managing director of the investment firm The Orienta Group. Prior to its formation, Richard began a long and successful career with Goldman, Sachs & Co. in 1981 and proudly served as a partner and managing director from 1990 to 2002. During his tenure with Goldman Sachs, Richard led numerous committees including the Fixed Income, Currency and Commodities Division Sales Force for the Americas and the Investment Grade Debt Business Unit.

Beyond his professional and alumni activities, Richard is also an author. His first novel, *Divided Loyalties*, was published in 2005 and is based on the World War II experiences of his father-in-law. His second novel, *Filmore East*, is due in 2006 and follows the turbulent events of 1968–1971 through a college student's eyes.

Richard also makes contributions of his time, energy, and money to better our community. He has provided significant funds to renovate Hamilton Hall at Columbia, is a member of the board of directors at the National Museum of American Jewish History, and is a director emeritus of the Mamaroneck Schools Foundation.

Richard is a dedicated husband to his wife Lisa and a devoted father to his children Anne and Alexander. I am proud to call him both my constituent and my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Richard Witten as he receives the Alexander Hamilton Medal.

HONORING RETIRING ERIE COUNTY
LEGISLATOR DENISE MARSHALL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor retiring Erie County Legislator Denise Marshall for her 2 years of service to the residents of the towns of Alden, Elma, Holland, Lancaster, Marilla, Sardinia and Wales.

A life-long resident of Erie County, Denise Marshall was born and raised in Cheektowaga, NY. Graduating in 1986 from Cheektowaga Central High School, Denise attended both Erie Community College and the State University of New York at Buffalo, majoring in Business Administration.

Professionally, Legislator Marshall is founder and president of Marshall Data Solutions, a computer consulting firm specializing in office automation, training and database application development for both business and governmental clients. Beginning her career as a project manager and support representative for KVS Information Systems in Amherst, NY she designed and helped support accounting applications for municipal government clients, traveling throughout the northeastern United States to implement these new technologies and provide training for office personnel.

Legislator Marshall's service, while only 2 years in length, was eventful; her service was perhaps most noteworthy for her desire to effectively serve the residents of her district.

Given that her district covered a geographic area which traverses the whole of Erie County's eastern side nearly from its northern border to its border in the south, there can be no doubt that this is a challenging task indeed.

During my initial years as a member of the New York State Legislature, I too represented a number of the same towns Legislator Marshall would later represent in the County Legislature. While Legislator Marshall, as a resident of the town of Lancaster, is not a constituent of mine, she did faithfully serve several towns that are within the confines of the 27th Congressional District, including the towns of Alden, Marilla, Holland, Sardinia and Wales. Her office's cooperation with mine was universally professional.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to honor Legislator Denise Marshall upon the occasion of her retirement as a member of the Erie County Legislature, and I want to wish to her and to her family the best of luck and Godspeed.

HONORING THE VERY REVEREND
JOSEPH MARTIN OF WILKES-
BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, AS HE
CELEBRATES THE 40TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representative to pay tribute to Very Rev. Joseph Martin of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, who is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Father Martin was born in Frackville, a son of the late Joseph P. Martin and Anna Martin. He was the eldest of five brothers.

He married the former Giora Matechak of Old Forge and the couple are the parents to four daughters. They also have eight grandchildren.

Father Martin was ordained by HIS Eminence Archbishop Kiprian on November 7, 1965 at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

He was assigned to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in McAdoo where he served for 30 years. He was awarded the Hold Cross, Jeweled Cross and the St. Innocent Bronze Medal. He was also elevated to Archpriest.

While at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, he also served as acting rector of Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, Shenandoah; St. Mary's Orthodox Church, St. Clair; Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Minersville and St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Mt. Carmel.

He served on the Diocesan Council for the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania and the Metropolitan Council for the Orthodox Church in America. He was a past spiritual advisor for the Central Pennsylvania District Federated Orthodox Clubs of America and national spiritual advisor for eight years for FOCA.

He served on the board of directors of the Hazleton chapter of the American Automobile Association, Hazleton Chapter American Red Cross and he is still a board member for Mid-Atlantic AAA.

Father Martin has always been very active in community projects. He was a member and

trustee of the McAdoo Fire Company where he is still remembered as "Padre." He helped coordinate the borough food pantry, was a member and past president of the McAdoo Lions Club and he served as District Governor of the Lions District 14U.

In 1995, Father Martin was assigned to Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre. Since then, he was instrumental in helping reorganize the Wilkes-Barre Lions Club and he served as its charter president. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Lions International award, and is currently chaplain of the Lions District 14W.

