

Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is an avid and accomplished golfer, and has won the Boulder City Men's Club Tournament.

His greatest accomplishment is being the proud father of his four sons Michael Glen, Christopher Keoni, Glen Kaimi, and Charles Kelley. He also loves his daughters-in-law, Leanna and Rebecca. However, his greatest joy comes from spending time with his six grand-children Tommy (19), Connor (8), Garrett (6), Olivia (4), Rory (3), Wyatt (2), and one on the way Delaney, who will be born in August.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Charles Leavitt on the floor of the House. I commend him for his contributions to southern Nevada and congratulate him on his retirement.

EXPANDING HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT  
OF 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5121. I hope that my colleagues will join me in voting for this bill to expand homeownership and the American Dream to our fellow Americans.

In my district of Houston, Texas, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that approximately 46 percent of housing units are owned by their inhabitants. This needs to change and it is our job in Congress to extend the opportunities of homeownership and the American Dream to all within our Nation.

I commend those of my colleagues that have brought this issue to the floor today and

think it is fantastic that we are doing more to help those who wish to become homeowners by making the Federal Housing Administration more than a last resort. By including 100 percent financing for those wishing to purchase housing up to the median housing price, we address the needs of more Americans than before. In addition, giving attention to middle-income borrowers provides the FHA with additional funds to be able to help low-income borrowers as well.

This bill puts money in the system while helping our Nation's citizens become homeowners and I thank my colleagues for working so hard on a comprehensive solution to the lack of homeownership in areas of our country.

I look forward to seeing this bill passed and witnessing its positive impacts within my own community. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation to expand homeownership and extend the American Dream to all.