

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOSEPH DiMENNA ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIRE-
MENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the community of Stratford, Connecticut as they pay tribute to an outstanding member of their community, Joseph DiMenna. After 51 years of dedicated service, Joe DiMenna will retire from his distinguished career in education.

I have often spoken of our Nation's need for talented, creative educators ready to help our children learn and grow. Joe DiMenna has been just that kind of teacher and administrator. After receiving a Bachelor's Degree in education from Western Connecticut State University, Mr. DiMenna began his teaching career at the Eli Whitney School where he taught fourth grade. During his time as a teacher, he taught at a variety of levels as well as teaching Americanization and summer school in Bridgeport. Upon being awarded a National Science Fellowship in Geology and Astronomy, he spent a summer in class and field study at the Delaware Water Gap. Through his unique dedication to education, both for his students and himself, Joe DiMenna exemplified all that we look for in a teacher.

After further pursuing his studies at the University of Connecticut and Southern Connecticut State University, Mr. DiMenna received his masters and sixth year degrees from Fairfield University. He would first serve as principal of the old Honeyspot School in Stratford where he oversaw the construction of the new Honeyspot School. On moving day, he joined with his students as they carried their desks from the old building to the new. Upon leaving Honeyspot, he would go on to serve as principal at Eli Whitney School, Chapel Street School, and Second Hill Lane School. Over the course of his 51-year career, Joe DiMenna has served with both integrity and distinction, earning him the respect of faculty, administrators, and Board of Education members. His dedication, commitment, and energy has touched the lives of thousands of our young people, helping to shape not only the foundation of their education but their character as well. We, as a community, owe Joe DiMenna a great debt of gratitude for all of his good work.

I am proud to stand today to join his wife of 47 years, Frances, their two sons, three grandchildren, family, friends, colleagues and community members in extending my very best wishes to Joseph DiMenna as he celebrates his retirement. I understand that Joe and Frances plan to travel more extensively, opening new opportunities for learning and teaching. My very best wishes to them for many more years of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING AWARD-WINNING
SUSTAINABLE HOUSING AT
STANFORD UNIVERSITY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Tobias and Stanford University's Green Dorm team for winning the Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 P3 award.

Tobias and her colleagues designed a sustainable facility for research, housing, and community space. The building forges together practical functionality while eliminating carbon emissions, closing the water cycle, and optimizing material resources.

This national competition, sponsored by EPA's Office of Research and Development, enables college students to research, develop and design scientific, technical, and policy solutions to sustainability challenges. Sustainable solutions are environmentally friendly, efficiently use natural resources and are economically competitive. The P3 award includes funding up to \$75,000 that gives the students an opportunity to further develop their designs and move them to the marketplace.

I commend Jennifer and her colleagues for their innovative project design, and I hope they continue their important research and development on sustainable solutions to human endeavors. Jennifer and her colleagues are role-models who demonstrate that environmental and economical interests can be brought together in tomorrow's designs.

CELEBRATING THE 140TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE SANTA BAR-
BARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Santa Barbara School Districts as we celebrate the 140th anniversary of their founding on June 6, 1866.

Santa Barbara's educational tradition is one of the oldest in the state. This tradition is rooted in the 18th century Spanish era where historical records indicate that in 1795 Santa Barbara had the second school in Alta, California (San Jose had the first, which was opened one year earlier). Santa Barbara's first school was located at the Presidio where the teacher was paid \$125 per year, with each soldier of the Presidio paying a tribute of one dollar toward the teacher's salary.

When the Santa Barbara School District was formed in 1866, County Superintendent Alpheus B. Thompson reported that there were three school districts in Santa Barbara County: San Buenaventura, Montecito and

Santa Barbara. By 1866, the schools had moved from county control to control by the electorate of the city.

The three school districts had two schools each and together there were a total of six teachers. By 1867, the three districts served 340 students, with 243 of them in the Santa Barbara district. The average salary in the county was \$70 per month for male teachers and \$62 per month for female teachers and the length of the school year varied from 3 to 5 months.

In 1870 a new school house was built on Cota Street and the first playground was established in the city. The playground was turned over to the school by the city council after the school trustees agreed to plant at least 20 shade trees and care for their growth. Voters decided, in April of 1870, to impose a tax to construct Lincoln School. In 1884, Eugene Fawcett sold a tract of land to the school district for the construction of Franklin School. The school district paid \$1,000 for the property where Parma School is located.

As a former school nurse in the Santa Barbara school district, I am absolutely delighted to celebrate the 140 years of strong public education that the district has provided. I am proud of the district for its vision and dedication to quality over the years and I look forward to the continued success of the district and its many programs. Congratulations on 140 years well done!

TALL AFAR MAYOR AND TROOP
BRAVERY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to commend one of the bravest acts of personal courage that I have seen in many years.

In the face of deadly car bombings, suicide attacks and assassination attempts, there are some Iraqi leaders who are willing to tell the truth about the successes of our American troops in Iraq and to share the stories of their generosity and courage.

Earlier this month, one of my constituents named Roger Hattersley sent me a letter written by the mayor of Tall Afar, Iraq. Roger's son is an enlisted soldier serving in Iraq as part of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, and had sent his father a copy of this letter.

Having personally visited Tall Afar just this winter on a CODEL with the Government Reform Committee, I was very interested to read what the mayor had to say.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to read the letter here on the House floor so that all Americans can hear the bravery and courage of Mayor Najim Abdullah Abid Al-Jibouri and also the good works of our young men and women in uniform.

To the courageous men and women of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, who have

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changed the city of Tall Afar from a ghost town, in which terrorists spread death and destruction, to a secure city flourishing with life.

To the lion-hearts who liberated our city from the grasp of terrorists who were beheading men, women and children in the streets for many months, to those who spread smiles on the faces of our children, and gave us restored hope, through their personal sacrifice and brave fighting, and gave new life to the city after hopelessness darkened our days, and stole our confidence in our ability to reestablish our city.

Our city was the main base of operations for Abu Mousab Al zarqa wi. The city was completely held hostage in the hands of his henchmen. Our schools, governmental services, businesses and offices were closed. Our streets were silent, and no one dared to walk them. Our people were barricaded in their homes out of fear; death awaited them around every corner, terrorists occupied and controlled the only hospital in the city. Their savagery reached such a level that they stuffed the corpses of children with explosives and tossed them into the streets in order to kill grieving parents attempting to retrieve the bodies of their young. This was the situation of our city until God prepared and delivered unto them the courageous soldiers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, who liberated this city, ridding it of Zarqawi's followers after harsh fighting, killing many terrorists, and forcing the remaining butchers to flee the city like rats to the surrounding areas, where the bravery of other 3rd ACR soldiers in Sinjar, Rabiaft, Zumar and Avgani finally destroyed them.

I have met many soldiers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; they are not only courageous men and women, but avenging angels sent by the God himself to fight the evil of terrorism.

The leaders of this regiment; COL McMaster, COL Armstrong, LTC Hickey, LTC Gibson, and LTC Reilly embody courage, strength, vision and wisdom. Officers and soldiers alike bristle with the confidence and character of knights in a bygone era. The mission they have accomplished, by means of a unique military operation, stands among the finest military feats to date in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and truly deserves to be studied in military science. This military operation was clean, with little collateral damage, despite the ferocity of the enemy. With the skill and precision of surgeons they dealt with the terrorist cancers in the city without causing unnecessary damage!

God bless this brave regiment; God bless the families who dedicated these brave men and women. From the bottom of our hearts we thank the families. They have given us something we will never forget. To the families of those who have given their holy blood for our land, we all bow to you in reverence and to the souls of your loved ones. Their sacrifice was not in vain. They are not dead, but alive, and their souls hovering around us every second of every minute. They will never be forgotten for giving their precious lives. They have sacrificed that which is most valuable. We see them in the smile of every child, and in every flower growing in this land. Let America, their families, and the world be proud of their sacrifice for humanity and life.

Finally, no matter how much I write or speak about this brave regiment, I haven't the words to describe the courage of its officers and soldiers. I pray to God to grant happiness and health to these legendary heroes and their brave families.

Mr. Speaker, as you have just heard, the mayor of Tall Afar exhibited personal courage

in daring to speak out in support of American troops.

I recently read in the papers of a horrific homicide bomber who attacked a police recruitment station in Tall Afar.

The terrorist killed more than 20 Iraqis, and there is no doubt in my mind that this attack was motivated in part by the outspoken support for the American 3rd Armored Cavalry regiment by the mayor.

My constituent Roger Hattersley and I spoke about his son and his service in Iraq. He told me that like so many of the young men and women serving there, his son is totally committed to the cause of freedom and liberty in this far away land.

It is heartwarming for me to read the words of mayor Al-Jibouri. It is clear that he is willing to put his life on the line to recognize the commitment and bravery of our men and women in uniform.

While you will probably never hear about the courage of mayor Al-Jibouri on the evening news or in your local newspaper, I wanted to take this opportunity tonight to make sure that the mayor received recognition for his outspokenness and honesty.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to say how much I support the mission and work of our troops, especially the 3rd Armored Cavalry regiment.

CONGRATULATING JAMES A. MAGEE WHO WAS CHOSEN TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AT A TESTIMONIAL DINNER

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my distinguished colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to James A. Magee, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, who was honored recently by the Bloomsburg Chapter of the American Red Cross at a testimonial dinner.

Born in Bloomsburg on August 20, 1928, to Harry L. and Alice Hartman Magee, he attended Bloomsburg public schools and went on to higher education at Gettysburg College and the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science.

Mr. Magee served our Nation on active duty in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954 and in the Army Reserves from 1954 to 1956.

He married Audrey Rehm and had three children, Drue A. Magee and James R. Magee, both of Bloomsburg and Elizabeth Hausske, of Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Magee also has a sister, Joanne Katerman, of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Magee started working in the family carpet business in 1950. He was elected president of the Magee Carpet Company in 1969. In 1967, Magee Industrial Enterprises, Inc. was created and, in 1976, was merged with and became the parent company of Magee Carpet Company. Mr. Magee continued as president of the parent corporation until his retirement in 1993.

Mr. Magee was involved in numerous service and community organizations. He was a director of the First Columbia Bank and Trust Company; Bloomsburg Area Industrial Devel-

opment Association; Bloomsburg Water Company; Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Ben Franklin Partnership and the Carpet and Rug Institute.

He served as a member of the executive committee of the Columbia-Montour Council of the Boy Scouts of America; was a trustee of Wesley United Methodist Church and was vice president of the Bloomsburg Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Magee also served as president of the Magee Christian Education Foundation, Bloomsburg Rotary Club and the Bloomsburg Hospital.

One of Bloomsburg's first "Men of the Year," Mr. Magee was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award in 1987 and the Bloomsburg University Medallion Award in 1989.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating James A. Magee on this auspicious occasion. His business acumen and devotion to community service has provided the greater Bloomsburg region with exceptional leadership for more than 40 years. Without a doubt, Mr. Magee has greatly improved the quality of life for thousands of people during his very fruitful career.

HONORING JUANA SEQUEIRA SOLIS ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise tonight to honor my mother, Juana Sequeira Solis, who celebrated her 80th birthday yesterday.

My mom was born in Jinotega, Nicaragua, on June 5, 1928, to Ramon Sequeira Arauz and Lucia Diaz Moeller. As a young child, she faced many obstacles due to the death of her father Ramon. At the age of 17, she immigrated to the United States and resided for a time in New Orleans, LA. After a few years, she moved to Los Angeles, CA, where she met her husband Raul Sanchez Solis. They married in 1953, and had 7 children, which led to 10 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. While raising her children in La Puente, CA, she took classes to improve her English and culinary skills. In addition, she was active in the PTA at the schools attended by her children.

When the youngest of her children turned 5, my mom began work at Mattel Inc. After 22 years of service, Juana retired from her job as an assembler. Although she had a double shift, working full-time and raising a large family along with her husband, she never regretted the sacrifices she made to maintain family cohesion, which has been a major driving force in her life.

Throughout her life, my mom made every effort to instill strong values in her children, including a strong work ethic and the ability to overcome adversity. Her life demonstrates that people can rise above unfortunate circumstances and humble beginnings. She has proven this by her charity work with the elderly residents of her neighborhood and others in need. The abundance of compassion and love that she has to offer to others has been unrestricted throughout her life and she has modeled qualities that have been inculcated in everyone she comes in contact with.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my six siblings and our extended family, I rise today to send happy birthday wishes to our beloved mom, Juana Sequeira Solis. Feliz cumpleaños.

IN MEMORY OF ELINOR MUSICK
ANDERSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Elinor Musick Anderson, from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for her lifelong contributions to her community and to her fellow citizens.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Galveston, TX. She graduated from Ball High School in Galveston and attended Rice University. As the wife of a career officer, she traveled extensively both within the United States and abroad. One of her proudest achievements was when she gained her pilot's license.

When she decided to pursue her longtime goal to be a writer, Elinor Musick Anderson attended Tarrant County Junior College majoring in journalism and served as the editor of the college magazine "The Reflector." After graduation she joined the staff of "New Woman" magazine and served with that publication the entire time it was published in Fort Worth. She was also the founding editor of "Fort Worth Woman" and edited "Colonial Columns" for a number of years.

Mrs. Anderson also founded and served as the writer-editor for her own company, "Monarch Media," and was the first editor of the Woodhaven Association monthly newsletter and yearly edited the directions for that association and the Woodhaven Woman's Club.

Mrs. Anderson was an active member of the Women's Club of Fort Worth and served in numerous leadership roles with the Historical Preservation Trust Committee, the Roundtable, Sydnor Bridge Study Club and the Tuesday Sun Parlor Contract Bridge Club.

Elinor Musick Anderson passed late Saturday, May 27, 2006 at a Fort Worth hospital from complications due to a pulmonary embolism. Her husband, daughter, son, granddaughters, a grandson and numerous other family members were with her when she passed.

I join in mourning the loss of Elinor and extend my deepest sympathies to her friends and family. She will be deeply missed and her service to her community will always be greatly appreciated.

MILL RUN ELEMENTARY DARE
PROGRAM

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me today to recognize the recent DARE graduates from Mill Run Elementary School in Centreville, VA. DARE—Drug Abuse Resistance Education—has a long history of providing children with the information and skills they need to live drug-and-violence-free lives

and I was pleased to recently visit the fifth graders at Mill Run as they completed this program.

I would like to recognize Mill Run Principal Paul Vickers and fifth grade teachers, Ms. Garofalo, Ms. Neely, Ms. Page, Ms. Sovereign, Ms. Williams, Ms. Wolff, and Mr. Wolslayer. Special acknowledgment also goes to DARE officer, Deputy Lynette Ridgley, who is specially trained to work with students, answer their questions, and establish a positive relationship between students, law enforcement, and the community. The DARE program, supported by dedicated school faculty, has helped to address the critical need to educate our youth on the consequences of involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence, and how to avoid risky behavior.