He serves as chief of chaplains at the Wilkes-Barre V A Medical Center, is president of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches, serves on the pastoral advisory board of the John Heinz Rehabilitation Center, is a member of the board of trustees of St. Tikhon's Monastery, is a member of the Diocesan Council, St. Tikhon's Alumni Association, St. Tikhon's Century Association and the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards.

And while he remains an extremely active person in the community, he still finds time to cook and bake for parish dinners because no job is too big or small for "Father Joe."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Father Martin on this milestone in his life. Father Martin has enriched the lives of so many by demonstrating selfless and humble service to his fellow man in the manner that his Lord and Savior did 2,000 years ago.

HONORING STEVE FURLONG

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to a remarkable public servant and citizen from my congressional district. Steve Furlong recently announced his retirement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, bringing to a close 35 years of achievement and success managing lake projects in Central Kentucky.

Raised on a farm near the Mammoth Cave National Park, Steve's career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began in 1970 at nearby Barren River Lake where he worked as a Temporary Laborer. Within a year, he was selected as a permanent Park Ranger at Green River Lake. Steve returned to Barren River Lake in 1974 to continue work as a Park Ranger. Three years later, he was assigned to oversee the construction of the project office at Rough River Lake. Due to his outstanding performance, he was selected soon thereafter to be the permanent Park Manager at Rough River Lake.

Under Steve's management, Rough River Lake was named the 1980 National Project of the Year, among 400 Corps projects across the country. Steve was recognized for his efforts that year with receipt of both the Louisville District and the Ohio River Division Achievement Awards, along with the Commander's Award for the Louisville District. Steve was installed as Operations Manager of the Green River Area, with oversight of four regional lake projects, later that same year.

Throughout the last 25 years, Steve's adept management and work ethic on behalf of the

U.S. Corps of Army Engineers has established four nationally recognized recreational sites that will be enjoyed by many for generations to come. During his tenure, lake facilities have been upgraded and improved to meet changing demands, supporting high quality outdoor recreational experiences for over six million people each year. Combined, the Green River Area now contributes an estimated annual \$1.7 million to the regional economy.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Steve Furlong has built a legacy as a model citizen and community leader, volunteering for a variety of local organizations including Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, the Board of Hospice, Boy Scouts of America, and Youth League Baseball.

It is my great privilege to recognize Steve Furlong today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his leadership and service. His unique achievements and unwavering dedication to the communities of the Green River Area make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ZOYA
ROISMAN STEINBERG

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, Zoya Roisman Steinberg, whose son, Moshe Steinberg is a constituent.

Zoya Roisman Steinberg, who survived the Holocaust and was a pioneer of the State of Israel with her husband Jacob Steinberg, died on October 23, 2005, at nearly 100 years of age. After VE Day, Zoya joined the exodus of Jewish survivors en route from Eastern Europe to Palestine. Her guide was a decorated Russian officer, named Jacob Steinberg, who had fought with the Allies from Stalingrad to Berlin after his family was killed by Nazis in their Odessa home. Zoya and Jacob navigated through treacherous post-war Eastern Europe and endured two years in a Cyprus detention center for Jewish immigrants to Palestine before Israel's recognition as a State in 1948. They then entered Israel and built there a home, a family with their cherished son Moshe, and a country out of the desert and the ashes of war.

HONORING RETIRING ERIE COUN-
TY LEGISLATOR ALBERT
DEBENEDETTI

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a friend and fellow public official whose unique and energetic service to the residents of Erie County will long be remembered. I rise to commemorate and honor the service of Erie County Legislator Albert DeBenedetti.

Serving as a legislator since his initial appointment in 1991, Al DeBenedetti brought a quick wit and a keen intellect to the deliberations of the Erie County Legislature. Often

contentious and pugnacious, few Erie County Legislators in history have cared more for the communities they represent, and about the actions of government in service to those people than has Al DeBenedetti.

Now, I tell you Mr. Speaker, Al is a unique individual indeed. Al comes from proud and deeply rooted Italian and Polish stock, and his father was a renowned professional wrestler. One thing is certain—it is a good thing for his opponents that Al's weapon of choice was his mind and not his fists, because Al always fought, and fought hard, for the people he represented in Buffalo's Black Rock, Riverside and west side neighborhoods.

Prior to his service in the Erie County Legislature's 6th District, Al was Assistant Deputy Commissioner to the Erie County Board of Elections and also served on the Administrative Staff of former Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski. Upon the election of then-Legislator David Manz to Buffalo City Court in 1991, Al took office as his successor, and has served in this capacity ever since.

