

compromises, one percent is the best bargain around.

Thank you very much.
[extensive applause as Bono shakes hands with President Bush and senators]

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM PRESIDENT BUSH'S SPEECH TOOK PLACE MOMENTS LATER. . .

PRESIDENT BUSH: You know, I was trying to figure out what to say about Bono. . .

[laughter]

BONO: Careful.

[laughter]

PRESIDENT BUSH: And a story jumped to mind about these really good Texas preachers. And he got going in a sermon and a fellow jumped up in the back and said, "Use me, Lord, use me." And the preacher ignored him, and finished his sermon. Next Sunday he gets up, and cranking on another sermon. And the guy jumps up and says, "Use me, Lord, use me." And after the service, he walked up to him and said, "If you're serious, I'd like for you to paint the pews." Next Sunday, he's preaching, the guy stands up and says, "Use me, Lord, use me, but only in an advisory capacity."

[laughter]

So I've gotten to know Bono . . . He's a doer. The thing about this good citizen of the world is he's used his position to get things done. You're an amazing guy, Bono. God bless you.

[applause]

INTRODUCING THE TAXPAYER PRIVACY ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. INSLEE, and Ms. BEAN in introducing the Taxpayer Privacy Act of 2006. This bill protects the privacy of millions of Americans, ensuring that taxpayers who rely on paid preparers do not have their confidential and sensitive personal information disseminated, sold or sent overseas.

The IRS is currently considering a rule that would make it easier for tax preparers to disclose the private information contained in tax returns—including name, address, Social Security number, employer, income, and charitable donations. Currently, paid preparers can only use taxpayer information to generate business within their own affiliates. The new rule would allow preparers to obtain taxpayers' approval to disclose tax information to generate outside business.

Taxpayers should not be coerced into giving up their privacy rights just to file their taxes. Our bill protects taxpayers by requiring preparers to use information only to prepare taxes—and not for any other purpose.

Reports also suggest that Ernst and Young and other large tax preparation firms are sending tax returns overseas for processing. But the IRS has no control over tax information once it's been sent to India or another country. Even the best data security systems can't protect private taxpayer information from entrepreneurial foreign businesses than can make huge profits selling U.S. taxpayer information.

Our bill strictly prohibits domestic tax preparers from sending returns overseas for processing. Preparers found to have disclosed private information to a foreign entity would be

assessed a \$1000 fine and up to one year in jail for each wrongful disclosure. The bill does not prohibit a taxpayer from choosing to have their taxes done by a preparer based overseas, it merely protects them from having their taxes shipped to a foreign country when they believe the forms are being completed by their local preparer.

This legislation is a common sense solution that protects taxpayers without burdening tax preparers. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stand up for taxpayer privacy and support this bill.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR KENNETH JOHNSON

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kenneth Johnson on his retirement from eight years of dedicated service as Mayor of Carthage, Missouri. Kenneth Johnson distinguished himself in Southwest Missouri by his commitment to improving the lives of the citizens in the City of Carthage.

Kenneth Johnson served in the Army of Occupation in Korea in 1946 and returned to duty as a reservist in 1950 where he attained the rank of Master Sergeant. He worked for the Missouri Department of Transportation for 42 years and retired in 1989 as a Senior Construction Inspector. After being elected to the Carthage City Council in 1990 and 1992, he was elected Mayor of Carthage in 1998 and became the first mayor in 60 years elected to a second 4-year term. Mayor Johnson's public service also included serving as President of the Park and Recreation Board from 1977 to 1983 and President of the Board of Public Works from 1983 to 1988.

I congratulate Mayor Johnson on his accomplishments during his tenure in public service and wish him the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING NANCY CAMPBELL ON RECEIVING CARE AWARD

HON. TOM OSBORNE

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy Campbell of Lincoln, Nebraska, on receiving the Commonwealth Academy Recognition for Educators (CARE) Award. The CARE award, presented by Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria, Virginia, honors educators who have made outstanding educational contributions in their communities.

This year, Nancy Campbell was selected as one of only a few educators nationwide to receive this award for her work at the Lancaster County Youth Service and Juvenile Detention Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. Formerly of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Nancy Campbell has been teaching for 38 years, and she has spent the past four teaching reading, basic skills and positive action in the boy's maximum security area at the Youth Service Center.