Several students at Mill Run Elementary received special awards for poster and essay submissions. Poster winners include Krista Sanders-Mason, Manik Dayal, William Kim, Ryan Orr, Rob Kramer, Renato Mazzei, Ellie Ferguson, and Brigitte Ganzer. Essay winners include Rachael Williams, Brandon Greer, Francesca Beller, T.J. Soroka, Nick Carroll, Emily Ready, and Colin Ceresa. I have inserted for the RECORD these students' essays because I feel it is important to hear from the students themselves about how much of an impact the DARE program has made.

One student, T.J. Soroka, says it plain and simple, "The information taught in the DARE program has given me the knowledge to make good decisions in my life."

(By T.J. Soroka)

When you go to school, you take many subjects, but this year I took one program unlike any other. That was DARE which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It's not taught by any ordinary teacher, in fact, DARE is taught by a Deputy Sheriff who works in Loudoun County. When we started DARE, I thought it would only be about smoking and drugs. But we also learned about inhalants, making good decisions, friendship qualities, being confident, and much more. But I gained the most knowledge in DARE while learning about tobacco and the qualities of a good friend.

Before you smoke a cigarette, think of all the bad things you're doing, such as putting 200 poisons in your body. Also, you aren't just hurting yourself, you're hurting the environment and the people around you. If you're under 18, it's against the law to smoke. I hope you don't smoke a cigarette, now knowing the affects of it.

Do you think your friends have good traits? Do they treat you like a friend? True friends have these qualities. They are loyal to you and you can trust them. Also, they have a bright personality so they can cheer you up. Last, if your friend asks you to smoke, you should have a second thought about them being your friend, after making a bad decision.

The information taught in the DARE program has given me knowledge to make good decisions. DARE also teaches you how to say no to drugs and other substances. Next, DARE has taught me affects of drugs and everything else. DARE has gave me the knowledge to make good decisions in my life.

(By Francesca Beller)

What exactly is D.A.R.E.? D.A.R.E. means Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It teaches kids to make smart decisions and teaches them about drugs and alcohol. Our teacher was Deputy Ridgley. She taught us several interesting facts about tobacco, marijuana, peer pressure, and other things that may or may not scare you.

Tobacco, the killer of over 400,000 peoples a year. It is illegal to anyone under the age of 18, but even though it is, children still do it! Tobacco affects your body development, so it really affects kids! There are also many diseases that tobacco can cause, such as heart disease, lung cancer, and mouth cancer. So, tobacco is very dangerous to people young and old with its 200 known poisons.

Inhalants, something that can cause sudden death is not what anyone wants. Inhalants have become a big problem now. Teens are using inhalants a lot. They use super glue, paint thinner, and other things. Inhalants can suffocate you and cause diarrhea. They also starve the body of oxygen and force the heart to beat irregularly. Some chronic users may have reduced muscle tone of strength. So if inhalants are so bad, why do it?

Advertisements, they trick people into buying bad products. Some tobacco commercials or advertisements may have you knocking on the wrong door. If tobacco turns your teeth yellow, then why do people in the ads have such white teeth? Beer ads do the same thing. They do not tell you the consequences most of the time. All they care about is you buying the product! Also, a tobacco company gave a ton of money to a charity, then spent more money than what they gave to charity telling people about it! Don't be fooled by advertisements, it may cut your life short.

I think D.A.R.E. has really made an impact on my life. Now I know everything I need to know about things from drugs to alcohol to peer pressure. I really think that everyone should take D.A.R.E. because it will probably lead most people down the right path for their lives. D.A.R.E. is very fun and is just a great program!

(By Brandon Greer)

"Click, click." The teenager was just handcuffed for smoking marijuana in a bathroom. I will never make this decision because of D.A.R.E. D.A.R.E. is a program that teaches you about drugs, the D.A.R.E. decision, making model, advertising, friendship qualities, peer pressure, personal pressure, ways to say no, and being confident. Our D.A.R.E. teacher was Deputy Ridgley. She was truly kind and comical. She told our class interesting stories in relation to her experiences about drugs.

One main drug we talked about was tobacco. Tobacco is found in cigarettes and in chewing tobacco. Tobacco is responsible for more than 400,000 deaths in America each year. Tobacco shoots your body right in the foot because it causes some major health problems. One is you could suffer shortness of breath and dizziness. It also hurts the people around you, because approximately 3,000 nonsmokers die each year from lung cancer. If you want to be beautiful, don't smoke. The 200 known poisons in the cigarette's smoke can affect your appearance. One way smoking affects your appearance is it dries your skin out and causes wrinkles. Smoking also causes yellow teeth and gives you terrible breath. Yuck!

Another major issue we spoke about was being confident. You need to be confident when a friend asks you a question, such as "Do you want to smoke?" Do not speak in a weak voice or have poor posture while you tell your friend you are not interested. Your friend will just keep nagging at you to smoke because he knows that you are unsure. To show your confidence, you must have excellent posture by standing up straight with shoulders back and chin up. Look your friend right in the eye and maintain eye contact. You then must speak clearly and respectfully. Remember to stay calm

and say no thank you. If you are confident your friend will stop asking you to smoke. Hopefully, your friend will ask you if you want to do some other activity.

I really loved D.A.R.E. I think that D.A.R.E. will actually help me in the future by knowing how to say no to drugs. I believe that it is extremely important to be drug free. If you take drugs you are basically throwing away your life because you might become addicted and think you must have drugs. I also think it is important that my friends and family do not do drugs. If you are drug free you can enjoy sports like, skiing, soccer, football, basketball, hockey, and other activities. You will also live a longer and have a better life if you don't do drugs. I have truthfully enjoyed learning about drugs and other D.A.R.E. topics. I will always continue to be 100% drug free.

(By Rachael T. Williams)

D.A.R.E. is something everybody can listen to, Drug Abuse Resistance Education. D.A.R.E. helps kids understand the cautions of drugs and alcohol from the start, and that nothing is real on advertising. Those are only two of the millions of things that D.A.R.E. teaches you!

Alcohol isn't something that helps you grow or something to play with. Alcohol is loss of self-control or even coma and death! Yes, you can drink once you're over twenty-one, but that doesn't give you the right to go party until four in the morning! Alcohol is a very dangerous thing. It is something you should never drink if you're under age, not even if someone calls you chicken. Even if they try to act tougher than you are, they're not. They're not stronger than you are, or cooler, or smarter than you are. It may seem like they're cooler but truly they're not.

You may look into a magazine and flip a few pages and then see an advertisement, and you will see people smoking cigarettes and having a great time. Well guess what, that is not reality. Reality is yellow teeth and sickness and your lungs turning black and failing. Cigarettes or cigars aren't a pool filled with fun. It causes breathing problems or heart disease and even cancer in your lungs, mouth, throat, bladder, and kidney! Smoking is just a big black hole of emptiness! So, don't listen to advertisements.

Peer pressure happens to everybody. It can happen on the bus, at recess, or even walking home from school. Sometimes people will be pressuring you about drugs or sometimes alcohol. They will make it seem fun and make it look like the answer to your prayers. Well, it's not. There are a lot of ways to say no like using humor or standing up for yourself. Those are just two ways to say no. D.A.R.E. will teach you many other ways.

D.A.R.E. is an awesome place to learn about drugs and how they can hurt you. I love going to D.A.R.E. Before D.A.R.E., I didn't even know half of the cautions of drugs and alcohol and how risky it is to drink or smoke. I know now that one day I'm going to be offered a cigarette or some alcohol, and I know exactly what to say: "NO!" I'll walk away and never trust a person like that again. Now I'll remember that no is the way to go.

(By Colin Ceresa)

In fifth grade we take a special class called D.A.R.E. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. My D.A.R.E. teacher, Deputy Ridgley, teaches us the dangers of drugs and alcohol, how to say no, and how to avoid dangerous situations.

Smoking can do horrible things to your body. Did you know smoking can turn your lungs black? Smoking makes it hard to breathe and makes you dizzy. It makes your

breath smell, turns your teeth yellow, dries your skin out and causes wrinkles. There are 200 known poisons in cigarette smoke. Smoking is the most common cause of lung cancer. I feel that smoking is very wrong. My Pop-Pop started smoking during the Viet Nam War and then smoked for 40 years. Luckily he quit a few years ago and is doing fine.

If you want to avoid all these bad things you need to be able to say no!!! Saying no can help you avoid many dangerous situations. You can say no in many ways. You could ignore the person offering you drugs. You could give a reason or fact to the person who is offering you drugs and tell them why they are bad for you, or you could walk away from the person who is offering you drugs. Saying no can change your life in so many ways. Saying no could even save your life.

I feel that all of the information that I learned in D.A.R.E. will help me a lot in the future. I know how bad alcohol, drugs and tobacco are for you. I also learned that you need to be confident and not let your friends pressure you into doing something that is illegal or will hurt you. D.A.R.E. has helped show me the importance of just saying NO!

(By: Emily Ready)

"Good afternoon, guys. Today we're going to talk about..." Every single year, fifth graders in Loudon County take a class called D.A.R.E. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. A deputy from Loudon County Sheriff's office comes and teaches you. Some of my favorite things that we learned about were tobacco, alcohol, and peer pressure.

Coughing, yellow teeth, cancer? These are just some of the things tobacco does to you. Cigarettes contain tobacco, and smoking is the main cause of heart disease. More than 400,000 people die every year from smoking. It can also turn your lungs from natural pink to sickening black. My thoughts on tobacco are tobacco is a horrible thing, and if you use it, you are ruining your life!

Jail, comas, and possible death are only a few of the things too much alcohol can get you. Alcohol is in beer, wine, and liquor. It slows down your brain and your body. In case you're wondering, most teenagers DON'T drink alcohol. I think if people were more responsible with alcohol, it wouldn't be a problem.

Peer pressure is when other people, friends or not, try to get you to do something you may or may not wish to do. Some people can be mean about it, or some will be nice and it can be something good for you. If it's bad, just say NO! I think if it's mean or bad peer pressure, we don't need it! It can hurt people's feelings and make them do something dangerous or awful that can hurt them or other people.

I really enjoyed the D.A.R.E. program this year. It showed me just how dangerous smoking and underage drinking really are. I believe it is important to stay drug-free because you can destroy yourself, your family, and your future. So, I, Emily Ready, promise to stay drug-free and stay a non-tobacco user and a nonunderage drinker.

(By Nick Carroll)

"Lost another one to drugs because of over use of alcohol," sighed Dr. Smith. That won't happen to me because I took D.A.R.E. class. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. During D.A.R.E. we learned about alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, and tobacco. We learned about more than just drugs. We learned how to say no and about the D.A.R.E. decision making model. We also learned about how dangerous inhalants can be and the tricks of advertisement.

Inhalants can be used as a type of drug. It can be made using household products concentrated in the certain place (like in a paperbag). They are very dangerous! It can kill you instantly even if you're doing it for the first time. Inhalants can damage your brain and liver. You might suffer from a loss of smell, depression, and can cause a heart attack! It can also suffocate you. It will starve your body of oxygen and force your heart to beat irregularly and more rapidly. You could get sores in the mouth and nose. Chronic users can have muscle wasting and reduced muscle tone and strength. Inhalants can cause nausea and nosebleeds. Inhalants are one of the things that kill many children each year. Inhalants can cause most of these problems without you knowing it until it's too late.

Advertising is one of the ways drug companies get people to buy their stuff. One of the ways they do it is to show famous celebrities drinking beer or smoking a cigarette. They also show happy people with beer, wine, or a cigarette. They put advertisement almost everywhere you could look. They put them on TV commercials, in magazines, billboards, and many other places. They think that by putting them in a lot of places they are getting more costumers and it works, people go for the advertisements.

I think D.A.R.E. was an exciting subject. We learned many things from our instructor, Deputy Ridgley. She made it enjoyable to learn about drugs and how to stay drug free. Deputy Ridgley told us many stories, which made it exciting. I think that it is important to stay drug free to keep from getting sick or hurt from different drugs. I will stay drug free to keep from getting sick or hurt by drugs!

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE ROMANOW

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends and colleagues who have gathered to honor a very special woman, and my dear friend, Joyce Romanow, as she celebrates her retirement. After more than thirty-seven years of giving our young people the best educational opportunities possible, Joyce will leave the teaching arena to pursue her own personal goals.

I often speak of our nation's need for talented, creative, enthusiastic teachers who are ready to help our children learn and grow. My dear friend Joyce is just that kind of educator. Throughout her career, she has touched the lives of thousands of children from elementary school to high school. Joyce began her teaching career in the town of West New York, located in New Jersey, where she taught second and third grade students, many of Cuban decent, for nine years. She then moved to New Haven, Connecticut and began teaching at Kimberly Avenue School at City Point. After consulting with colleagues, and thinking about her own personal teaching experience, she decided to become an English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher—working with some of our community's most vulnerable children. Here she had the opportunity to travel to many schools within the New Haven public school system, enabling the children of immigrant families to find success in the learning process based upon his or her individual needs and strengths. Naturally paired with the

educational program, Joyce also focused on the importance of positive development of not only our children's intellect, but their character development as well. She has placed great emphasis on the importance of team work, providing a productive environment, and has been an outstanding role model. For the last five years, she has been an ESOL teacher at Hillhouse High School, working with high school students in grades nine through twelve. Although Joyce has enjoyed working with students at all grade levels, she has a special place in her heart for high school students. I know she will be sorely missed by her students, friends and colleagues at Hillhouse High School.

Public education is the cornerstone of the American dream—leveling the playing field and providing every child with the opportunity to make the most of his or her talents. This is what Joyce has dedicated her life to doing for the past thirty-seven years. It is talented professionals like Joyce who truly shape the leaders of tomorrow.

In addition to her outstanding teaching career, Joyce has raised an exceptional son Danny, whom I adore. She is certainly more than a friend—she is family. Words cannot begin to express my appreciation and gratitude for the tireless support she has shown to me and my family over the years.

And so, it is with deep admiration and affection that I stand today to join her son Danny, her family, friends and colleagues in extending my sincere congratulations to Joyce Romanow as she celebrates her retirement. Joyce is a remarkable woman whose generosity and compassion has left an indelible mark on so many children whose lives she has transformed. Though she will be enjoying her retirement years, I am certain that Joyce will continue to keep a hand in teaching—her extraordinary dedication and kind heart making all the difference. I am happy to extend my very best wishes to her for many more years of health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF JOHN J. ROBOTTI

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tremendous public servant. Mr. John J. Robotti will retire this month after 65 years of service to our nation. Beginning with his enlistment as a soldier in 1941 until his retirement as a civilian in 2006, John has made public service his life's work. I must say that it is truly remarkable to find a person retiring at age 85. I am proud to note that most of those productive years were spent in my Central California District.