Al rose quickly through the Legislature's ranks. In only his third term of office, Al was elected Majority Leader and was appointed Chairman of the Legislature's Finance and Management Committee. In that capacity, Al worked with legislators and with then-County Executive Dennis Gorski to steer a clean and effective financial ship for Erie County.

In 2002, Al was elected Chairman of the Erie County Legislature, a position he held for one year. During his Chairmanship, the Legislature began the process of moving its offices from the Erie County Hall Annex back to its original home in Old County Hall, the historical site where United States President Grover Cleveland once held court as Mayor of Buffalo.

Al DeBenedetti rarely saw an election day without a vigorous fight, but was always successful. I have always chalked that success up to his personality and his unwillingness to give up on a fight. I had a nickname for Al—I always called him "Alley Cat." I think I did this because Al was always a scrapper, and invariably, his fight was an independent one, and was conducted on the behalf of Erie County's taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to you for allowing me an opportunity to commemorate the service of my friend and colleague, Erie County Legislator Al DeBenedetti, on the occasion of his retirement as a member of the Erie County Legislature. Al's service on the Legislature was honorable and unique, and his history as a member of this august body will carry on for many years to come.

HONORING FRANCIS BONNER OF HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my very good friend Mr. Francis Bonner, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of his 70th birthday celebration.

Mr. Bonner has enjoyed an exceptional career in public service and in the advancement of the anthracite coal industry. He has been married to Marie (Clatch) Bonner for more than 40 years. They are the parents of Mary Pat Bonner, whose career in Democratic politics was inspired by her father's lifelong dedication to the Democratic party.

Born in Hazleton, Mr. Bonner was a son of Miles and Mary Hannigan Bonner. He graduated from St. Gabriel's High school in Hazleton and Villanova University where he also pursued graduate studies. He also attended Clarion State College Coal Institute, the University of Pittsburgh Coal Gasification Liquefaction and Conversion to Electricity Conference and the Penn State University Coal Combustion Technology Seminar.

From 1954 to 1960, he served as International Representative for District 50, United Mine Workers of America.

He later served as a field investigator for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

In the early to mid 1960s, he served as Eastern Regional Administrator for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. In that position, he conducted investigations and educational functions to insure compliance with legislation guaranteeing equal opportunity in employment, housing, education and public accommodations.

He then worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as an administrator for federal equal opportunity executive orders.

From 1971 to 1979, he served as special personal assistant to Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp. In that capacity, he was directly responsible for the administration's energy and fuel development programs; industrial development programs; liaison for labor management relations; liaison to the state House and Senate on matters concerning energy and labor relations; disaster control and relief and industrial development.

He later worked for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission as a fossil fuels coordinator, developing programs to encourage the use of coal in the generation of electric power.

From 1982 to the present, he has been president of Bonner Associates of Pennsylvania, a firm that serves as a consultant on governmental affairs with special emphasis on energy, particularly coal use and development, health care, labor management relations and waste disposal and recovery.

Honored by the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce and the economic development group, CAN-DO, as "Hazletonian of the Year," Mr. Bonner has served his community in numerous ways, including as assistant director of the Villanova Urban Studies Program, Deputy state chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee, member of the Hazleton City Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment, member of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, Governor's Energy Council, United States Department of Energy Anthracite Task Force, Governor's Coal Conference, White House ad hoc Anthracite Task Force, chairman and member of the board of directors of St. Joseph's Hospital, Hazleton; chairman of the Anthracite Health and Welfare Fund and member of the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Board of Review.

On a personal level, Fran has been an astute political observer and a trusted advisor to me during my tenure in Congress. I have always valued his insight into the political atmosphere of Northeastern Pennsylvania and I treasure his friendship.

Mr. Chairman, please join me in congratulating Mr. Bonner on this special occasion. His achievements reflect a devotion to his community in northeastern Pennsylvania where he has contributed to enriching the quality of life.

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today legislation to address longstanding inequities in Medicare's payments for graduate medical education.

More than 600 hospitals across the country, many in my home state of Kentucky, receive less than the national average from Medicare to train and educate physicians. Medicare's formula for paying hospitals that operate teaching programs is based on costs reported in the early 1980s, significantly below current costs and expanded needs. This limits the ability for many hospitals to train a workforce sufficient to care for the growing Medicare population.

In my state, teaching hospitals lose more than 2 million dollars a year as a result of Medicare's dated policy. In neighboring Ohio, Medicare's policy shortchanges hospitals more than \$10 million each year. My bill will increase Medicare's Direct Graduate Medical Education (DGME) payments to hospitals to 100 percent of the national average per resident amount for facilities whose historical costs are less than the national average.

