

rest of their lives. She is an inspiration to all educators.

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION  
ACT OF 2006

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing a bill today that allows individuals to protect themselves from identity theft by controlling access to their credit report and information through a simple and low-cost process.

Under this bill, only those persons specifically authorized by the individual would have access to their credit report. This is the most effective tool we have to combat identity theft. A credit report freeze works because it actually stops the granting of new credit, unlike the lower standard of a fraud alert, which only conditions the granting of credit.

This would not affect the use of credit cards or existing credit. It only prevents the issuance of new credit unless the individual requests the credit report be sent to the lender. This gives individuals control over their credit report and allows them to protect themselves.

The bill that I am introducing is closely modeled on a bipartisan bill introduced in the Senate cosponsored by Senators MCCAIN and CLINTON, among others, and very closely similar to a bill introduced by Senator SHELBY in the Banking Committee. It is supported by the National Association of Attorneys General and all the groups concerned about individual privacy protections.

Many State laws give the right to freeze access to their credit report to everyone, but the data protection bills introduced to date addressing this issue would limit this right to proven victims of identity theft—those for whom the horse has already left the barn—and deny many whose data has been stolen the ability to prevent identity theft. Consumers would have to wait for harm to occur before they could prevent it. That makes no sense.

I also believe that any Federal file freeze must be easy to use, convenient, low cost, and available to all consumers, and my bill provides that.

I think that a national standard giving all individuals the ability to control access to their credit reports would create the market conditions for new security systems to develop to make the process of freezing and unfreezing even easier. Just as when eBay burst on the scene we had secure payments systems like PayPal spring up, so if file freeze becomes a national phenomenon, we will have entrepreneurs develop secure systems of freezing and unfreezing.

I urge Members to support this legislation and give their constituents this moderate and sensible tool to protect themselves from identity theft.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RONALD AND  
WANDA MARTINSON

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald and Wanda Martinson for their 25 years of marriage.

Ron and Wanda are both from Minnesota and are career civil servants. Ron first came to Washington in 1969 to work for Congressman John Blatnik of Minnesota, and subsequently went to work for a Congressman from Texas. After spending six years in the House of Representatives, Ron went to work for Marty Hoffman, the Sergeant of Arms for the Senate, as an Administrative Assistant for six years. Ron then accepted a position in the Executive Branch at United States General Services Administration (GSA). Toward the end of his service at GSA, Ron was detailed to TOM DAVIS, who was then Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, where he worked for three years. Following this detail, Ron retired. In 2003, after six years in retirement, Chairman TOM DAVIS of the House Government Reform Committee persuaded Ron to come out of retirement to be Staff Director for the Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization.

Wanda came to Washington in 1974 and worked as Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun's secretary for twenty-five years. Following her tenure at the Supreme Court, Wanda went to work at Immigration and Naturalization Service and Wanda now works for the Department of Justice.

Wanda and Ron first met at a bible study in Northern Virginia and began dating. Their courtship was not always "smooth sailing"; in fact, the couple broke up two different times. In keeping with their dedication to civil service and love of the Washington, D.C. political culture, Ron proposed to Wanda in one of the House buildings one evening while returning from a political event Ron and Wanda were married on April 25, 1981 at the National Presbyterian Church in D.C. and their reception was held in the foyer of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the marriage of Ronald and Wanda Martinson. Their twenty-five years together is both impressive and inspiring. I wish them many more years of happiness together. I now yield the remainder of my time.

CONGRESSMAN HENSARLING HONORS  
HERB'S PAINT & BODY'S  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the outstanding service commitment of the people of Herb's Paint & Body, a local icon around the Dallas metroplex, as they celebrate their 50th year of business and continue to make our community a better place to live.

Founded in 1956 by Herb Walne, Herb's Paint and Body originally was a Humble Gas

Station located in the northeast Dallas neighborhood known as Lake Highlands. Over the years, Herb's Paint and Body grew to include a mechanical repair shop, an automatic car wash and a full service paint and body shop. There are now 5 locations, each of which prides itself on following Herb's original goal of offering superior customer service.

Today their commitment extends beyond excellent customer service and reaches beyond the Fifth District. Herb's Paint and Body holds an annual Golf Tournament to support Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) that successfully raised \$21,000 last fall. During the Christmas season, Herb's Paint and Body collects toys and canned goods to support the White Rock Center for Hope and help brighten underprivileged families' holidays. Although Herb's has expanded north, they continue to be deeply rooted in Lake Highlands through community involvement with schools and students. Recently, Herb's Paint & Body joined me in honoring the Lake Highlands High School Varsity Cheerleaders at the "Red Out" celebration that raised money for the Red Cross to help Hurricane victims. Thanks to the generosity of Herb's, the cheerleaders were able to sell the red T-Shirts that Herb's Paint and Body donated and raise almost \$14,000.

As the congressional representative of Herb's Paint & Body, it is my pleasure to recognize their excellence in service to the communities of the Fifth District of Texas.

EXTENSION OF FEMA HOUSING ASSISTANCE DEADLINE FOR HURRICANE KATRINA SURVIVORS

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the pending termination on May 31, 2006 of the FEMA housing assistance for survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

FEMA was required to submit a plan for developing transitional and eventually permanent housing for those who lost their homes in Katrina by January 6 of this year—but this plan still has not been submitted.

Now, without itself having figured out how best to provide housing to those left homeless by the hurricane, FEMA is poised to leave some 55,000 families—many with very young, or very old, or even very sick members—without any viable option for finding or affording housing and with few remaining options for seeking Federal assistance except on a very short-term basis.

Mr. Speaker, shortly after Katrina devastated New Orleans, the President pledged that our Nation would help that city and its citizens rebuild their lives. Not only has the President failed to honor that pledge, but the administration is now willing even to force those who lost everything out of the temporary housing provided to them in the wake of the storm. This is shameful. Is this how we should treat our brethren who have suffered and lost so much?

I urge my colleagues not to let FEMA fail, once again, those who have been failed by the government at every turn of this natural disaster. I urge my colleagues to join me in urging the administration to extend the FEMA temporary housing deadline.