John was selected for Officer Candidate School in 1943. His tours of duty included Europe, Asia, and the United States. In 1950 he met his wife, Marion, in Paris, France. They were married in Palo Alto, California in 1953, and now reside in Carmel. In 1960, he was the Executive Officer for the Squaw Valley Olympic Games, which are still remembered as one of the most successful games ever held. The following year he retired with the rank of Major from 20 years of active duty while stationed at Fort Ord, California. He

served as Chief of the Consolidated Supply Section of G4 at that time.

John began his civilian career immediately as the G4 Logistical Services Officer at Fort Ord. He went on to act as Administrative Officer, Chief of Maintenance, and Housing Manager at Fort Ord. He retires as Director of Logistics at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, the premier language training institution in the world. In all, his civilian career spanned 45 years.

During his civil service years, John received exceptional evaluation ratings and numerous recognitions. He received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1991, the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service in 1994, the Exceptional Service Award in 1995, and in 1996 he was given a 55 Year Award for Federal Service.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to applaud John J. Robotti, a person who has served his country with great distinction for so many years. I join with all his friends and family in honoring this talented man and his many achievements.

HONORING DR. JARRELL JACKMAN
FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Jarrell Jackman upon his retirement from his position as Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

Dr. Jackman has been a leader of the Trust for Historic Preservation for twenty-five years, as Historic Projects Administrator and, since 1987, Executive Director. In a unique partnership with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Trust operates El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park that attracts 50,000 visitors annually from Santa Barbara and around the world.

Under Dr. Jackman's leadership, the Trust bought and maintains the Mission Santa Inez Mills, preserving significant remains of mission-period grist and fulling mills. In addition to acquiring and maintaining historic sites, the Trust preserves the diverse cultural heritage of Santa Barbara through its research, interpretation, educational programs, archeological work, historic restoration and preservation efforts. They work cooperatively with local jurisdictions and with dozens of State agencies, museums, private foundations, schools, and businesses to ensure that the rich cultural history of the central coast not only lives on for future generations, but is accessible today.

The Trust has completed major construction projects for El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park: the Chapel, the Comandancia, the Northeast Corner and (the soon to be completed) Northwest Corner, making El Presidio the most fully restored Presidio in the United States. The restored Casa de la Guerra and El Presidio have become significant museums, hosting many lectures, performances, visiting exhibits and celebrations, due in large part to the dedication and expertise of Dr. Jackman.

Dr. Jackman served honorably on the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory

Commission and has consistently been a forceful voice for the preservation of county historical structures. Among Dr. Jackman's honors are the prestigious Norman Neuerburg Award from the California Mission Studies Association in February 2001 and the 2006 California League of Park Associations' Dewitt Award for outstanding partnership.

I have seen firsthand many of the great programs and preservation efforts of the Trust. We, as a community, have benefited greatly from the skill and leadership of Dr. Jackman. I am pleased to commend Dr. Jarrell Jackman for his dedicated service to the Trust for Historic Preservation and to the Central Coast.

HONORING JAMES D. DAUGHERTY
OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor James D. Daugherty, a brave firefighter from Brooksville, Florida who is retiring after more than thirty years of service to our community.

Chief Daugherty was born in Kentucky on October 10, 1947 to Lilburn and Irene Daugherty. Serving in active duty in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969, James was stationed in Vietnam during the war. Later he joined the Florida National Guard and served there with distinction for seventeen years.

While stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, James came with a fellow soldier to Brooksville, Florida. He met his wife Juanita on a blind date and they were married on July 3, 1969. James and Juanita have one son, Jeff, and two grandchildren.

While Chief Daugherty has had a long and distinguished career, one specific incident with the Brooksville Fire Department in January 1978 had a lasting effect on him. Responding to an emergency call at a ditch cave-in while off duty, James dug in the dirt to help rescue the trapped men. Caught in the second cave-in, the one thing that stayed with him was the fact that they were communicating with the man that died when the second cave-in caught him in its wake. They were so close to saving him when the unthinkable second cave-in happened.

Promoted to Chief in 1999, James has had a long and distinguished firefighting career. In addition to his basic fire training, James has gone out of his way to advance his knowledge of life-saving techniques and procedures. He has an Associates Degree in Fire Science from St. Petersburg Junior College, is certified as an EMT, has attended Florida Smoke Divers School, is a Certified Wildland Firefighter, and has trained extensively in Emergency Management, Disaster Response, WMD, and in Hazardous Materials Response through the National Fire Academy and the Department of Homeland Security.

The dedication James has shown to the Fire Department is truly outstanding. Following open heart surgery in October 2002, Chief Daugherty went back to work as soon as his doctor would release him. He was determined that this surgery would not keep him down.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his years of responding to accidents and fighting fires,

James has shown his compassion and caring for the families who lost loved ones and cherished friends. It is that caring that Chief Daugherty will be remembered for by the entire Hernando County community.

CONGRATULATING MARY ERWINE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECEIVING THE LEADERSHIP WILKES-BARRE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my distinguished colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Mary Erwine, president of Erwine Home Health and Hospice, Inc., who is the 2006 recipient of Leadership Wilkes-Barre's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Ms. Erwine will be honored at the 25th annual Leadership Wilkes-Barre dinner to be held on Thursday, June 8. She was chosen for this award because of her commitment and dedication to the community and her ongoing support of Leadership Wilkes-Barre and its programs.

Ms. Erwine founded Erwine's Home Care in 1993 and expanded with the addition of Erwine's Private Health Care in 1995.

Under her leadership and professional training, the company has grown from three employees to more than 100. Her company serves patients in five Pennsylvania counties.

In 2005, she added a hospice division to afford patients continuity of care.

Her community involvement includes participating in organizations such as the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, the greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind, St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Osterhout Library, Circle 200, Pennsylvania Council on Aging, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Fundraising, Executive Women's Council, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, National Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, National Association of Millennium Circle Fund of the Luzerne Foundation, College Misericordia Advisory Council, PNC Bank Northeast Region Advisory Board, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania Corporate Board, Leadership Wilkes-Barre and the Greater Wyoming Valley Leadership Forum.

Ms. Erwine has also been the recipient of several awards including the Athena Award from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; Quality of Life Advocacy Award from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter Arthritis Foundation; Benefactor Award from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind; Distinguished Career in Nursing Administration Alumni Award from College Misericordia; Community Leaders of the Year Spirit of Business and Industry Award from the Arthritis Foundation and the 25th Anniversary Star Award from Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mary Erwine on this auspicious occasion. Her entrepreneurial spirit and her devo-

tion to community service have helped to improve the quality of life in the entire region.

HONORING JET CLEANERS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Amore Family as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jet Cleaners—the family owned and operated laundry and dry cleaning business which has become a local landmark in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut. In August of 1956 came the opening of an innovative new laundry service which offered the families of New Haven 1-hour service. Gracing the outside of the new store was a high-tech neon sign and behind the counter customers would find Nicholas, Michael and Vincent ("Jim") Amore—Jet Cleaners, aptly named for the fast service customers would come to know, was open for business.

After operating the Chapel Laundry and Dry Cleaners for twenty-seven years, Nicholas Amore and his two sons opened Jet Cleaners with the vision of bringing fast, efficient service to their customers. Built on the corner of State and Trumbull Streets in downtown New Haven, Jet Cleaners would quickly become known for their dedication and vision. The Amore family were well known for looking to the future, so it was no surprise when they ensured they would be able to expand their business by leasing the adjacent space and purchasing the property across the street from the original plant. In the leased space, the Amores established the largest coin laundry in New Haven with 40 washers and twenty dryers.

As the business continued to expand, Nicholas, Michael, and Vincent looked to build a larger plant in a new location across the street. Though founder Nicholas Amore would not see the opening of the new store, Jet Cleaners moved to its new home in 1966 where it continues to stand today. Family, friends, and customers brought a variety of plants to celebrate the opening of the new store which were placed in the counter area in front of the two large plateglass windows. Over the years, customers have left more and more plants and a large dracaena was even rescued from a local pub. Thriving in the steam-filled environment, their collection of greenery soon became the trademark of Jet Cleaners.

Three generations later, Jet Cleaners is still owned and operated by the Amore family. Michael Amore's sons, Mike, Jr. and Douglas took over operation in 1998 and continue the family's legacy. Customers of Jet Cleaners can experience the small touches each generation has made to the store. Today you still find the same dedication to fast, efficient customer service, the array of beautiful plants still meet customers as they enter the store, and Mike, Jr. and Douglas have continued to expand the business branching out into wholesale markets and becoming the first area dry

cleaner to offer credit and debit card service. They have even opened a satellite store in Cheshire. Perhaps the most special contribution Mike, Jr. and Douglas have made is that which gives back to the community. In 1995, Jet Cleaners joined with WTNH Channel 8 to promote a Holiday Coat Drive which became the catalyst for future coat drives and a number of community service activities.

I have always believed that our small businesses are the backbone of our economies. Jet Cleaners is a shining example of all that our small businesses can contribute—they not only provide a service to their customers, but dedicate themselves to making our community a better place to live and work. Today, as the Amore family and the New Haven community celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jet cleaners, I am proud to stand to congratulate them on this very special occasion and extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to them for all that they have brought to our community.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN MAGYAR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my close friend Stephen Magyar. Steve passed away in Monterey on March 29 after a long life full of accomplishments and service to his community. He was known as an outgoing and friendly man, the first to greet you on the street and always ready to tell a good story or funny joke.

Steve grew up in Detroit and stayed there until he enlisted in the Army to fight in the Second World War. He left the snow of Detroit to serve in the heat of the Pacific at Christmas Island. After the war he was stationed at Camp Callan north of La Jolla, CA, where, after being pressured to go on a blind date, he met a girl named Peggy. This girl became the love of his life for the next 62 years. His last stop as an active duty member of the U.S. Army was in my district at Fort Ord.

He retired from the Army 20 years later and moved on to his own business, the Stephen G. Magyar Co. The company started out of his garage in 1947 and he was always proud to say that his first customer was Bing Crosby. Steve left his business to work for Mary and Robert Littlefield in building their Monterey Savings and Loan branch office at the former Jefferson Hotel in downtown Salinas. Always a quick thinker and great decision maker, Steve came up with an idea to get some customers in the door. He decided to raffle off an airplane, and the idea worked. He had traffic backed up for blocks in both directions as drivers stopped to look at the plane in the parking lot.

Involved throughout his community, Steve was able to make quite an impact. He also looked into public service through involvement in the State senate, but was defeated by someone I must admit I would have voted for, my father Fred Farr.

Today I extend my condolences to his wife Peggy, his two sons Rodger and Jeff, and cherish the memory of this great man.

ON THE PASSING OF IRVING
WILLNER

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Irv Willner, a life-long resident and community leader in the city of Monterey Park. Mr. Willner was a model of patriotism and his contributions to his community have inspired many, including myself.

As a native of New York City and a celebrated veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Willner earned his bachelors degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York City. He served in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as a mechanical engineer for 35 years of his life.

Mr. Willner was a longtime Democratic Party leader, a pioneer member of the Monterey Park Environmental Commission, and a member of the city personnel board. With his leadership skills and enduring devotion, Mr. Willner has been credited with the successful elections of many local officials. His commitment to his community, justice, and progressive causes is commendable. I extend my admiration, and the gratitude of the City of Monterey Park and my district, to his family and friends.

Mr. Willner truly made a difference in his community and his contributions will be recognized and appreciated for years to come. I send my condolences to his family, including wife, Mrs. Ruth Willner, children Paul Willner and Julia Parker, and granddaughter Erin. I am comforted only by knowing that his legacy will live on through his family and in the community he helped to improve for the future.

RECOGNIZING ADRIAN MUNOZ, GABRIEL MUNOZ, AND PAULA BUSTOS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous actions of Adrian Munoz, Gabriel Munoz, and Paula Bustos, who, in the early morning hours of Friday, May 26th, aided in the rescue of their neighbors Mary Moore and Charles Butler from a fire in their home.

At 12:30 a.m. on Friday morning, an overheated extension cord sparked a one-alarm fire in the home of Mary Moore and her husband Charles Butler. From across the street, the Munoz brothers and their cousin Paula noticed the fire. Acting quickly, Adrian rushed to the hose and started spraying the house. He moved into the house, stretching the hose as far as possible attempting to keep the fire from moving towards Mary Moore's room. Following Adrian into the house, Paula Bustos moved to help Ms. Moore as Adrian and Gabriel pulled Mr. Butler from the fire and out of the house. The fire department arrived soon after and helped bring Ms. Moore out of the house.

The heroic actions of Adrian and Gabriel Munoz, and Paula Bustos serve as an example to and inspiration to others. I stand here

today to recognize their actions and I am proud to be their representative in Washington and to call them fellow Texans.

CHANTILLY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ECONOMICS CHALLENGE TEAM

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Chantilly High School National Economics Challenge Team for their tremendous success in this year's competition. The Chantilly High team, comprised of students Adriana Medina, Natalie Mutchler, Alex Pepper and Sam Perkins, and their teacher/adviser, Joseph Clement, should be extremely proud of being named runner-up in the David Ricardo Division of the National Economics Challenge. The students from Chantilly High School have the distinction of being one of the top four teams in a national competition involving more than 1000 teams.

The National Council on Economic Education and the Goldman Sachs Foundation established the Challenge in 2000 to provide a competitive format to test the knowledge of the best economics students in the country. The NCEE's mission is to improve economics education in grades K-12 through teacher training and development of instructional materials.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Chantilly High School Economics Challenge Team for their outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING HART DEVEROUX CAPARULO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep gratitude that I rise today to join the United Way of Greater New Haven and the many communities which it serves in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to my friend, Hart Deveroux Caparulo, as she celebrates her retirement after thirty-nine years of dedicated service. Though she will leave her position as Chief Professional Officer, I have no doubt that Hart will continue to stay actively involved and will always be available should our community be in need.

Beginning her career with the United Way in her hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina, Hart has dedicated a lifetime to making a difference in the lives of our Nation's most vulnerable citizens. Feeling that "New Haven needed her most," Hart began as a Campaign Director where she started a number of new programs including a Leadership giving program and group solicitation in employee campaigns. It was this innovative and creative vision that led the Board of Directors to offer her the position of Chief Professional Officer—a position which she has held for the last decade.

Under her leadership, the United Way of Greater New Haven has fundamentally changed the way it interacts with its communities and partners. Community engagement, strategic focus and an ever-growing passion to improve the quality of life for others is at the core of its mission. Perhaps the most impressive result of the organization's revitalized mission has been the collaborative work of Community COMPASS—a strategically focused campaign to improve the economic health of our region and reducing educational disparity. One of the many results of COMPASS has been the development and launching of the Success By 6 program which combines the efforts of a network of community partners to ensure children newborn to 6 years old are healthy, nurtured and ready to succeed when they enter school. It is programs like these, that thanks to Hart's leadership and vision, are now the core work of the United Way of Greater New Haven.

In addition to her professional contributions, Hart has also been actively involved throughout the community. I would be remiss if I did not extend a personal note of thanks and appreciation for all the help that she has given to both myself and my office over the years. We have always known that we could count on her expertise and compassion. I wish her the very best as she moves on to future endeavors.