Congress has made incremental improvements to DGME payments throughout the past 6 years. This began in 1999 with the implantation of a 70 percent minimum payment. In 2001, payments were raised to 85 percent of the national average. In the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Congress again recognized the flaws in Medicare's payments to teaching hospitals by including a provision requiring that any resident positions redistributed to other hospitals be reimbursed at 100 percent of the national average. My bill continues this work by requiring Medicare to at least pay the average cost of operating a training program.

Medicare's Direct Graduate Medical Education payments should be increased to the national average so no hospitals receive less than Medicare's fair share of the costs of operating a medical education program.

HONORING RETIRING ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATOR EDWARD J. KUWIK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great son of the city of Lackawanna, New

York, and a longtime public servant whose retirement at the end of this year will mark the close of a career in elective office that has spanned nearly four decades. Today, I want to honor the career in public service of Erie County Legislator Edward J. Kuwik.

Ed Kuwik is a special kind of public servant and leader. Born and raised in gritty Lackawanna, Ed was educated at local schools, and earned a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University at Buffalo, and a Master's degree in education from Niagara University.

Ed began his public service as a mathematics teacher in the Lackawanna city school system. Later, after serving a stint as Lackawanna's City Engineer, Ed was elected to the first of two four-year terms as Mayor of Lackawanna.

In 1983, a vacancy occurred in the 1st district seat in the Erie County Legislature, and Ed sets his sights on filling it. Fighting an uphill battle for the appointment with a candidate supported by the party leadership, Ed won the appointment and was in November 1983 elected to the Legislature in his own right. Aside from a primary election in 1987, Ed Kuwik was never seriously challenged for election again.

Throughout his many years of service to his constituents, public safety has been a hallmark issue for Ed Kuwik. From 1984 to 2001, and from 2004 to today, Ed Kuwik has served as Chairman of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee, overseeing the operations of the county's Correctional Facility, Department of Central Police Services, STOP DWI Division, Department of Emergency Services, and worked closely with the county District Attorney's Office and the county Sheriffs Office. Ed has always been a fighter for additional resources to fight crime, adding prosecutorial positions in the District Attorney's Office, civil and criminal deputy positions in the Sheriff's Office and probation officers in the Division of Probation.

In 1993, Ed began a stint as a member of the Legislature's formal leadership, and was unanimously selected as Majority Leader, a position he held until 1996. After finishing his service as Majority Leader, Ed returned to focus his attention on his continued leadership of the Public Safety Committee and on an unparalleled reputation for constituent service.

Ed Kuwik is a full time public official, and when he says full time, he means it. Until January of 2003, when Ed was unexpectedly hospitalized for several days, Ed Kuwik had attended every single legislative session since his initial appointment to the Legislature in 1983—543 consecutive legislative sessions. Ed has also attended every scheduled committee meeting that has been held since that time. No other member in the nearly four decade history of Erie County Legislature has a record to match.

Ed is also a forceful and effective member of his local Democratic Party. Ed is a former Chairman of the Lackawanna Democratic Committee and has been a force in Lackawanna city politics for more than 30 years.

Ed Kuwik has enjoyed many successes as a public official. However, his greatest success has been as a devoted husband and father. Ed is married to the former Karen Moore, a public school teacher in the Lackawanna City school system. Ed is the father of three sons, Kevin, Keith and Mark, all of whom have collectively made their mark academically, mili-

tarily and professionally in their respective fields of study and service.

In 2005, Ed Kuwik chose not to run for reelection, and although he will be succeeded in the Legislature by another fine public official, the Legislature and his district will each be poorer for his absence. It is my fervent hope and belief that Ed Kuwik will remain an active member of his community, and allow us to work together to make his city and our region a better place to live, work and raise a family. I am proud to call Ed Kuwik my colleague and my friend, and I am grateful, Mr. Speaker, that you have allowed me this opportunity to commemorate his service here today.

HONORING DR. M. VALI SIADAT,
ILLINOIS PROFESSOR OF THE
YEAR

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. M. Vali Siadat, Professor at Richard J. Daley College and recipient of the Illinois Professor of the Year Award.

The U.S. Professors of the Year Award Program was created in 1981 to increase awareness of the importance of undergraduate instruction at all types of higher education institutions. This program recognizes faculty members for their achievement as undergraduate professors. The State Professors of the Year Award Program selects outstanding educators in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and this year Dr. M. Vali Siadat of Richard J. Daley College in Chicago was chosen as the 2005 Illinois Professor of the Year.