Ms. Campbell received her B.S. in Education from Appalachian State University in

Boone, North Carolina, and over her career she has taught at 12 schools in 9 States. Since one of her sons has Attention Deficit Disorder, she has a special understanding of students with learning challenges, serving as president of an Attention Deficit Disorder parents support group in Scottsbluff for 10 years.

Ms. Campbell lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, with her husband Dave. She has three sons, one of whom is adopted, and has also raised three foster children.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Nancy Campbell and congratulating her on this distinguished achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, on March 30, 2006 for rollcall vote No. 80, I was unavoidably detained. If I had been present, on rollcall vote No. 80, I would have voted "no."

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF BUST HONORING LATE CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution memorializing and honoring the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, William H. Rehnquist.

The resolution authorizes and directs the Curator of the United States Supreme Court to create a marble bust of the late Chief Justice and have it placed in the Supreme Court building to honor his memory and legacy to the Court and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Justice Rehnquist was first confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1971 as the new Associate Justice replacing Justice John Marshall Harlan. He then served as Associate Justice until 1986 when President Reagan nominated and the Senate confirmed him as the new Chief Justice to replace Chief Justice Warren Burger. Mr. Rehnquist presided as Chief Justice from September 1986 until September 2005 for a total of 19 years, making him the fourth-longest-serving Chief Justice in the history of the Court.

Prior to joining the Court, Mr. Rehnquist served in World War II in the United States Army. After the war ended, he attended Stanford University on the G.I. bill where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in political science and then attended Harvard University where he received a master's degree in government. He later returned to Stanford University to attend law school along with future Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In 1951, Mr. Rehnquist went to Washington, D.C., and began what would be his long and successful career with the U.S. Supreme Court when he worked as a law clerk for Justice Robert Jackson during the Court's 1951–1952 term.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Justice William Rehnquist served the people of this country and the court he loved for 33 years. I believe that a bust in the Supreme Court is but a small token of our deep appreciation for his dedication to this country and the rule of law.

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE, MR. JAMES R. ESTES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of an outstanding individual, Mr. James R. Estes of Columbia, Missouri as he concludes his second term as the volunteer International President of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). Professionally, Jim is President of Gaslight Gundaker GMAC Real Estate, which is one of the nation's 500 largest real estate firms.

Jim Estes graduated from the University of Missouri, where he was initiated into the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity in 1960. Jim served his chapter as undergraduate president and was also a member of the University of Missouri football and baseball teams. He played in the 1961 Orange Bowl and was an All-Big 8 selection, while his work on the baseball team helped his Missouri Tigers earn three trips to the College World Series.

Jim Estes' commitment to the moral development of young men has extended to working with college fraternities, the organizations that build the character and leadership skills of tens of thousands of college men every year. Mr. Speaker, it is Jim's exceptional work for fraternity men nationwide that I rise to recognize today.

Jim Estes has had an exemplary record of service to Kappa Alpha Order fraternity and the interfraternal world. He served as a province Commander for the State of Missouri and was first elected to the Kappa Alpha Executive Council in 1995 and served as Vice President. In 1997, he was elected to the first of two terms as Knight Commander or National President of Kappa Alpha Order. He has also served as a member of the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation, including two years of service as the Foundation's president.

Jim Estes has not been content to serve just his own brothers for he has had a larger mission of improving the collegiate experience of all men and women who join a college fraternity. For that reason, Jim Estes has served the interfraternal community as well, serving on the board of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) for the past several years, including the past two years as the National President of the NIC. The NIC is the umbrella group for 66 national fraternities that have 350,000 undergraduate members and 4.2 million living alumni worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to explain Jim Estes' contribution to the fraternity world without explaining what fraternity life is all about. Nine million Americans are proud fraternity and sorority alumni and their experiences in these organizations helped them become better students and better citizens of our great nation.

While only three percent of the nation's population has been a member of a fraternity or sorority, these organizations are proven leadership laboratories for developing the next generation of American leaders. For proof, you need look no further than this Congress itself, where 155 current Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate are alumni of fraternities and sororities.