We, as a community, owe Hart Caparulo a great debt of gratitude for all the good work that she has done on our behalf—every community should be so fortunate. For her invaluable contributions and the indelible mark she has left on the United Way of Greater New Haven, I am proud to stand today to recognize Hart Deveroux Caparulo and to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to her as she celebrates her retirement.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL MEHEEN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor the memory of my high school classmate, M. Michael Meheen. Mike passed away late in the evening of April 11th at the age of 67. Mike was born in Iran and moved to Carmel, my hometown, in 1953. He graduated from Carmel High School a couple years before me in 1957. Mike then went on to graduate from Oregon State University and completed his doctorate at Hastings Law School.

Mike came back to our district and went on to have a successful law career for over 40 years. He primarily served on the Monterey Peninsula and worked in family law. It is no wonder that he focused on helping families, as Mike loved his family above all else.

His other loves included fast expensive cars, large dogs, the 49ers, travel and his fruit tree orchard. In addition to these hobbies, Mike was actively involved in his community. He was a long time member of the Pacheco Club, spent many years coaching Carmel Youth Soccer, and taught Business Law at Monterey Peninsula College.

The Carmel and Monterey communities will most definitely miss the presence of this wonderful man, as will the family he held so dearly. Mike believed in living every moment to the

fullest. His energy will be remembered and missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HERMAN
E. WARSH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Herman E. Warsh, and to honor his life of dedicated service to his community and to his country.

Born on March 28, 1924 in Calgary, Canada to Samuel Warshovsky and Rebecca Wietstinietski, originally of Poland, he emigrated with his parents, his sister and his brother to the United States in 1925. The family made a home in Los Angeles, California and Herman attended public school until the 10th grade. In 1941, he married Lorraine Rack and in 1942, enlisted in the Navy and served in the South Pacific through 1945.

Upon his return, he passed the GED and in only two years he received his BA while working full time. He went on to earn his Masters degree in history at UCLA while working as a teaching assistant and continued his education by working on three doctorates, eventually earning his PhD in Education from Wayne State University in 1969. Herman Warsh taught from 1952–1965, serving in many different capacities. He also taught at the college level at USC, the University of Hawaii at Hilo and at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Warsh also taught literacy to the U.S. troops in Germany, to First Nations' peoples in Alaska and to incarcerated men in the California penal system. Following the awarding of his doctorate, he was recruited to be the Director of Educational Programs for the Mott Program in the Flint Public School System. In 1974, he became head of the Department of Elementary Education at the University of New Mexico. In 1977, he moved to Santa Barbara to work with and, in 1980, to wed Maryann Mott. Together they devoted the bulk of their philanthropic efforts to their two family foundations, C.S. Fund and Warsh Mott Legacy.

In addition to financial resources, Herman Warsh gave selflessly of his time, serving on the Board of the Fund for Santa Barbara and of Pacifica Graduate Institute. Nationally, he served as Chair of the Environmental Policy Institute, which under his leadership, merged with Oceanic Society and Friends of the Earth USA, to become a key progressive, national environmental institution.

I am honored to recognize the life and work of Herman E. Warsh and I believe, as many do, that Santa Barbara is a better place for having him a part of this community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MILITARY
ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Grant Fischer of Douglas

County High School and Matthew Van Horn of Chatfield High School on their appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. I would also like to take this time to congratulate Christine Jaszlics of Lakewood High School and Jeffrey Hathcote of Grandview High School on their appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, as well as Madison Stumpp and Richard Shreffler, both of Eaglecrest High School, on achieving appointments to the United States Naval Academy. Finally, I would also like to extend my hearty congratulations to Matthew Bezzant of Columbine High School, Kyle Black of Thunder Ridge High School, Meghan Booze of Columbine High School, Daniel Hann of Dakota Ridge High School, Brock Logan of Arapahoe High school, Millie Mays of Douglas County High School, Trenton West of Grandview High School and Kelsey Yip of Dakota Ridge High School on their appointments to the United States Air Force Academy.

These young men and women have exhibited tremendous commitment and dedication in making it through the rigorous nomination process and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors as they embark on their careers with the United States Military. They have excelled both in and out of the classroom, and I have no doubt they will represent Colorado with distinction at these prestigious academies.

HONORING KEN HAAS OF HAYS,
KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ken Haas of Hays, Kansas for his years of service to this community through his diverse career in education.

Mr. Haas began teaching in 1964 at Kennedy Middle School as an industrial arts and physical education instructor. He also influenced countless students by serving as the school's guidance counselor. In 1999, after 35 years of work in the Hays school district, Ken was approached by Father Mike Scully and asked to assume the role as principal of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, a private Christian high school in the Catholic tradition.

Ken was nearing the point of possible retirement in his current position and awaiting him was the well-deserved free time that one earns after working so long in a challenging vocation. After a weekend of prayer and consideration, Ken decided that it was the Lord's desire for him to accept the position.

That was 7 years ago. After improving the school's leadership structure, balancing the school's budget, and sustaining enrollment, Mr. Haas has chosen to retire from his current position. Even in retirement Ken plans to be involved where he's needed around the school.

Mr. Haas is a committed professional who is well-regarded among his peers and students. He is known for attending athletic events, even the ones that don't generate the largest crowds. He still surprises many former pupils with his unique ability to greet them by name

after not seeing them for many years. Just another sign of how much he cares.

Mr. Haas has served Hays students and their parents well for over 40 years, and that is why Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF
LIGHTHOUSE POINT

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the wonderful city of Lighthouse Point, Florida. I am proud to have represented the residents of this city for the 26 years I have served in Congress.

Incorporated on June 13, 1956, Lighthouse Point derived its name from its location under the beam of the famed Hillsboro Lighthouse. Armed with a petition signed by over 100 residents favoring incorporation, community leaders traveled to Tallahassee to seek approval. Story has it that 77 names on the petition were Republicans and they were required to re-register before incorporation approval would be given by the State's Democrat leaders. All 77 agreed to re-register as Independents and the incorporation of Lighthouse Point was approved.

In 1956, approximately 150 people resided in the newly incorporated area. Most of these residents had grown up in other parts of the country during the 1920s and 1930s and many had served in WWII. What had originally been farm land was now a network of canals and residential lots providing residents with waterfront living and easy access to the Intracoastal Waterway and the ocean beyond. It was an idyllic place to make a new life for yourself and your family. In 1956, Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected President and Leroy Collins was elected Governor of Florida, both for second terms; a first class postage stamp was three cents and Elvis Presley's "Don't Be Cruel" was the number-one record.

Today, Lighthouse Point is a thriving community of approximately 10,767 residents. It has moved from services provided by volunteers to a full service city with its own police, fire, and public works departments. Although it has grown dramatically, as has all of South Florida, it has retained its feeling of a small town community. Eighteen miles of canals, parks and numerous recreational activities and special annual events such as Keeper Days and Lighthouse "A" Glow all contribute to the hometown feel of Lighthouse Point. It continues to maintain its heritage and its standard of striving to be the best place to live and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, Lighthouse Point is a jewel in the landscape of South Florida. I am honored to represent the city and her residents in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am also pleased to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Lighthouse Point on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING THE PUEBLO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. This credit union has served the residents of Pueblo well. PGAFCU's mission is to promote thrift among its members by giving them an opportunity to save money, thus accumulating and investing the savings of the members and to make loans to its members which promise to be of benefit to the borrower.

The Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union was founded on June 9, 1936 by ten Pueblo postal employees who brought together a group of federal agency employees to form a credit union for the purpose of improving the financial lives of its members. Today, the Credit Union has more than 4,200 members serving current and retired federal agency employees, their family members and other special groups in Pueblo and South-eastern Colorado.

The friendly, hometown service combined with a wide variety of personalized, high-quality financial services has truly enriched the lives of many residents in my Congressional District. I am proud to represent an organization that so aptly embodies the values of a small town financial institution while offering much-needed financial services to the Pueblo community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union on the occasion of their 70th anniversary and I commend them for the service they provide to the many federal government employees and their families in Southeastern Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PHILIP M. GOLD, ON RECEIVING THE RABBI NORMAN F. FELDHEYM AWARD FOR LOYALTY AND SERVICE TO THE SYNAGOGUE AND COMMUNITY OF THE CONGREGATION EMANU EL.

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El, located in my home district of San Bernardino, California, who have conspicuously and exceptionally reflected Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, and service to the community. I stand here today to honor Doctor Philip M. Gold for receiving this distinguished award.

Dr. Gold has been an extraordinarily devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El. He began his service as a member of the Congregation's Board of Directors in 1990, and

since then he has served as Secretary, 2nd Vice-president, Vice-president, and from 2000–2002, as the President of the Congregation. During this time he has helped to masterfully guide the Congregation through its period of rabbinic transition. He has been an inspirational leader of the Congregation, giving evidence of his deep love for Judaism, a strong participation in worship and education, and an exemplary commitment to Jewish values and their application in contemporary society.

Dr. Gold is a distinguished graduate of Stanford University, where he received his B.A. degree in 1958, and of the UCLA School of Medicine, where he received his M.D. degree in 1962. At UCLA, Dr. Gold also completed his internship and residency, which included being Chief Resident in Medicine. Dr. Gold is a highly respected physician and teacher, a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Sub Specialty Board of Pulmonary Disease.

Since 1977, Dr. Gold has been associated with the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, where he currently serves as Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Pulmonary and Intensive Care Division, Program Director of the Pulmonary Fellowship Program and Executive Vice-Chair of the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Gold has been recognized by his colleagues as a leader in the field of medicine. His numerous accomplishments include serving as a Governor and President of the California Chapter of the American College of Physicians, President of the American Lung Association of California, President of the American Lung Association of San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties, Chair of the Council Practice Committee of the American Thoracic Society, President of the California Thoracic Society, and President of the Society of Graduate Internists of UCLA.

While the awards Dr. Gold has received are too abundant to mention in total, some of the most notable include a Mastership in the American College of Physicians, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Lung Association, the Laureate Award of the American College of Physicians, the William L. Cover MD Award of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the American Lung Association Pottenger Award and the Michael Stulberg California Medal of the American Lung Association of California.

Dr. Gold is known to family, colleagues, patients, fellow congregants and friends as a person of the highest integrity, extraordinary sensitivity, perceptive insight, humility and love of the arts. He and his wife, Roberta, are the proud parents of Jana, Matthew and Jason, all of whom received their Jewish education at Congregation Emanu El, and the proud grandparents of Eddie, Leah, Cary and Molly.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 115th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation Emanu El. It is fitting, on such a momentous occasion, that we stand here today to honor Dr. Philip M. Gold, for outstanding service to his Congregation, the field of medicine, and to his family and community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT ALESSANDRO CARBONARO

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor today to recognize the life of Sergeant Alessandro Carbonaro, a courageous Marine who passed away on May 10, 2006 in Germany as a result of injuries he received in Iraq. I had the privilege to attend a moving memorial service for this young man on May 23rd at the National Cathedral. There, those who knew him best testified to his commitment to his friends, family, and country. Alex was a proud and dedicated soldier, a loving son and husband, and a loyal friend who loved ice hockey and played in a local rock band. I thank him for his service to the country, and offer my condolences to his parents, Fulvio and Gilda Carbonaro, his wife, Gilda, and all who had the pleasure and good fortune to know him.

I would like to submit to the RECORD a poem Alex wrote in the Spring of 2004. I hope the words of this talented young man bring comfort to all who mourn his loss.

FROM AFAR

Dear little star
How I miss having you near me.
And though your light shines on me from afar

I have to continue on and appreciate
Your warmth from across the cosmos
Dear little shining star
At the end of the day
I look at you and my emotions just flow
from me
And all I feel is your warmth.
One day things will be different for you and I
My little precious star.
But until then
I must be content to take you in from afar.

PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2006

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to extend my remarks on H.R. 4681, the Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act that was passed here on the House Floor on May 23, 2006. Madam Speaker, the Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act was a bill that I and I am sure many of my colleagues as well, struggled with and deliberated on a great deal. While America's support for Israel is unwavering, Congress does not want to send the wrong message to the Palestinian people that we have given up on them or the path to peace in that region.

Madam Speaker, the intent of H.R. 4681 was not to alienate the Palestinian people, but rather to demonstrate America's resolve against terrorism in all its forms, including the leadership of Hamas and the Hamas-controlled Palestinian Authority. This bill was passed to send a strong message to Hamas'

leaders that they cannot continue to sponsor terrorism and call for the destruction of Israel and expect to receive American financial and diplomatic support. America will stand firm with Israel against any enemy who seeks to terrorize its people or disrupt the lives of its citizens.

With that being said, it is also important for the Palestinian people to know that America is not an enemy, but that we seek to help establish a two-state system, with Israel and Palestine coexisting side by side in peace. America strongly believes in the peace process and we hope to facilitate that process so the entire region will be better for it. When Congress passed H.R. 4681 it was not a vote against the Palestinian people, but a vote against terrorists of those who have called for the destruction of Israel and who have sponsored terrorism in the past and continue to do so.

Congress understands that we must be resolute against terrorist leaders, but also show humanity and compassion towards the poor and innocent children and destitute people of the Palestinian territories. That is the only way we can achieve peace and stability in the region. Madam Speaker, I will continue to support the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian people along with my colleagues here in Congress, and America will continue to provide humanitarian aid and assistance for those people who need it most. We will not let the election of Hamas hijack the road to peace that we have all sought for so long.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL T.
MICHAEL "BUZZ" MOSELEY, USAF

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my fellow Texan and good friend, Chief of Staff of the Air Force GEN T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, who received the high honor of being knighted during a ceremony at the British Embassy in Washington, DC on May 30.

General Moseley was awarded the honorary knighthood due to his contributions to British-American relations during his tour of duty as the commander of the air war over Afghanistan and Iraq.

In addition to being the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Moseley can now add the honorary title of "Knight Commander of the British Empire" to an already impressive service record. General Moseley becomes the next in a long line of some of our Nation's most impressive leaders and skilled military commanders to be so highly honored by our British allies including President Ronald Reagan, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, GEN Jimmy Doolittle, GEN Carl Spaatz, GEN Tommy Franks, and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

I congratulate my friend General Moseley on his knighthood, and thank him for his outstanding service in leading the United States Air Force in its continuing operations in the global war on terrorism.

IN MEMORY OF PERRY BASS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Mr. Perry Bass of Fort Worth, Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens.

Born in Wichita Falls, TX, on November 11, 1914, Mr. Bass attended prep school in Pennsylvania and in 1937 received a science degree, specializing in geology, from Yale University. Mr. Perry died the morning of Thursday, June 1, 2006, at the age of 91.

Mr. Bass began his career in the legendary oil fields of Texas, where he worked with his uncle beginning in the 1930s. In 1942 Perry Bass joined the armed services as a naval architect designing torpedo boats before later continuing his career in oil and gas.