Richard J. Daley College located on the southwest side of Chicago has been offering university-bound students a solid liberal arts education in their own neighborhoods since 1981. Richard J. Daley College has a full-time faculty of 81 members and a student body of 4,500.

Dr. M. Vali Siadat has been valuable asset to the success of Richard J. Daley College. Dr. Siadat received his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and after working in the engineering field, he began teaching at the Chicago Technical College and later at various schools in California. In the early 90s, Dr. Siadat started teaching at Richard J. Daley College as a Mathematics Professor in 1982. The Keystone Project which was pioneered by Dr. Siadat is a method of learning basic mathematics. The Keystone Project shows students how to concentrate through cooperative learning, precision teaching, and dynamic assessment of the student. Besides for this project, Dr. Siadat is the director of Chicago PREP (Proyecto Access Chicago), which is an intensive mathematics-based academic summer program targeting low income and minority students.

It is my honor to recognize Dr. M. Vali Siadat who serves as an outstanding example in school leadership and continues to exemplify excellence in education.

SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL
HERITAGE AREA

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to designate part of the San Luis Valley in Colorado as the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area. In the 19th Century, the San Luis Valley was at the crossroads of cultures. As America spread west, Spanish, Anglo, and Native Americans converged to create a unique cultural experience.

A National Heritage Area designation will help increase local tourism, which currently represents less than 9 percent of the basic income of the affected counties. As tourism grows in this area, it will provide economic benefits to a rural region with a rich history.

Heritage designation also brings with it tangible financial support to restore historic buildings and sites; develop interpretive programs and museums; build regional trail systems and fund other improvements and enhancements.

Private participation and oversight is the cornerstone of the heritage concept. I believe this will also create opportunities and benefits for private landowners who contribute in the planning and demonstrate best practices management of their properties.

The activities of a functional heritage area will be able to tie-in and stimulate wider interest in attractions throughout the valley. This includes outdoor recreation activities on the extensive National Forest and other federal, state, and private lands, and increase visitation at museums, historic sites, and commercial attractions located in other counties bordering the heritage area.

Congress must act quickly to ensure the heritage elements preserved continue to have relevance for the people of the San Luis Valley and for the nation for generations to come. I urge my colleagues to support me in this legislation.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
EUREKA COUNCIL NO. 1067

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Centennial Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, Eureka Council, No. 1067, chartered in Eureka, California on December 3, 1905. Over the past ten decades, this fraternal and spiritual organization has had a proud and distinguished record of public service in Humboldt County and is deserving of our recognition.

Through charity, fellowship and hard work, the Eureka Knights of Columbus have reached out to thousands of families and children to establish important community institutions of compassion and caring.

Among other endeavors, the Eureka Knights of Columbus helped establish St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, which serves the sick and the poor from across the region. They initiated efforts to found the local St. Vincent DePaul of

Eureka, Arcata and Fortuna, communities within Humboldt County. The club also worked to bring about educational opportunities for youth through the establishment of St. Bernard's Catholic Schools, Camp St. Michaels and the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 54.

On this occasion, the Eureka Council of the Knights of Columbus will honor Anthony Gosselin, Sr. as the Knight of the Century. This distinguished honor is bestowed upon the late Mr. Gosselin, who led the Knights of Columbus as a founding board member of St. Vincent de Paul, served as a volunteer fire chief for the City of Eureka and as a member of the Humboldt County Water District board for fifteen years.

Mr. Gosselin served in World War I, married Eva Dandurand and had two children, Anthony Joseph Gosselin, Jr. and Beverly Gosselin Inskip. Mr. Gosselin was a tireless volunteer and devotee of the Knights of Columbus for over 65 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the Knights of Columbus, Eureka Council 1067 and the Knight of the Century, Anthony Joseph Gosselin, Sr., for distinguished and extraordinary service to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES EDWARD ODOM TRULY AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise and ask my Colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. James Edward Odom, constituent and friend who recently passed away at the blessed age of 87 years old.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Odom enjoyed a very full life. He was first and foremost a Christian and dedicated much time as a member of St. Mark A.M.E. Church severing in several capacities. Mr. Odom always made it known that his parents taught him to first acknowledge our Creator in all things; and that is the principle by which he lived his life.