College fraternities and sororities are one of the most successful leadership development programs available to college students today, helping members graduate with the management and interpersonal skills needed to excel in today's society. These fraternities are the nation's largest networks of student volunteers, providing 10 million hours of service a year and preparing members for a lifetime of community involvement. Fraternity housing is the largest not-for-profit housing market outside of the host colleges and universities themselves. The 250,000 students living in fraternity housing today at 8,000 chapter houses nationwide have an unparalleled opportunity to live and work together on a daily basis with students from different cultures, religions and life experiences. Fraternities are now the largest, most visible, and most active values-based organizations on college campuses today. The men and women who are fraternity members today learn how to incorporate the principles and values of their organization into their daily lives to form the moral foundation for their future actions.

Jim Estes has served the NIC as President during challenging times and he has helped foster a number of national initiatives to improve the standards that fraternity men live up to in their daily lives on campus. He has continued the NICs fight for freedom of association on campus and he has continued to champion passage of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act, which today is sponsored by almost 100 of my colleagues in the House. If that bill becomes law, it will allow all student associations on college campuses to use a private market approach to upgrade and replace their facilities in the future, thus making it possible for these student groups to continue to thrive for decades to come.

Mr. Speaker, at the end of April, Mr. Marc Katz of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity will be sworn in as the new National President of the North American Interfraternity Conference. I welcome Mr. Katz and look forward to the opportunity to work with him to improve the fraternal experience for today's college students. As I welcome Mr. Katz to his new position of responsibility, I ask this chamber to join me in recognizing Jim Estes for his outstanding decades of service to the college fraternity world. I know he will continue to be an active and visible part of the fraternity movement in the future, but now is the moment to thank Jim Estes for his dedication and service in leading the fraternal community to better days.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOHN RAY TAITANO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GUAM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, AND COMMEMORATING HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEDICATION TO HIS COUNTRY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend, Dr. John Ray Taitano on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Army National Guard after twenty three years of service as a patriot and to express the gratitude and appreciation of the people of Guam and America for his accomplishments and his dedication to his country and the freedoms all Americans enjoy.

Dr. Taitano, even as he completed his college education at the University of Guam in 1968, was ever mindful of his duty to country, and continued his pursuit of a military career through the U.S. Army Engineer's Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, VA, from where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and then soon after deployed to Viet Nam where he served from 1971 to 1972. After that deployment and service, Dr. Taitano pursued his lifelong desire to continue serving his people as a doctor of medicine through the University of Hawaii's School of Medicine from where he was the first Chamorro graduate. He soon after returned to Guam to establish, with three fellow Chamorro doctors, the Family Medical Clinic, which eventually became The Doctors' Clinic, one of Guam's premier private medical clinics serving over 15,000 island patients. Today, John Ray Taitano continues to serve The Doctors' Clinic as a staff physician, stockholder and member of its Board of Directors.

Despite his busy schedule at The Doctors' Clinic, Dr. John Ray Taitano continued to serve his community through the years in many ways. As President of the Guam Memorial Hospital Medical Staff and Chairman of the Hospital's Medical Executive Committee; as President of the Guam Medical Society; as President of the Government of Guam's Commission on Licensure; as President of the Guam Heart Association; and as his latest adventure; as President of the Guam Veterans' Advisory Council. But his love for his country, and the men and women who proudly wear its uniforms, continued to motivate him to even greater personal accomplishments.

In 1983, Dr. Taitano was commissioned as a Captain of the Guam Army National Guard and became its first, and only, State Surgeon. He served as the chief advisor to eight (8) Adjutant Generals on all command medical matters and has ensured that all 800 plus personnel are medically qualified for deployment worldwide. He became the Senior Medical Officer of the Command, a position and responsibility he has held since 1997.

In pursuit of the best health for the soldiers under his watch, Dr. Taitano championed elimination of smoking inside all buildings of the Guam National Guard and established the first unit physical training program for MEDCOM, in addition to and apart from the Command PT program.

While serving as the Senior Medical Officer of the Guam Guard, Colonel Taitano attended