Perry Bass's professional exploits are only a small part of his life-long success. Throughout his career Mr. Bass and his family donated generously to a wide variety of charities, learning institutions, the arts and hospitals. As a former chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, he championed a law to preserve the population of redbird and spotted sea trout in the Texas coastal waters and worked to preserve the natural beauty of the State of Texas.

The Bass family's investments have changed the landscape of downtown Fort Worth, transforming aging and often-vacant buildings into trendy restaurants, hotels and clubs, all anchored by the \$65 million Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall.

He was a dedicated civic pioneer and outspoken philanthropist, and it was my honor to know him and to now represent part of the great city of Fort Worth that he helped develop into one of the best places to live in the United States. He leaves behind a legacy of generosity and encouraged others do to the same. His wife, Nancy, and four sons, Sid, Lee, Edward and Robert, have continued that legacy of philanthropy and public works. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his service to his community will always be greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST J. ADAN
GARCIA

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of United States Army Specialist J. Adan Garcia, 20, of Irving, TX.

Specialist Garcia died on May 27, 2006 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He died of injuries sustained on May 22, 2006, while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Specialist Garcia was assigned to the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, in Fort Drum, NY.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Specialist Garcia. This brave young

man made the ultimate sacrifice for the security of his country and for the defense of democracy worldwide. He was an outstanding young man and we should all be grateful for his noble contributions to this nation and the advancement of freedom.

I am proud to call Specialist Garcia one of our own, and am, again, deeply sorry for his family and friends who have suffered this loss. His legacy will remain, as the men and women of our armed services continue to fight for liberty—both abroad and on our home soil.

INTRODUCTION OF LT. COL. JAMES
MEGELLAS MEDAL OF HONOR
BILL

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to honor a true American hero by awarding him the Medal of Honor. On January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge, Lt. James Megellas led his platoon of the 82nd Airborne Division on a surprise and devastating attack on a much larger advancing German force, killing and capturing a large number of the enemy and causing others to flee. In an act of fearless courage, Megellas single-handedly destroyed an attacking German Mark V tank with two hand-held grenades. He then led the charge of his men and seized Herresbach, Belgium, during this fierce action of the Battle of the Bulge. Due to his aggressive, fearless and superior leadership, Lt. James Megellas inspired his men to excel.

After serving 4 years as a rifle platoon leader during World War II, including many combat jumps into Italy and Holland, Megellas left the active Army and served for 16 years in the Army Reserve. He retired after 20 years of service as a lieutenant colonel.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Star Medals, two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, and he is credited with being the 82nd Airborne Division's most decorated officer. During World War II, Gen. James Gavin selected one 82nd officer—Lt. James Megellas—to receive the Military Order of Wilhelm Orange Lanyard from the Dutch Minister of War on behalf of his division.

To this day, James Megellas continues to inspire. In February, 61 years since that momentous battle, James "Maggie" Megellas set foot on a battlefield with fellow 82nd Airborne Division soldiers, this time in a current theatre of war—Afghanistan. Megellas was impressed with what he saw of the paratroopers and their work. He listened to their stories of their past year of deployment and shared with them his own experiences during World War II.

I urge my colleagues to also recognize James "Maggie" Megellas by supporting this bill to authorize and request the President to award him the Medal of Honor for his acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge. As time goes by, true heroes should never be forgotten, so please join me in honoring this outstanding American hero.

STATEMENT ON THE MARKEY
AMENDMENT ON GNEP**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, before Memorial Day Recess, during consideration of the Fiscal Year 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, Mr. MARKEY, the gentleman from Massachusetts, offered an amendment that would have cut \$40 million for the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, a dangerous program about which we are still not fully aware of the consequences. I supported Mr. MARKEY's amendment, which unfortunately failed last night. This amendment would have funded GNEP at \$80 million. The Energy and Water Subcommittee already cut funding from this program, stating "serious reservations" about the new program. Until there are no reservations about the program, we should not continue to fund it.

The Department of Energy claims that the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership will prevent misuse of civilian nuclear facilities for non-peaceful purposes by developing enhanced safeguards over these programs and technologies. According to DOE, the program will account for materials, control technology, provide transparency to validate peaceful uses, and review international agreements and obligations.

Despite the claims of the Department of Energy, there are many consequences of this program that are costly and potentially very dangerous to Americans and the international community.

Nuclear reprocessing is a dangerous endeavor. Reprocessing nuclear waste produces separated plutonium, which can be used to make nuclear weapons. If the plutonium remains bound in large, heavy, and highly radioactive spent fuel assemblies, it is nearly impossible to steal. In contrast, separated plutonium is not highly radioactive. The simple fact is it will never be as secure as it would be if left in the spent fuel rods. By producing additional materials that aid in the production of nuclear weapons, we are potentially enabling terrorists and other non-nuclear countries to create nuclear weapons. This is not the example we want to set for the world.

Reprocessing also does not decrease radioactive nuclear waste. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has said that spent fuel could be safely stored in spent fuel pools or dry casks without significant environmental impact for at least 100 years. For the past thirty years, we have been able to dissuade countries from creating nuclear reprocessing programs on the premise that we ourselves are not involved.

Another problem with GNEP is that the Administration has not been able to demonstrate to Congress how costly this program will be. Since the program was announced in February of this year, the Department of Energy has not provided Congress with an overall cost for this program. Congress has not had the opportunity to evaluate the merits of this program or determine if it is in our best interest, in the long and short term. With such a great undertaking, we must fully understand the effects of this program.

I am disappointed that the Markey amendment failed. It is my hope that my colleagues

will see the dangers of nuclear reprocessing and oppose this program when the final version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill is considered in the next couple of months.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues in the House the text of a Memorial Day speech delivered by the Mayor of Largo, Florida, Mrs. Patricia Gerard.

Like so many of my colleagues in the House, I was honored to attend numerous Memorial Day services in my Congressional District to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed greatly in defense of our great Nation. It is always humbling to join with veterans young and old and to share moments of remembrance with the families that survive them. Those that we honored on Memorial Day have secured our freedom and our safety, and this point could not have been more clearly made than by Mayor Gerard's comments and her reference to the words of Mr. Charles M. Province.

I submit to you the text of Mayor Gerard's Memorial Day remarks so that we may all reflect on the debt we owe to our men and women in uniform.

Memorial Day is the time for Americans to reconnect with their history and core values by honoring those who gave their lives for the ideals we cherish.

More than a million American service members have died in the wars and conflicts this nation fought since the first colonial soldiers took up arms in 1775 to fight for independence. Each person who died during those conflicts was a loved one cherished by family and friends. Each was a loss to the community and the nation.

We in this country owe a great debt of gratitude to those who sacrificed their lives so that we could live free. We can start to pay that debt by not forgetting, by remembering what they did and what they stood for.

In the words of Charles M. Province:

It is the Soldier, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial;
And I would say:

And it is the Soldier—who leaves his or her
family and goes off to war,
Who allows the protester to speak out
against that war.

Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

Please join me as we all remember those men and women who have made our way of life possible.

A REMARKABLE MOVE TO
EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to take the opportunity today to recognize the remarkable story of Bill Carris and the company he formerly owned, Carris Reels.

Carris Reels, Inc. had been a family owned company. It has been supplying wood, metal and plastic reels to the wire and cable industry for over 45 years, and it provides the most comprehensive product line of any reel manufacturer. Carris Reels has 710 employees, in 15 plants, in eight states.

I said that Carris Reels was formerly owned by Bill Carris. In 1995, at a time when the company had sales of \$83 million, Bill Carris decided that in the future the company should be owned by its employees. So the company began an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) by contributing about 10 percent of its stock to an ESOP. Since then, employee share of ownership has increased—and increased.

This past December an issue of new shares of stock to the ESOP meant that employees owned half—50 percent—of Carris Reels. Also in December, a loan to the ESOP enabled it to buy almost a third of Bill Carris' remaining shares. That meant that, by the turn of the year 2006, 65 percent of Carris Reels was owned and controlled by the company's employees. The intention is for it to be 100 percent employee-owned within 10 years.

Bill Carris strongly believes in community building and in the major role employees should play in running the business in which they work. That's why he decided on a long term plan to move his company from family to employee ownership. He hoped, and his hopes are being borne out, that in doing so he could remake the whole work situation at Carris Reels: employees would be—in fact, they are—owners responsible for charting the course of the corporation, keeping it a profitable business, and securing its long term future. Those who work at Carris Reels have moved from employees to owners, from hired workers to stewards of the company and its future. They share in the company's profits.

Today, in Vermont, the Vermont Employee Ownership Center is recognizing Bill Carris and Carris Reels for taking the enormous step to majority ownership by the corporation's employees through their employee stock ownership plan. The recognition is well-deserved. I believe Bill Carris and his employees, and Carris Reels as well, can serve as a model for our Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY
KOBAN**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of my friend and constituent, Shirley Kobran. For more than four decades, Shirley has been an active resident

of Ulster County, New York where she has dedicated much of her time to serving her community in various manners. Most notably, Shirley committed much of her energy over the years to environmental protection programs and served as the catalyst for several important local initiatives. I'm proud to join the Ulster County Jewish Federation in honoring Shirley for her lifetime achievement and service to the communities of Ulster County.

Upon her arrival to Ulster County from the Bronx, Shirley quickly became active in various community service organizations. It was in her capacity as editor of the League of Women Voters' monthly newspaper that she featured environmental articles prominently on the front page and began to organize the League around relevant environmental matters. On Earth Day in 1970, Shirley, along with her League colleagues, founded the Environmental Task Force of Ulster County. One of the most notable public policy initiatives to emerge from the Task Force was a broad-based recycling program that laid the groundwork for the county's current recycling program. Shirley later became the first chairperson of the Ulster County Environmental Council where she brought attention to the environmental concerns surrounding the generation of nuclear power and oversaw the organization of various environmental fairs.

Shirley went on to serve on the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency where she formalized a recycling program that continues to exist in the county. She oversaw significant expansion of the Resource Recovery Agency and its recycling program, including the construction of the agency's first sorting facility.

In addition to these notable endeavors, Shirley has been deeply involved with the Ulster County Jewish Federation and many of its programs that support the community. She volunteers regularly at her synagogue, Ahavath Israel, and participates in many community service programs including the Federation's Book Rescue Program and Project Hope.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Shirley Kobran for more than thirty years. She has been a friend and a valued adviser and we have worked closely on many issues of importance to the residents of Ulster County. Her work on behalf of environmental issues and her community is inspiring and commendable. It is with great pleasure that I join the Ulster County Jewish Federation in recognizing her outstanding contributions and achievements.

H.R. 5429—AMERICAN-MADE
ENERGY AND GOOD JOBS ACT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, before the Memorial Day recess, we considered the misnamed and misguided American-Made Energy and Good Jobs Act (H.R. 5429). I voted against this legislation, which unfortunately passed the House of Representatives. As I have repeatedly stated, we must make a commitment to a rational energy policy that promotes sustainable energy sources and conservation; not continue the belief that we are going to drill our way to energy independence.

Two weeks ago we considered the Fiscal Year 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations bill which funds our Nation's Department of Energy programs, water and science programs, and some defense and agriculture related programs. Unfortunately, instead of making a commitment to a rational energy policy, the Energy and Water bill continues our dependence on fossil fuels and continues our practice of poisoning our lands, oceans, and air. While the Energy and Water bill does increase funding for alternative energy research and development, we must do more. I was pleased to learn that energy supply and conservation programs will receive more funding in Fiscal Year 07 than they did last year. However, this is not even close to sufficient. Congress still fails to recognize the dire situation the world faces with regard to global warming and the urgency of the action we must take. It is apparent now to all but the willingly blind that we are altering our climate in dangerous and deadly ways, and that is threatening the ability of the air and the oceans to sustain us.

We then considered a bill that will once again allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I wonder when my colleagues will learn that drilling our way to energy independence is unrealistic and simply flawed logic. The United States consumes 25 percent of the world's oil, yet we only have less than 3 percent of the world's proven oil reserves. Even if we find oil in ANWR, we will not even come close to lessening our dependence on foreign oil.

We must focus on developing sustainable energy sources and encouraging conservation. We can do this by investing in programs that make our schools, office buildings and homes energy efficient. We must continue to invest in transportation systems that optimize technology to efficiently and effectively move passengers while consuming less energy. In 2005 the Energy Information Administration estimated that if oil was discovered in ANWR, it would only lower gas prices by about one penny per gallon twenty years from now. Responding to rising gas prices by drilling is simply not the answer.

My colleague from New York, Mr. BOEHLERT, pointed out during debate on the House floor, that we have not considered one piece of conservation legislation since the most recent spike in gas prices in May of this year. When will we realize that there are other means to fulfilling our energy needs than destroying our environment and disrupting habitat and wildlife?

It is essential for us to do something dramatic. It is not enough for us to just do a little bit better every year. This is the only way to actually work our way to energy independence. Now is the time for my colleagues to make a commitment to alternative energy sources. We must continue to fight to preserve our environment and develop energy sources that are clean, safe, and sustainable.

TRIBUTE TO EL PRIMER PASO,
LTD.

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor El Primer Paso, Ltd., a pre-

school in Dover, New Jersey, a vibrant organization I am proud to represent. On June 10, 2006 El Primer Paso is celebrating over 35 years of educating young, non-English speaking children.

El Primer Paso is a non-profit early childhood education center. Its primary goals are to provide opportunities for growth and development of ideas, imagination, initiative and self-reliance to the pre-school children who are enrolled in its program.

El Primer Paso prepares non-English speaking children to meet the challenges of the American school system. Adult English classes and other support services are also available to encourage parents to participate in school and community activities. A two-day a week pre-school program provides an extra year of preparation for non-English speaking children before they attend area schools.

El Primer Paso was founded in Dover by a group of volunteers in the late 1960's. The program primarily serves low and moderate income Hispanic families in Morris County, New Jersey. It has grown and changed over the years to meet the needs of this community. In the 1970's, parents requested adult English classes to enable them to help their children and to obtain better jobs. Today, the program serves approximately 30 adults a year and includes training for driver's tests and citizenship tests and preparation for continuing education.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated and talented trustees, staff and volunteers of El Primer Paso, Ltd. on the celebration of over 35 years of providing critical educational services to the Dover community.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5427), making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to bring your attention to a technology that will revolutionize our electricity resources. This Congress has recognized that energy challenges need to be explored through alternative, renewable and clean energy sources to enable a diverse national energy resource plan. However, the rhetoric of supporting alternate fuels hasn't been met with the policies enacted by the House of Representatives. The Energy and Water Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2007 fails to recognize an area of energy exploration that other nations are well-ahead of us in tapping—ocean wave energy.

There is an increasing need for reliable, non-polluting sources of economic electrical power throughout the world. The Electrical Power Research Institute, EPRI, has carried out a comprehensive economic study of wave generation and has concluded that the economics of wave generation are at least as favorable as for wind generation, EPRI study

shows that tidal is as favorable as wind and that wave would be as favorable if the same resources for wind had been invested which has now achieved economic competitiveness and is undergoing extensive worldwide growth.