Mr. Odom attributed the many successes in life to his Christian faith. He graduated from Nash Central High School and conducted his undergraduate studies at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He continued his studies at Eckles College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later graduated from Cortez Peters School of Business Administration in Washington, DC. Mr. Odom went further to study Standard Accounting and Management at George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Odom believed in using each of his many talents as evidenced by his significant involvement and active membership in countless organizations. The list is exhaustive with one affiliation just as impressive and important as the next. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Odom has indeed left an impression in the Nash County, Rocky Mount area where he served as Chairman of the Human Relations Commission; the First Black County Commissioner of the Nash County Board of Commissioners where he was elected to a four-year term in 1986 following a lawsuit under the Voting Rights Act; member of Unity Lodge #64; mem-

ber of the Trustee Board of St. Marks A.M.E. Church; member of the Little Raleigh Independent Club of Rocky Mount; member of the Helping Hand Club of Little Easonburg, Rocky Mount; past President of the Lay Organization of St. Mark A.M.E. Church and the list is perpetual. Further, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Odom served on the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce; Triangle East; Cities In Schools of Rocky Mount; The Salvation Army; First Union Bank of Rocky Mount; the Rocky Mount Branch of the NAACP; Nash Central Senior Alumni Association; the National Federation of Independent Business and he held countless other posts too numerous to mention.

Mr. Speaker, I learned that in 1980, Mr. James Edward Odom and his loving wife Erma embarked upon one of the most significant and important ventures in their lives; they became the proud owners of Hunter-Odom Funeral Services. I am sure that I speak on behalf of many of my 660,000 constituents whose lives Hunter-Odom Funeral Services touched in the sincere, compassionate and sensitive manner in which they handled bereaved families as they put loved ones to rest.

Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased and proud to pay tribute to such an outstanding pillar of the Nash County community. It is my wish that God will continue to bless and keep each member of Mr. James Edward Odom's family.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING'S OVERSIGHT OBLIGATION

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, during this debate on the Conference Report for the Fiscal Year 2006 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I want to call attention to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's (CPB) obligation to ensure unbiased and objective programming.

The U.S. Congress provides the CPB with approximately \$400 million each year. CPB then allocates these funds to the Public Broadcasting Service, National Public Radio, and other recipients. It does so, as the Telecommunications Act makes clear, with the responsibility to ensure that recipients demonstrate "strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature." CPB also must see to "maximum freedom of the public telecommunications entities and system from interference with, or control of, program content or other activities."

These two obligations do not contradict each other. Rather, together they circumscribe the lawful activity of tax-supported public broadcasting programmers and program providers. Public broadcasting should enjoy "maximum freedom" from outside "interference or control" so long as it simultaneously demonstrates "strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature."

Mr. Speaker, there should be no confusion. These obligations reinforce each other. The

Corporation for Public Broadcasting must implement both on behalf of Congress and the taxpayers.

I commend CPB for creating a new unique office, the Office of Ombudsmen, as a step towards ensuring that these standards of fairness and independent reporting are upheld. Guaranteeing that basic journalistic requirements of objectivity and balance are maintained in public programming is hardly interference. In fact, I strongly believe that the public's trust in public broadcasting rests on just such standards and I will continue to fight to see that they are maintained.

RECOGNIZING SOUTH KOREA'S EFFORTS ON NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tangible, but often under-appreciated efforts the part of South Korea to address an important and urgent humanitarian concern—the resettlement of North Korean refugees.

South Korea has consistently maintained a policy to accommodate all North Korean refugees who have found safe haven abroad by permitting them to resettle in South Korea. The South Korean government also provides necessary cooperation, if the refugees wish to remain in another country, to avoid the forcible repatriation to North Korea against their will.

In the past 50 years, South Korea has resettled more than 7,100 North Korean refugees, an average of 20 persons per year between 1954 and 1997 (878 total), but at an accelerating rate since then: 72 in 1998, 148 in 1999, 312 in 2000, 583 in 2001, 1,141 in 2002, 1,281 in 2003, 1,894 in 2004, and 882 to date in 2005, with an expectation of a total refugee population of 10,000 by the end of 2006.

When North Korean refugees arrive in South Korea, they spend their first 3 months at Hanawon, a facility run by the Ministry of Unification, to receive education, orientation and basic vocational training. They also participate in social adjustment and cultural assimilation programs.

Following their orientation, the refugees are then provided with a variety of resources by the South Korean government that include assistance in finding meaningful employment for 5 years and a permanent residence in cooperation with local municipalities. They also receive general health insurance coverage and seed money to help sustain independent living.

For women refugees—which accounted for 68 percent of all North Korean refugees this year—the South Korean government additionally provides specific female vocational training and assistance with child-rearing and home protection.

For younger refugees, the South Korean government fully subsidizes all education fees through high school. If accepted into public universities, the refugees will receive full tuition including room-and-board. Should a North Korean refugee seek to study at a private university, the related costs will be covered jointly

between the government and the designated institution.