It is estimated that if 0.2 percent of the oceans' untapped energy could be harnessed, it could provide power sufficient for the entire world.

Wave Energy has several advantages over other forms of renewable energy such as wind and solar including higher energy densities, enabling devices to extract more power from a smaller volume at much lower costs (e.g., the density of water is about 1000 times that of air).

The availability of wave energy is in the 80–90 percent range, whereas wind availability is in the 30–45 percent range depending on location. Wave energy is also more predictable, with energy forecast times of greater than 10 hours, thus enabling more straightforward and reliable integration into the electric utility grid to provide reliable power.

Unfortunately, these developments have once again been ignored by Congress. While the FY 07 Energy and Water appropriations bill provides just over \$24 billion for the Department of Energy, it fails to provide any funding for the ocean energy program.

Ocean wave energy extraction technology is currently in the preliminary stages of development, at the same stage that wind turbines were approximately 15–20 years ago. Several technologies are being developed, and yet no clear superior engineering solution has been established. I urge my fellow colleagues to understand to recognize any opportunity to support this new endeavor and make the United States a leader in tapping into this alternative, renewable energy source.

I am very pleased that this bill fully funds the American Competitiveness Initiative which would strengthen basic research by increasing funding for the DOE Office of Science, for a total of \$4 billion. In addition, the bill supports the Advance Energy initiative by increasing funding for a variety of clean energy technologies, including biomass, hydrogen, solar, wind and clean coal. However, again, it includes no funding or support for ocean wave energy.

The new Energy Policy Act of 2005 adopted into law recognized for the first time the value of wave power to the US economy. Ocean energy research and development was authorized by this Congress. It should be supported and funded by this Congress.

HONORING MAYOR MICHAEL A. GUIDO ON BECOMING THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend and wonderful public servant, Dearborn, Michigan Mayor Michael A. Guido, on becoming the President of the United States Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Guido began his career in public service when he was elected the youngest person ever to the Dearborn City Council. He

promptly surpassed that achievement two terms later by becoming the youngest Mayor in the city's history. Since assuming the mayor's office in 1986, Mayor Guido has masterfully guided Dearborn with an immense degree of dedication, passion and competence.

As mayor of Henry Ford's hometown for 20 years, Mayor Guido has proven his tremendous ability to serve as a leader both locally and nationally. In Dearborn, Mayor Guido has been able to reduce crime; maintain a responsive police, fire and medical service structure; raise and sustain high property values; and, increase the quality of life through providing recreational, cultural and artistic programs and overseeing the building of nationally recognized cultural and recreational facilities. He managed all of this and much more while maintaining responsible fiscal discipline.

Mayor Guido has also contributed his expertise nationally through a number of organizations. He is a past member of the National League of Cities, NLC, Board of Directors, chaired the NLC's Working Group on Homeland Security following the tragic events of September 11th, and was a member of the Federal Communications' Local and State Government Advisory Committee. Mayor Guido also continues to serve on the National Advisory Councils of Fannie Mae and the NLC.

Knowing such a decent, kind and apt public servant such as Michael Guido has been a distinct privilege of mine for many years. I have seen Mayor Guido grow into a veteran public servant whose savvy for understanding complex national issues has always exceeded my expectations. I have no doubt that the U.S. Conference of Mayors will be well served having Mayor Guido as its President. I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Mayor Guido on his inauguration as the 64th President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARLINGTON
FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Hunger Awareness Day and to honor the Arlington Food Assistance Center, which is located in my congressional district.

National Hunger Awareness Day was established to help inform individuals, communities, corporations and policy makers that hunger is a severe domestic issue and deserves our critical attention.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center's sole mission is to feed the hungry. This important action allows their clients to make other necessary purchases, such as paying for rent and utilities, without having to sacrifice their health and nutritional needs.

Despite the fact that Arlington County is one of the wealthiest areas in the country, plenty of local residents do not have enough to eat. The Arlington Food Assistance Center, AFAC, seeks to remedy this problem by distributing bread, vegetables, meat, milk, eggs and other food items to those in Arlington who are in need. The Arlington Food Assistance Center currently distributes approximately 1100 bags

of groceries each week to over 900 clients, nearly half of whom are children. Each week, families with one to three members receive one bag of food and families of four members or more receive two bags of food—amounts that are expected to supplement a week's meals.

AFAC obtains surplus food at a minimal cost from the Capital Area Community Food Bank and at no cost from local bakeries, supermarkets, farmer's markets, food drives and private donors.

I would like to commend the staff and volunteers of the Arlington Food Assistance Center who work hard to provide needy families in Arlington with groceries each week.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEMOCRATIC
PACIFIC UNION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Democratic Pacific Union, DPU, whose goals include promoting democratic values, peace and prosperity among its member states. The DPU is an important development in the steady expansion of democracy among Pacific states.

Led mainly by Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Lu Hsiu-lien, the Democratic Pacific Union was created last summer on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. In less than a year, the DPU has grown to 28 member democracies and has already compiled an impressive record of accomplishment. This record includes publishing its first quarterly journal, planning regional meetings, forming a Pacific economic advisory group, establishing a training program for typhoon and flood disaster reduction, and initiating the Pacific Congressional Caucus project. The Speaker of Taiwan's legislature, Wang Jin-pyng, has also formed a Taiwan Chapter of the DPU Congressional Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to acknowledge the importance of this initiative in strengthening democracy in the Pacific region. I congratulate Vice President Lu, the current Chair of the DPU, the leaders of Taiwan, and all the member states for their role in creating and supporting the Democratic Pacific Union.

HONORING HAVENSCOURT
COMMUNITY CHURCH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Havenscourt Community Church, which has contributed immeasurably to the Oakland community as a whole as well as its own parishioners since 1925.

Since its founding, Havenscourt has been known as a stalwart of service, leadership, and faith, impacting countless lives over the past eight decades. With this same spirit, that of addressing needs within the whole community in addition to the church community, Dr.

Claude E. Wilson has served as the pastor at Havenscourt Community Church since the 1960s. In addition to his duties as a spiritual leader, Pastor Wilson has administered several long-standing programs focusing on the academic education of children, the public safety issues that concern the East Oakland area, and the physical wellness issues that concern the African American community.

Pastor Wilson has been commended for his involvement in public education by the Oakland Public School System, in particular, for his personal as well as the Havenscourt Community Church's involvement in providing tutorial, child care, and hot meal programs for school aged children. Through these and numerous other activities Pastor Wilson has relentlessly continued throughout his tenure with Havenscourt to develop programs, networks, and community interconnectedness. Both Pastor Wilson and the Havenscourt family have strengthened our ties with one another and brought hope to our future through spiritual development and community problem solving.

For 81 years Havenscourt Community Church has been an indispensable part of our community, and Dr. Wilson has been leading their contributions as a pastor and community member for more than half of the church's history. On behalf of the residents of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I join the Oakland community on this 23rd day of June, 2006 in saluting and thanking the Havenscourt Community Church and its pastor, Dr. Claude E. Wilson. Their presence has contributed to the fabric and vibrancy of our community both currently and as a salient part of our heritage.

CONGRATULATING OFFICER JOHN ANGLE OF THE MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF BEING NAMED ALABAMA'S TOP COP BY NAPO

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Officer John Angle of the Mobile Police Department, on the occasion of his selection as a Top Cop by the National Association of Police Organization for 2006. The officers of 10 cases from throughout the nation are awarded this honor each year.

A resident of Mobile, Officer Angle has been an exemplary member of the Mobile Police Department since September 1999. He was nominated for this award by Captain James Barber for his heroic actions above and beyond the call of duty in an incident that occurred on July 23, 2005.

On that night, Officer Angle responded to a burglary in progress call in Mobile. He located and attempted to stop the vehicle as it was leaving the city, but the suspects sped away. A chase ensued with the suspects firing at Officer Angle. Though he was alone on the scene and backup was unavailable, he continued to pursue them.

The suspects pulled over and exchanged gunfire with the officer three times during the twelve minute chase before finally crashing into a ditch. The suspects then exited the vehicle and continued to fire on Officer Angle. He successfully wounded one of the suspects and the two subsequently surrendered.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Officer John Angle and to commend him for his courage and this well deserved award. I wish him many safe and distinguished years on the police force, and convey my deepest gratitude for his service to Mobile. He is an outstanding example of the quality of individuals who have devoted their lives to law enforcement. I know John's colleagues, his fiancée Laura, his family, and many friends join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his efforts over the years on behalf of the citizens of Mobile and Alabama's First Congressional District.

HINDU MILITANTS MURDERED 38 SIKHS IN COLD BLOOD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, recently, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright wrote a book called *The Mighty and the Almighty*. The introduction was written by former President Bill Clinton. In his introduction, President Clinton wrote, "During my visit to India in 2000, some Hindu militants decided to vent their outrage by murdering 38 Sikhs in cold blood. If I hadn't made the trip, the victims would probably still be alive. If I hadn't made the trip because I feared what militants might do, I couldn't have done my job as president of the United States."

President Clinton places the blame squarely on Hindu militants, not on the so-called Kashmiri Muslims that the Indian government tried to blame for the massacre. In 2002, the Washington Times reported that the government finally admitted its responsibility and admitted that the evidence that it used to pin the blame on Kashmiris was false.

Reporter Barry Bearak of the New York Times also placed the blame squarely on the Indian government, as did two independent investigations, one by the International Human Rights Organization, which is based in Ludhiana, and the other conducted jointly by the Punjab Human Rights Organization and the Movement Against State Repression. The evidence is overwhelming, yet Indian sycophants continue to deny the government's responsibility.

Unfortunately, this massacre would have been swept under the rug if not for the outstanding efforts of the organizations mentioned above and of the Council of Khalistan, which has painstakingly documented any new developments. I am indebted to them for bringing this to my attention.

The massacre was part of a pattern of repression of minorities that has brought about the murders of over 250,000 Sikhs, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland alone, over 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir alone, and Christians and Muslims throughout the country, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. This is one reason that it is essential to cut off our aid and trade to India and to demand a free and fair plebiscite in Punjab, Khalistan, in Kashmir, in Nagalim, and wherever people are seeking their freedom. This is the only way to bring freedom, peace, stability, and dignity to all the people of south Asia.

I would like to introduce the press release from the Council of Khalistan on Secretary Albright's book into the RECORD at this time.

"HINDU MILITANTS MURDERED 38 SIKHS IN COLD BLOOD"

WASHINGTON, DC, May 30, 2006.—In the introduction to former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's new book, *The Mighty and the Almighty*, former U.S. President Bill Clinton writes that "Hindu militants" are responsible for the massacre of 38 Sikhs at Chithisinghpora in March 2000. This reflects previous findings by the Punjab Human Rights Organization, the International Human Rights Organization, the Movement Against State Repression, and New York Times reporter Barry Bearak.

President Clinton writes, "During my visit to India in 2000, some Hindu militants decided to vent their outrage by murdering 38 Sikhs in cold blood. If I hadn't made the trip, the victims would probably still be alive. If I hadn't made the trip because I feared what militants might do, I couldn't have done my job as president of the United States."

According to Amnesty International, "the attackers wore uniforms of the armed forces and were led by a tall man whom they addressed as Commanding Officer (CO). All Sikh men were rounded up, ostensibly to check their identities, and made to sit on the ground in two groups against the walls of the gurdwaras [Sikh temples] a few hundred metres from each other; they were shot at point blank range. As the attackers withdrew, they reportedly shouted Hindu slogans." On August 2, 2002, the Washington Times reported that the Indian government admitted that its forces were responsible for the massacre. India finally admitted that the evidence it used to implicate alleged Kashmiri "militants" in the murders was faked.

At the time of the Chithisinghpora massacre, Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, strongly condemned the murders. "What motive would Kashmiri freedom fighters have to kill Sikhs? This would be especially stupid when President Clinton is visiting. The freedom movements in Kashmir, Khalistan, Nagaland, and throughout India need the support of the United States," he said. Khalistan is the Sikh homeland declared independent on October 7, 1987.

The massacres continued a pattern of repression and terrorism against minorities by the Indian government, which it attempts to blame on other minorities to divide and rule the minority peoples within its artificial borders. The Indian newspaper *Hitavada* reported that the Indian government paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to organize and support covert terrorist activity in Punjab, Khalistan, and in neighboring Kashmir.

A report issued by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) shows that India admitted that it held 52,268 political prisoners under the repressive "Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act" (TADA) even though it expired in 1995. Many have been in illegal custody since 1984. There has been no list published of those who were acquitted under TADA and those who are still rotting in Indian jails. Additionally, according to Amnesty International, there are tens of thousands of other minorities being held as political prisoners. MASR report quotes the Punjab Civil Magistracy as writing "if we add up the figures of the last few years the number of innocent persons killed would run into lakhs [hundreds of thousands.]"

The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 90,000 Muslims

in Kashmir, tens of thousands of Christians and Muslims throughout the country, and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipuris, and others. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "worse than a genocide."

The book *Soft Target* by Canadian journalists Zuhair Kashmeri and Brian McAndrew shows that the Indian government blew up its own airliner in 1985 to blame Sikhs and justify further repression. It quotes an agent of the Canadian Security Investigation Service (CSIS) as saying, "If you really want to clear up the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver. We know it and they know it that they are involved." On January 2, 2002, the Washington Times reported that India sponsors cross-border terrorism in the Pakistani province of Sindh.

"Only in a free Khalistan will the Sikh Nation prosper and get justice," said Dr. Aulakh. "When Khalistan is free, we will have our own Ambassadors, our own representation in the UN and other international bodies, and our own leaders to keep this sort of thing from happening. We won't be at the mercy of the brutal Indian regime and its Hindu militant allies," he said. "Democracies don't commit genocide. India should act like a democracy and allow a plebiscite on independence for Khalistan and all the nations of South Asia," Dr. Aulakh said. "We must free Khalistan now."

REPUBLICAN MISGUIDED
PRIORITIES

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Senate Republican leadership renewed debate on whether the Constitution of the United States should limit marriage and any civil union to one man and one woman.

It is distressing to me that we live in an age in which we still must fight to protect our civil rights as Americans, in which a hate crime perpetrated against someone based their sexual orientation can go unpunished, and in which discrimination is being written into our laws.

If this amendment were to pass, we would rewrite discrimination into the Constitution, a practice I thought we had done away with in 1868, when the Fourteenth Amendment erased the Constitution's reference to "the whole number of free persons." It appears that some would condemn us to repeating history.

The only saving grace for this measure is that it is doomed to failure, and the President knows that. This amendment is being considered merely to throw red meat at conservative voters in an election year. Just over a month before the 2004 election, when his poll numbers were slipping, the President stated his support for this discriminatory measure. He knew the amendment could not pass in Congress and that there was minimal public support for it. Republicans moved this discriminatory bill for the sole purpose of dividing voters and inciting anti-gay sentiment in a hotly-contested election year.

Two years later, the Republicans are drowning in corruption and losing public support on a mass scale. The White House wants to drive its conservative base to the polls and has

asked the Senate Majority Leader to bring this issue before the full Senate. Make no mistake about it, we will win this fight again.

Then, hopefully we can turn to the issues that the American people want the government to address. We have yet to investigate the Administration's failed policy in Iraq that has led to the deaths of over 2,000 American soldiers. We need to know why there has been a steep rise in gas prices during a time of record oil industry profits. We need to craft a prescription drug bill for seniors that works instead of keeping one that confuses seniors and rewards large pharmaceutical companies. We need to stop borrowing money from foreign countries, cease deficit spending, and return our economy to the surpluses it had under President Clinton.

With so many critical issues that need the immediate attention of the Congress, Republicans need to reevaluate their priorities. It is my hope that in the coming months we can focus our energies on the many important issues facing our country rather than on divisive and unproductive distractions.

HONORING THE GREEN ALBANY
PROJECT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Green Albany Project, which, in partnership with the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, Alameda County Waste Management, and Stopwaste.org has successfully completed its goal of "greening" the small business district in Albany, California, making it the first project in the nation in which a chamber of commerce has taken the lead in an effort such as this.

The Green Albany Project was launched on Earth Day 2005 as a collaborative effort of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, and Stopwaste.org under the leadership of James Carter. Upon receipt of a grant from Stopwaste.org, the Albany Green Team was assembled, comprised mostly of local youth from Albany High School and the surrounding community. The Albany Green team then began a yearlong outreach effort, working to contact and educate local business owners on the economic and environmental benefits of going green.

With the help of Stopwaste.org, Alameda County Waste Management, Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson, and in collaboration with Smartlights, East Bay MUD, and other programs, the Albany Green Team has succeeded in helping 26 businesses in Albany, which is most of the local small business district, to green their operations and in turn, green our community. In so doing, the Green Albany Project has successfully diverted 150 tons of solid waste from landfills through its work to implement composting practices at local businesses, and it is projected that an additional 290 tons will be diverted in the year to come.

The Green Albany Project celebrates this success only one year after its launch, and furthermore, having achieved its objectives under budget, will be returning money to the county for use in propelling other worthwhile projects forward.

In addition, this project would not have been possible without the support of the small business owners in Albany, who are a crucial driving force behind our local and regional economies, and who have provided an immeasurable service to the community by implementing these new green systems with the help of the Albany Green Team.

The Green Albany Project is an outstanding example of steps that our communities can take to address the national and global challenge of developing sustainable practices in a time of diminishing natural resources.

The Green Albany Project has not only made history as the first project of its kind to be completed in our country, but has demonstrated to businesses throughout California's 9th Congressional District and across our country that going green is not only possible but profitable.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I join the Albany community on this 5th day of June, 2006 in saluting and thanking the Albany Green Team, the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, Stopwaste.org, Alameda County Waste Management, the Albany small businesses that have made the decision to go green, and all the other partners who have made the Green Albany Project a success. Their work has contributed immeasurably to California's 9th Congressional District, to the entire Bay Area and to our country, and represents an important step forward in the international effort to establish environmentally and economically sustainable ways of living here in our community and around the world.

IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DELAWARE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Delaware Community Foundation as it celebrates its 20th anniversary of unparalleled service to the State. The Foundation was created in 1986 to provide a lasting source of charitable funding by enabling donors and organizations to effectively support the causes that matter most to Delaware's citizens.

In the publication of its first newsletter in 1990, the Foundation noted that through its first grant making program it awarded roughly \$60,000 in grants to six agencies for use in addressing homelessness. Other inaugural accomplishments included the creation of 8 new charitable funds, and a total fund balance of just over \$6 million. Today, the Foundation manages nearly 600 charitable funds, gives from a total asset balance of more than \$200 million, and has awarded more than \$54 million in grants in its short 20-year history. This exceptional growth stands as a testament to the important work done by the Delaware Community Foundation and how much it is truly needed.

Through its strong community leadership, and both competitive and non-competitive grant programs, the Foundation is now able to adapt to the needs of the community as they emerge and evolve. In doing so, the Delaware

Community Foundation has been able to support hundreds of charitable organizations in Delaware who deal with a wide range of causes; such as the arts, education, environmental concerns, health care, substance abuse and violence prevention, affordable housing, social services, and other philanthropic and religious organizations.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the Delaware Community Foundation for its hard work on behalf of our citizens, and for providing effective and responsible philanthropy that has enhanced the quality of life of many Delawareans; the Foundation's mission is truly inspiring. Like the hundreds of other community foundations throughout the United States, the Delaware Community Foundation continues to offer an invaluable service to our great Country.

INTRODUCING H.R. 5524, RURAL
VETERANS HEALTH CARE ACT
OF 2006

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H.R. 5524, the Rural Veterans Health Care Act of 2006, to strengthen and improve access to health care for rural veterans.

The Memorial Day weekend has recently passed us by. The holiday reminded us all of the great sacrifices made by our Nation's veterans and their families. It is important that we honor our veterans with action and not just words. We must not forget that we have soldiers in harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan, and they too have earned the support of a grateful nation, just as generations before them.

Meeting the needs of our veterans and their families should be a top priority. While the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) does a good job in delivering quality medical care, treatment is sometimes harder to access for veterans in rural areas.

Rural communities have always answered their Nation's call to service. Nationwide, more than 44 percent of recent U.S. military recruits come from rural areas. This tradition of service is true in my home State of Maine where approximately one in six residents is a veteran—one of the highest proportions in the country. Across the country, one in five veterans who is enrolled to receive VA health care lives in a rural area.

Veterans who live in rural settings are often older and have more physical and mental health diseases as compared to veterans who live in suburban or urban settings. According to the 2005 Institute of Medicine report, *The Future of Rural Health*, "the smaller, poorer, and more isolated a rural community is, the more difficult it is to ensure the availability of high-quality health services."

It is important that we address the unique challenges that rural veterans face in accessing health care. At my request last summer, the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health held a hearing at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor to raise awareness of this issue and to search for solutions. The field hearing focused on rural veterans' access

to primary care and gave the Chairman and me the opportunity to hear directly from veterans and health care providers in Maine.

It was clear to the Chairman and me that if our rural veterans are going to get the care they deserve, the VA needs to have a focused effort to increase access to quality health care for those living in non-urban areas of our country.

My legislation is a result of the findings from the Maine field hearing, an ongoing dialogue between my office and Maine veterans and health care providers, and reports published by the Institute of Medicine that focused on improving health care in rural areas.

Specifically, my bill would help rural communities address the needs of returning veterans who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan by requiring the VA to conduct an extensive outreach program to these veterans who reside in rural communities. The VA would be required to collaborate with employers, state agencies, community health centers, rural health clinics and the National Guard to conduct this extensive outreach program to ensure that returning troops have access to the benefits they have earned.

The legislation would also build on the strength of the Vet Centers program. Vet Centers are located in the community outside of the larger VA medical facilities, in easily accessible, consumer-oriented facilities. They are highly responsive to the needs of local veterans. In 2005, the 206 Vet Centers saw over 132,853 veterans. For nearly one out of four veterans seen at Vet Centers, these centers are their access to VA programs and benefits. This core group of veteran users primarily received counseling for military-related trauma. My bill would require the VA to expand its presence in rural areas and to establish a pilot program to have mobile Vet Centers that could help reach veterans in the most rural and remote areas.

Consistent with the promise made to veterans in the CARES process, my legislation would hold the VA accountable for improving access for rural veterans through Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) and other access points by requiring the VA to develop and implement a plan for improving veterans' access to quality care in rural areas. The May 2004 Secretary's CARES decision identified 156 priority CBOCs and new sites of care nationwide. The VA Secretary would also be required to develop a plan for meeting the long-term care needs of rural veterans, expanding adult day-care and respite care programs for rural veterans, expanding the use of telemedicine to enhance the care of rural veterans, and expand access to mental health care for rural veterans.

The 2005 groundbreaking Institute of Medicine report on *The Future of Rural Health* recommended that the federal government incorporate a rural focus in planning and developing a national health information infrastructure. The VA has been a leader in developing an electronic medical record system to enhance patient safety and improve quality of care. This legislation recognizes that VA has a leading role and responsibility to help rural veterans and their providers. The bill would establish a health information technology pilot to ensure a continuum of quality of care for veterans that rely on VA provided care, VA fee-basis care and contracted care. The pilot would have the VA partner with a range of

providers including community health centers, rural health clinics and critical access hospitals, where appropriate.

Rural veterans, veteran service organizations and other experts need a seat at the table to help the VA consider important program and policy decisions that affect rural veterans. The legislation would establish a Rural Veterans Advisory Committee to harness the knowledge and expertise of representatives from other federal agencies, academic affiliates, veterans and other experts to recommend opportunities to meet the challenges of veterans' rural health care.

This legislation would also put VA in the forefront of researching, developing and evaluating innovative approaches in the delivery of rural health care by establishing four Rural Health Research, Education, and Clinical Care Centers. These centers of rural health care excellence will conduct research on rural health services, allow the VA to pioneer models for furnishing services to treat rural veterans, provide education and training for health care professionals, and develop and implement innovative clinical activities and systems of care. These centers would maximize the investment of federal tax dollars by collaborating with Department of Health and Human Services Rural Research Centers.

Health workforce shortages and recruitment and retention of the health care workers are key challenges to rural veterans' access to care and quality of care. Rural Americans face a unique combination of factors that create disparities in health care not found in urban areas. Only 10 percent of physicians practice in rural areas despite the fact that one-fourth of the U.S. population lives in these areas. State offices of rural health identify access to mental health care and concerns for suicide, stress, depression, and anxiety disorders as major rural health concerns. The 2005 IOM report recommended that the federal government initiate a renewed, vigorous and comprehensive effort to enhance the supply of health professionals working in rural areas.

The VA's involvement in medical and nursing education of future rural providers is essential. Almost 28,000 medical residents and 16,000 medical students receive some of their training in the VA every year. In addition, over 32,000 associated health students, including future nurses, pharmacists, dentists, audiologists, social workers, psychologists, physical therapists, optometrists, respiratory therapists, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, receive training through the VA.

This legislation would place VA at the forefront of enhancing the rural education and training of health professionals. The legislation requires the VA Secretary to institute additional rotations for medical residents in rural areas; establish programs to enhance the education, training, recruitment and retention of nurses in rural areas; and create programs to enhance the education, training, recruitment and retention of allied health professionals in rural areas.

Helping homeless veterans in rural and remote locations recover, rehabilitate and reintegrate into society is complex and challenging. The VA has no specific programs to help community providers who focus on homeless veterans in rural and remote locations. This legislation would authorize special grants to community providers to meet the needs of homeless rural veterans.

Native American, Native Hawaiian and Native Alaskan veterans have unique needs. This legislation would expand VA's health care presence in these rural and remote communities.

Rural America has always answered the call to service. We should do everything we can to ensure that rural veterans have the same reasonable access to the high quality care available through the VA as veterans in suburban and urban areas. I urge my colleagues to support the Rural Veterans Health' Care Act of 2006.

THE AMERICAN LEGION,
Washington, DC, June 5, 2006.

Hon. MICHAEL MICHAUD,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE MICHAUD: On behalf of the 2.7 million members of The American Legion, I would like to express our support for your legislation addressing rural veterans health care.

The American Legion understands the dire straits that many veterans who reside in rural and highly rural areas find themselves. As the Global War on Terror and the ongoing conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq continue to escalate, the need for the nation's Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve service members to deploy not once, twice, but three times is becoming the rule and not the exception. The need for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reach out to these veterans, many of them in rural communities, has reached an unprecedented scale. The time is now for VA to take responsibility to bring those veterans in and provide them the services they not only need, but also earned.

Adequate and directed outreach, rural mental health services, trained medical staff, rural health research and homeless rural veterans are all key components of your legislation that address the growing dilemma that is access to rural health care.

The American Legion believes this legislation will go a long way in addressing this crucial issue and we thank you for your continued leadership and support of America's veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

STEVE ROBERTSON,
Director,
National Legislative Commission.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA,
Silver Spring, MD, June 2, 2006.

Hon. MIKE MICHAUD,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MICHAUD: Vietnam Veterans of America applauds your initiative in introducing a bill—a bill that is sensible, necessary, and long overdue—that promises to significantly improve health care delivery to veterans living in rural areas. These veterans have been underserved for far too many years; your bill, when passed, can correct this oversight.

We are particularly pleased that your bill calls for an expansion of the very effective Vet Center program into rural areas; the establishment of a Rural Veterans Advisory Committee; additional rotations of medical residents to rural areas; and programs to enhance the education, training, recruitment, and retention of health care professionals in rural America.

With more than four in ten enlistees coming from rural areas, passage of your legislation will serve to send a clear message: that their needs, when they become veterans, will not be overlooked.

On behalf of VVA members and their families, I thank you for your concern about

rural veterans and your desire to ensure that they get better access to the quality health care they have earned by virtue of their military service.

Sincerely,

JOHN ROWAN,
National President.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART,
Springfield, VA, June 5, 2006.

Hon. Mike Michaud,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MICHAUD: The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), whose membership is comprised entirely of combat-wounded personnel, is pleased with your efforts to improve health care for veterans in rural areas. Health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs should be available to all those enrolled in the system without regard to the area in which they live. For too long those veterans living in rural areas have been neglected.

MOPH thanks you for this effort and will assist you in any way possible to help enact this legislation.

Respectfully,

JAMES D. RANDELES,
National Commander.

HONORING THE AVIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOE HAWKINS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Joseph C. Hawkins, a resident of my hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Joe recently became the first Tennessean to receive the prestigious National Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year award, which is sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association. Recipients of this award must demonstrate exceptional generosity and a keen knowledge of professionalism.

For nearly 30 years, Joe has been an airframe and power plant technician. He currently dedicates his time as an Assistant Professor in the Aerospace Department at my alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University, where he teaches a wide variety of classes and practical labs and also serves as an advisor for students interested in careers in the field.

This is not the first time Joe has been recognized for his outstanding accomplishments in aviation. In 2006, Joe received the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association's Award of Merit for his demonstration of safety and professionalism.

Joe's achievements and service in the aviation field are exceptional. He serves as an inspiration to other Tennesseans in the department of aviation and education. Once again, I congratulate him on this prestigious award.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF ZACHARY CHARLES STICKNEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am happy to congratulate LCDR and Mrs. Charles Stickney USN of Prattville, Alabama, on the birth of their new baby son. Zachary Charles Stickney was born on April 15, 2006, at 8:00 a.m., weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces. He has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future. His birth is a blessing.

RICHARD C. MERRYMAN

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, owning a home is an important part of the American dream. It is more than a roof over our heads; home ownership builds economic stability and, over the long term, creates equity to finance education, business startups and retirement. People with equity in their homes not only take greater pride in them, they also become more involved in their communities.