It is important to note that South Korea, for some time, has been working diligently, behind the scenes, without much publicity or due recognition, in order to enhance the security of the North Korean refugees it is seeking to assist.

The aim is to make all refugees and their families self-sufficient within the context of democracy and free enterprise, so that they can be full contributors to South Korean society. In this regard, the South Korean government also works in collaboration with many civic, religious, and non-governmental (charitable) organizations in a comprehensive and coordinated effort to provide a variety of resources and a strong social safety net.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my personal appreciation to the government and people of South Korea for their important contributions to help address the urgent humanitarian crisis in North Korea through the "firm resettlement" policy. As a staunch ally of the United States with a mutually comprehensive alliance partnership, South Korea deserves our recognition and expression of support.

HONORING DR. ANA CRUZ

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my constituent, Dr. Ana Margarita Cruz on having been named Florida Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. I would like to thank her for all the hard work it took to receive this prestigious honor. Dr. Cruz's commitment to education, specifically higher education is very commendable.

Dr. Cruz's area of expertise lies in area of business management, accounting and taxes. She has a diverse background and has been employed in both the private and public sector. Dr. Cruz's extensive experience and qualifications in the field of business have been recognized, as she is currently the Interim Chair for the School of Business at Miami-Dade College for the Wolfson Campus.

As a former educator I understand the importance of an education and the impact a teacher can have on a student's life. I am pleased Dr. Cruz chose such a noble profession, shaping the vision and spirit of the leaders of tomorrow. Once again I would like to offer my warmest congratulations on this tremendous accomplishment. I would encourage Dr. Cruz to continue the efforts that have brought her so far and allowed her to touch the lives of so many.

MEDICARE MODERNIZATION ACT

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as I am sure you are aware, this week kicks-

off the enrollment period for the newest benefit available to Medicare recipients, the Prescription Drug Benefit Plan. This benefit allows seniors to continue to purchase their prescriptions, but at a major cost savings. For those seniors currently without drug coverage, or looking for better coverage, this option will be a welcome help in addressing their rising pharmaceutical costs. Extra help will be available for those who need it, and a choice of plans will be available for seniors to pick the one that best meets their needs. The new plans will cover both brand name and generic drugs at participating pharmacies. I encourage all Medicare recipients to take time to learn about the new benefit, talk it over with family and friends, and consider how it can help them pay for their prescription drug needs.

Beginning January 1, 2006, Medicare eligible seniors will be able to begin benefiting from the optional drug benefit program in which they will receive prescription drugs at a 75 percent discount. Once they spend \$3,600 annually, they will save 95 percent on all drug costs. Economically needy seniors will be eligible for additional assistance. Medicaid recipients will begin to receive drugs through Medicare.

Medicare recipients should review available drug plans as soon as possible. With a broad selection of plans available, seniors are encouraged to review and pick a plan that best suits their needs. In order to assist seniors make this important decision, Medicare has created a call line and website. Seniors should feel free to contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE or www.medicare.gov in order to aid them in making the best possible choice.

Another great new feature of the Medicare Modernization Act, which included the Prescription Drug Benefit, is the new preventative services offered to all Medicare recipients. Medicare now covers a free initial physical exam for all new beneficiaries. Beneficiaries are also encouraged to partake in the free glaucoma, breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancer screening, as well as cholesterol, blood lipid, diabetes, and osteoporosis screenings. The preventative screenings and new disease management programs are a way for seniors to be proactive in their healthcare, so as to maintain a high quality of life throughout retirement.

The Prescription Drug Benefit and the preventative services program are important steps in realizing the government's 40-year-old promise to make quality health care available to every eligible senior in the United States. I am proud to have voted for the Medicare Modernization Act in 2003, and am proud of the cost savings it will provide for all Seniors.

RECOGNIZING THE TITAN ROCKET

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of those individuals that developed and built on an exemplarily piece of American ingenuity and technological achievement, the Titan rocket.

For nearly fifty years the Titan rocket system has been serving this country, first as a multi-stage intercontinental ballistic missile

system, and second as a launch vehicle for satellites, and space probes bound for the far reaches of our solar system.

In 1955 Martin Marietta, now Lockheed Martin, was awarded a contract by the Air Force to build an intercontinental ballistic missile that became known as Titan I. Since then, the people of Lockheed Martin have produced successive generations of Titan rockets to serve national needs.

On Wednesday, October 19, 2005, the last Titan rocket was successfully launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. From its early beginnings as an intercontinental ballistic missile, to its recent role as a launch vehicle for the satellites of the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office, the Titan rocket has played a vital role in the security of our Nation.

The Titan family of rockets also played a pivotal role in the Nation's space program, allowing the early Gemini astronauts to break free of the earth's gravitational hold and launching many deep space probes that have furthered understanding of our solar system.

Mr. Speaker, the longevity of the Titan's service is a testament to the quality of the employees at Lockheed Martin. Thousands of workers have had a hand in producing the rockets, including many second generation family members located in my district. To honor their dedication and superb accomplishments I rise to recognize the fifty years of service the Titan rockets and the employees that built them have given our Nation.

HURRICANE REGULATORY RELIEF
ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3975, the Hurricane Regulatory Relief Act of 2005. As many of you know, a key component of the Gulf Coast hurricane relief and recovery effort is flexibility and adaptability. Entire communities have been uprooted by these unprecedented natural disasters, and bureaucratic red tape must not stand in the way of efforts to rebuild the region. H.R. 3975 bill emphasizes much-needed regulatory relief to help the students, schools, workers, families, and communities affected by the hurricanes. The bill seeks to achieve this goal by prioritizing educational services for displaced students over bureaucratic hurdles. To this end, for one year, the bill would ease requirements for elementary and secondary schools, including:

Maintenance of effort and supplement not supplant funding requirements. Easing these requirements would ensure states and schools can serve students effectively with the resources available. In addition, the bill would allow non-federal match requirements to be waived or modified for affected states.

Deadlines for special education evaluations and reporting requirements. By extending—but not waiving—these deadlines, states and schools would have the flexibility they need to ensure the affected students will have access to the services they need. In addition, the bill expands opportunities for quality teachers to serve displaced students. For example, for

one year, the bill would allow teachers that met the “highly qualified” standard in an affected state to be considered “highly qualified” in other states that are serving large numbers of displaced students where they may temporarily be teaching. In addition, the bill would expand the new individuals with Disabilities Education Act Paperwork Reduction Pilot Program to states affected by the hurricanes. This will further erase burdensome paperwork requirements on special education teachers.

Among other positive aspects, the bill also strengthens financial aid opportunities for affected students by expand outreach efforts to ensure disadvantaged students and families have access to information about financial aid that may be available as they pursue higher education. It requires colleges and universities to adjust financial aid award calculations through the Expected Family Contribution (EFC), taking into account changes in families’ financial circumstances caused by the hurricanes. Further more, the bill would encourage institutions of higher education to ease the process for displaced students to transfer the academic credits they have earned and continue their studies as the region rebuilds.

In closing let me note that I strongly, support the idea of prioritizing children who have been impacted by the recent hurricanes. To this end I have been working on a proposal that seeks to achieve the goal of taking care of our children. It goes without saying that children respond differently to disasters, depending on their understanding and maturity, but it’s easy to see how an event like Hurricanes

Katrina and Rita could leave a child feeling a good deal of anxiety. Kids who lived in the track of the hurricanes felt firsthand the threat of danger to themselves and those they care about. Now that the danger has passed, it’s important to comfort them and reassure them that they’re safe. It’s also important to be open and honest with them in discussing unseen consequences of the hurricane for the family.

My proposal would prioritize children by requiring that the children who lost 1 or both parents or a guardian as a result of Hurricane Katrina and Rita should be provided with all necessary assistance, services, and benefits and urging Federal, State or local agencies responsible for providing such assistance, services and benefits to move expeditiously in providing such assistance, services and benefits to those children.

In addition, her proposal would further prioritize children by requiring that the children who lost 1 or both parents or a guardian as a result of Hurricane Katrina and Rita should be provided with such immediate assistance, services, and benefits for which they are eligible and which are necessary for their well-being, including:

- (1) foster care assistance;
- (2) adoption assistance;
- (3) medical, nutritional, mental and psychological care;
- (4) educational services; and
- (5) such additional care or services as may be necessary.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE
THAT NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF
APPEALS INFRINGED ON PAREN-
TAL RIGHTS

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SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to H. Res. 547, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives “that the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit deplorably infringed on parental rights in *Fields v. Palmdale School District*.”

I oppose this resolution, because I believe the legislative branch ought not to intercede in the matter at this time. It is premature for Congress to take a position on the court’s ruling, because the issue has not yet been definitively decided by the judicial branch. *Fields v. Palmdale School District* is an ongoing legal matter that is being addressed by the judicial branch. The legislative branch’s action to pre-judge the decision infringes on the separation of powers in the Constitution and is an unnecessary usurpation of the judicial branch’s role.

Should Republican leaders choose to continue bringing to the floor of the House of Representatives resolutions that criticize decisions of the courts, they should wait until the U.S. Supreme Court has issued a final decision.