Richard C. Merryman recently joined the nearly seventy percent of Americans who enjoy the satisfaction of owning their own home. Richard is a handicapped individual who obtained a 502 Direct loan along with a West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF) leveraged loan to build a new handicap accessible home. It was the first leveraged loan in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

The nationally known partnership between the WVHDF and West Virginia Rural Development (WVRD) has provided critical gap financing for many homeowners who otherwise could not qualify for a homeownership loan. WVHDF specializes in providing affordable mortgage financing for residents of West Virginia, as well as financing for developers to rehabilitate or construct affordable apartments and subdivisions. The Rural Housing Programs of West Virginia work to improve the quality of life for rural Americans by ensuring that they have access to safe, well-built, affordable homes.

Richard exemplifies the spirit and determination of those who have risen above significant adversity in order to achieve the dream of homeownership. He was previously on Social Security disability but is now employed as a greeter at the Wal-Mart in Martinsburg, WV. Richard moved into his new home in April 2006.

I applaud Richard and the men and women who work to achieve the dream of homeownership and who have built better lives and greater opportunity for all Americans.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN
JOHN LEWIS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and praise Congressman JOHN LEWIS for visiting New Bedford, MA, this past week, to discuss his important involvement with the American Civil Rights Movement, and to remind all of us how we need to find the courage to continue the Movement.

I'd also like to thank Congressman BARNEY FRANK for inviting Congressman LEWIS to speak. The two Congressmen are friends of more than 40 years, and as Congressman FRANK states, Representative LEWIS continues to be "one of the great moral forces in this country."

Representative LEWIS, a great hero of the American Civil Rights Movement, spoke to 1400-plus students and teachers at New Bedford High School, sharing his experiences growing up in the segregated South, and his eventual involvement with nonviolent protests.

Congressman LEWIS told the students "that it was the young, like himself and many others who formed the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee," who led the way in the Civil Rights Movement.

I would like to place into the RECORD the following editorial, *Timely Message* from John Lewis, which appeared in the June 1, 2006, edition of the *New Bedford Standard-Times*.

[From the *New Bedford Times*, June 1, 2006]

TIMELY MESSAGE FROM JOHN LEWIS

Whether it was the hand of the almighty or simply the good sense of our local congressman, Barney Frank, yesterday's visit to New Bedford by U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., one of the great heroes of the American Civil Rights Movement, could not have been timed more perfectly.

The 56-year-old Rep. Lewis, who is the son of a sharecropper born in segregated Alabama, brought a message of hope and healing to a city preparing to bury Bernadette DePina, who was shot to death in her home last week, just day's after her 23-year-old son David DePina II's arrest on charges of murdering a 29-year-old man.

Rep. Lewis didn't talk about crime or punishment or politics. He talked about growing up poor in the segregated South, about being inspired as a 15-year-old listening to the radio by the actions of the late Rosa Parks and the soaring words of a young black minister, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to stand up for the dignity of all and "to find a way to get in the way" of those who would deny others that dignity.

And that's what he did. Arrested scores of times in nonviolent protest of discriminatory voting practices, segregated schools, lunch counters and public transportation, he was threatened, beaten, spit upon and hated by Southern whites trying to maintain the legalized segregation of the Jim Crow south. He has faced trouble, counted losses and continued his fight as what Congressman Frank—his friend for more than 40 years—calls "one of the great moral forces in this country."

"I am not bitter today, and I am not going to be bitter tomorrow," Rep. Lewis said.

And then he said something important to the community of New Bedford, which some fear has split along racial, ethnic, neighborhood and economic fault lines.

"We are one people," he said in the soaring voice of the preacher he grew up wanting to be, with the same simple conviction that powered Dr. King. "We all need each other. We all live in the same house."

He cautioned 1,400 sophomores and juniors at New Bedford High School not to grow bitter but to become involved in their own mission to make things better for all. He urged the students to register to vote and to vote when they turn 18, a privilege he marched for four decades ago.

The congressman told the students that it was the young, like himself and many others who formed the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, who led the way in the Civil Rights Movement.

"And it will be the children in New Bedford who will say, 'We're going to live in peace because we are all brothers and sisters.'"

His words inspired a standing ovation in the packed high school hall. They stirred the imagination of Stephanie Houtman, 15, a sophomore. "He was talking about how they burned his back with cigarettes," Yet he did not relent. He did not stir from the segregated lunch counter.

Dominick Baptiste, 16, walked out of the auditorium with a broad smile on his face at the end of the speech. "It made me feel good to know that people can fight racism," he said. "The fact that he was able to find the courage to sit at the white table. The fact that he was able to go back again and again."

The congressman's visit reminded the city of what we all know.

What happens to a family on Ash Street or at Monte Park or the United Front or County Street happens to all of us. An unless we let our own bitterness go, unless we reach across the way to our neighbor, we will never be what we want to be, what we should be.

It ought not take a visit by a congressman from Georgia to remind us of that. Deep down, we all know it. Having the courage to do something about it is the real test.

THE BURNING OF AFGHAN
SCHOOLS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep concern about reports that schools in Afghanistan continue to be destroyed. I recently met with Dr. Sima Samar, chair of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, who reported to me that since 2005, dozens of schools have been burned. Dr. Samar works courageously every day, under threat of personal attack, to ensure that the rights of Afghan citizens, including women and children, are protected. I strongly agree with her that to truly be empowered, Afghan women and girls must be educated.

I urge the U.S. State Department to take immediate action to ensure that Afghan children and women can be educated without fear of violence. This is truly vital to the future of Afghanistan. Although the lives of some women are improving, for far too many, the situation has remained the same. They continue to endure hardships including targeted violence, limited mobility, illiteracy, and a high rate of maternal mortality. By giving women access to the skills and opportunities that they need to become partners in creating Afghanistan's future, we will ensure that women will no longer

be second-class citizens. We cannot afford to wait.

HONORING THE LIFE OF AMY
BRYANT KIRKPATRICK

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute, on the anniversary of her passing, to Amy Bryant Kirkpatrick of Granbury, Texas. Mrs. Kirkpatrick passed away June 6, 2005 after a long and fierce battle with cancer at the age of 27.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born April 20, 1978 in Denton, Texas to parents Donald and Becky Bryant of Valley View, Texas. She was raised in Valley View and graduated from Valley View High School in 1996. Amy was the spiritual and kinetic center of her family, and was always a beam of light for her family to center around. As a devoted daughter, Amy served her parents as a shining example of caring upbringing through her awards and accolades and most importantly her character. She also served as an inspiring and loving sister to her brother Dustin Bryant. Through thick and thin, Amy always let her character and love for her family guide her through life and this outlook would lead her through struggles later on.

Amy's contagious character and spirit was a draw for many, and it is no doubt that this led to her to the destiny of meeting the love of her life. She met and later married Lance Kirkpatrick of Burleson, Texas on May 23, 1998. They shared a love that stayed true to the vows made at their wedding. Through sickness and in health, for richer and poorer, till death do them part, Lance and Amy personified these vows in the seven years of their marriage.

Answering the call of the passion in her life, Amy sought in her studies a chance to help others, particularly children. After graduating from Tarleton State University in 2000, Amy taught special education for Granbury ISD in Granbury, Texas. She chose to teach students with emotional and behavioral disorders, as it was up to her to guide these children who many had neglected. She saw in them what many others chose to look past, and that was hope. Through her sickness, Amy would only miss a day a week during her chemotherapy treatments to be away from her students. She did instill stability as well as earn the trust of these previously ignored children. During her second year of teaching, the Masonic Lodge of Granbury honored Amy as the Outstanding Teacher of Granbury ISD. In 2005, Amy was once again honored as Outstanding Teacher of the Year by Wal-Mart. The recognition of these awards truly highlights the dedication and devotion that Amy had toward disadvantaged students. She has made a long and lasting impact on many children she taught, as well as her colleagues. Beyond her awards and recognition, Amy will be remembered as a teacher who cared about her students when society was not as compassionate.

Fulfilling her life's dream, Amy gave birth to a precious daughter, Hannah Grace on December 19, 2003. As a child she was told she would never have, Hannah was truly the calm

in Amy's storm. Her legacy will live on through this child she fought so hard to give birth to. We will all bear witness to the traits that Amy has passed onto Hannah, and it will be the duty of many to see the love and sacrifice that Amy gave will not be unknown to her daughter.

As a daughter, sister, wife, and mother, Amy's memory and life will be in the reflection of many who knew her, as she touched so many around her. Her motto through out her sickness was "I have cancer, cancer does not have me."

In closing, I would like to leave you with a quote by President John F. Kennedy which reads, "The courage of life is often a less dramatic spectacle than the courage of a final moment; but it is no less a magnificent mixture of triumph and tragedy." We will all miss Amy's presence but never forget her life.

ON THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF
D-DAY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I pause today to remember the men, our brave veterans from the Greatest Generation, many who gave their lives on June 6, 1944 to begin the liberation of Europe.

Sadly, fewer and fewer of these brave men are left with us who were actually there on June 6, 1944, when Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the go-ahead for the largest amphibious military operation in history: D-Day, code-named Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of northern France. Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to these veterans in greater numbers with each passing year. But for those who remain with us and in memory of those who died that day and who have subsequently passed since, we pause today to honor their great deed.

At 6:30 a.m. on June 6, 1944, our brave American troops came ashore at Utah and Omaha beaches. On Omaha Beach, the U.S. First Division battled heavy German fire and rough waters and many wounded Americans ultimately drowned in the high tide. Our British and Canadian brothers landed at Gold, Sword beaches, and Juno beaches, and also were met with heavy German fire, but by day's end had established beachheads.

Total Allied casualties on D-Day are estimated at over 10,000. The breakdown of United States casualties was 1,465 killed, 3,184 wounded, 1,928 missing and 26 captured. Before the day ended however, 155,000 Allied troops would be in Normandy, bringing with them the beginning of the end of the Third Reich. The world has not forgotten what these men did on June 6, 1944, and we must remain vigilant in making sure we never forget their great sacrifice.

IN HONOR OF BRIAN L. GOTTLIEB

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of long time community activist, Brian L. Gottlieb, upon his completion of service as Chairman of Community Board 13 in Brooklyn. Brian L. Gottlieb has proven himself to be a tireless fighter on behalf of his neighbors and our community.

While Brian's service to Community Board 13 started long before his appointment as chairman, serving as a member of the Board's Youth Services, Education & Library, and Housing, Zoning & Land Use committees, he never limited his community activism to just one organization. Brian L. Gottlieb founded Shorefront Toys for Tots, to distribute toys to needy children during the holiday season, served as a member of the Community School Board for District 21, and as President of the Brighton-Atlantic Unit 1671 of B'nai B'rith helped that unit expand their outreach effort to other religious, ethnic and civic groups.

Brian L. Gottlieb was taught civic responsibility by example, and I am sure his mother Myrna, of blessed memory, would be proud of his accomplishments, which include being honored by many of the organizations he has served or supported as well as being a practicing attorney.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I congratulate Brian L. Gottlieb upon the completion of his service as Chairman of Community Board 13 in Brooklyn and thank him for his many years of hard work on behalf of my constituents and the City of New York.

PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM
ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2006

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with mixed feelings that I rise in support of this legislation. I support this bill because it is vital that the House stand in opposition to governments that pursue their objectives by spreading terror. Supporting such a government is fundamentally at odds with the values that make our nation great. At the same time, we must find ways to maintain humanitarian assistance and avoid a spiral into human suffering in the Palestinian territories.

This legislation attempts to navigate that narrow course between providing assistance to the Palestinian people and rejecting the hatred that embodies Hamas. It is not an easy balancing act, but this bill does a good enough job to merit passage today.

The United States is the single largest financial supporter of the Palestinian people. We provide \$245 million per year in humanitarian assistance to the Palestinians. And let me be clear: That support for the Palestinian people

can and should continue. But we can do that—and should do that—without supporting the Hamas-led Palestinian Authority. This legislation does create an important exception that allows funds to go to the PA if they are dedicated to promoting democracy and human rights efforts. It also affords the president some flexibility to continue the flow of this assistance should he judge it to be in our national security interest. While I have real reservations about entrusting the current president with this authority, I nonetheless appreciate the importance of this provision.

At the same time, I have several concerns about H.R. 4681, and believe that some modifications are needed before this legislation can become law. First, I am concerned that the bill does not account for future changes in the policies of the Palestinian Authority—whether it is Hamas or Fatah or someone else. For instance, should Hamas decide to become a responsible partner in the Middle East peace process—an unlikely prospect to be sure—or should a new government take its place, there is nothing in this legislation that would allow us to restart aid or lift the restrictions placed on them by this bill. With that in mind, I believe this bill should have included a sunset provision allowing Congress and the White House the chance to review in a year or two the impact that this legislation has on the PA and on the Palestinian people.

While I do not foresee Hamas renouncing terror, recognizing Israel's right to exist, or accepting the Road Map as the basis for future progress in the Middle East, I do believe that Fatah and other parties may yet have the chance to govern the Palestinian Authority. Almost 15 years after the Oslo accords were signed, accepting these basic principles should not require extraordinary policy shifts. Indeed, support for these measures should be a basic view of any political party seeking to run the Palestinian Authority.

The legislation before us today also could be strengthened by reducing some of the onerous reporting requirements that well-known non-governmental organizations will face if they are to continue to provide direct humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people. I fear that we are unduly burdening organizations like Catholic Relief Services, whose record of providing social services to individuals in need without regard to politics or ideology is exemplary.

This bill also has some provisions that are either redundant or run counter to the goals of the bill. For example, there is no need to prohibit PA government leaders from receiving U.S. visas, since Hamas members already are unable to receive a visa. Further, limiting the ability of non-Hamas government officials to travel to the United States could actually hamper the ability of our government to meet, advise or otherwise support non-Hamas members of the PA.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is my very strong hope that as this bill moves through the legislative process, the provisions that allow the Secretary of State to withhold our UN dues in certain cases will be dropped. This section is neither warranted nor wise.

And so there is room for improvement in this legislation. But the intent of this legislation

is sound. And by passing this legislation today, the House can clearly reject Hamas and the terror that has ravaged the Middle East for too long.

For more than a half-century, a cornerstone of our nation's stand in support of Israel, our closest friend in the Middle East. And it is that I will support this bill. It could be a better bill, and as it moves to a possible conference with the Senate, I hope it will be, so that Congress can speak with one voice on this issue.

62ND ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, today is the 62nd anniversary of D-Day—the allied landings in Normandy which began the liberation of Europe from the control of Nazi Germany.

Earlier today, I spoke at a commissioning ceremony for ROTC cadets. I am proud to

have had the opportunity to welcome these young, enthusiastic students into the ranks of our military. In my speech, I reminded the newly commissioned officers of the sacrifices made by generations of American military officers on behalf of our Nation, the importance of living up to the legacy of our fathers and grandfathers, and the importance of honor, duty, God and country.

I believe each of these new officers will make our country proud.