

Every moment is important, and so sacred until our final nights!

For such valor and sacrifice . . . our Lord God, Jimmy you up to Heaven has called!

“For life is not a game, As each day and night, are so precious the moments we’re alive to claim. And Freedom is not free, only bought and paid for by America’s greatest of all names!”

In honor of a Real American Hero, Jimmy Regan . . . God Bless you, my Son, and may your family find peace!

INTRODUCING THE STOP TUBERCULOSIS NOW ACT OF 2007

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Stop Tuberculosis Now Act of 2007.

As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I know all too well how necessary comprehensive international tuberculosis control is. It is remarkable in this day and age, with treatment available, that TB is the biggest infectious killer of young women in the world. In fact, TB kills more women than all causes of maternal mortality. As you know, TB is also the leading killer of people with AIDS. TB accounts for more than one quarter of all preventable adult deaths in developing countries.

I strongly believe that the global community, with the United States in the lead, must do more to adequately address this disease by investing in quality TB control programs, using the groundbreaking Global Plan to Stop TB as a guide. It is for that reason that I am introducing the Stop TB Now Act which will make the appropriate investments towards achieving the goals of the Global Plan. My bill calls for a U.S. investment of \$400 million for international TB control in FY08 and \$550 million in FY09.

I believe that if we don’t make bold—and wise—investments in international TB control, not only will we fail to save millions of lives and miss out on the many accompanying benefits of controlling this killer, but also that this disease will become far more difficult and costly to treat.

Extremely Drug Resistant TB highlights this danger. It has been found on six continents, is a growing epidemic in southern Africa, and is already reported to be here in the United States. Regular (non drug-resistant) TB is curable with drugs that cost just \$16 in most developing countries. Cases of drug-resistant TB, however, can cost thousands of dollars to cure, with treatment that is far more difficult for patients and practitioners. Drug-resistant TB is a manmade problem and is caused by poor TB treatment. We have the power to prevent drug-resistant TB and the power to treat and control regular TB, and yet we have not chosen to do so.

Madam Speaker, the adoption of the Stop TB Now Act of 2007 would have a profound effect on our efforts to improve global tuberculosis control. I ask my colleagues to cosponsor this bill today.

HONORING WAYNE HALE

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Mr. Wayne Hale, Manager of the Space Shuttle Program at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Texas’s 22nd Congressional District, for winning the 2007 National Air and Space Museum Trophy for Current Achievement. Wayne was honored on March 7, 2007 for the Shuttle’s STS–121 mission, which along with subsequent Shuttle flights got the Shuttle program back on track after the tragic *Columbia* loss.

For decades, America’s space program has represented our greatest advances in science and technological innovation. Individuals like Wayne Hale are why NASA remains the global leader in expanding space exploration. Such ambitions are essential to growing our economy. They are essential to the technology used in all facets of everyday life. They are essential to inspiring our Nation’s youth to go into math and science fields. And they are essential to fulfill the American spirit that our forbears passed on to us, to seek out and explore new frontiers.

The National Air and Space Museum trophy recognizes such achievements involving the management or execution of a scientific or technological project, a distinguished career of service in air and space technology, or a significant contribution in chronicling the history of air and space technology. Wayne Hale certainly fits this bill and brings great distinction to this award.

My congratulations to Wayne and his fine team of colleagues and professionals at NASA. Wayne’s dedication to furthering our reach and exploration into space inspires our best and brightest to continue the most exciting endeavors in human history.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Pennsylvania Democrats for being named the “2006 Chapter of the Year” by the Pennsylvania Federation of College Democrats.

For those who say all young people are apathetic, I say, look at the Penn Democrats. They are inspiring proof to the contrary. Their hard work and dedication make them admirable examples—models not just to their fellow students or to other Democrats, but to all of us who seek to improve our communities through civic engagement and public service.

The Penn Democrats are to be commended for their continued outward focus. Not content to exist merely as a self-contained committee of like-minded people, they maintain an active presence on the University of Pennsylvania campus and work to encourage other students to become politically active. When voter turn-

out on campus grew by 280 percent between the 2000 and 2004 elections, the increase was due in large part to the efforts of the Penn Democrats, who ran a nonpartisan voter registration drive and successfully lobbied the City of Philadelphia to create six additional polling places convenient to the Penn campus. They ran a strong Get-Out-The-Vote effort in 2006 as well, and election day turnout among Penn students more than tripled that of the previous midterm elections, in 2002.

Their involvement in the larger community beyond the University is as laudable as their on-campus involvement, and is perhaps more extraordinary among college organizations. The Penn Democrats have worked hard to place students in local political offices. Through the organization’s efforts in 2005, nine Penn students joined Philadelphia’s 27th Ward Democratic Committee, and 20 more served as Inspectors or Judges of Elections.

The passion, energy, and focus of these students have made the Penn Democrats a respected institution on campus, in the local community, and in state and national politics. Politicians and candidates value invitations to speak at their events, not because they simply want good “photo ops,” but because they know that the Penn Democrats play a meaningful role in politics and in the community.

I applaud the University of Pennsylvania College Democrats for their well-deserved recognition as Chapter of the Year.

IN OUR SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in tribute of slain reporter David Bloom, Albert Carey Caswell, United States Tour Guide, penned the following poem:

“In our search for the truth, in a reporters quest
Running on that edge, which so separates the
greats . . . which so leads us to the
best
With precious life on the line, all within
these their most heroic moments there
in time . . . while, courageously facing
death
“For in these their greatest gifts they give
Here within these, our shortest of all life-
times we live
As shall so here upon this earth, shall so
surely show our worth . . . as shall so
surely carry on, and forever with us
live
“David Bloom
A man for so whom, within this his short
lifetime . . . in our hearts, now so
largely looms
As a true and great lesson to us all, of when
greatness comes to call . . . of when,
within these our short lives a heart so
blooms
“Such a man of class, such a man of style
Such a man as a friend, you’d but wished
you’d known all the while . . . as why,
within our hearts we now carry him
the while
“Ah . . . and through that camera’s eye, as
we could so see . . . his wonderful
warmth, his great humanity . . . that
he carried with him the miles
“For he was such a man of integrity, one of
such splendid grace

A man for all seasons, who but within his short lifetime . . . so surely made our world a far better place

And these are but the reasons why, we shall never forget his beautiful smile . . . his debonair, and 'oh so very handsome face

"For so surely, he was headed down that very same path

In all those magnificent footsteps, that which Edward R. Murrow once so left . . . in his aftermath

For few have so traveled, such this hallowed path . . . as why to heaven this day, we pray to our Lord to so bless David we ask

"A reporter's reporter, a real fine man's man And yet, this man for all seasons greatest assets . . . were his great warmth, and his oh so caring hand

As you could feel it, radiating through your TV set . . . as you so watched this superstar your heart he would catch, time and time again

"Oh what an innovator, oh what a truly marvelous communicator

While, in his magnificent Bloom mobile . . . we so watched his genius, courageously communicating

As he brought the light of day, and the truth into our world . . . as he so brought the proof of a heroes courage, in the darkness of a war unfurled

"But, just so too

As all of our those fine heroes too, who so gave their fine lives for us true . . . as he so did for you

Just, as each brave soldier . . . he so too . . . so heroically went into battle . . . as into hell was so sent, to bring back the truth . . . for all to view

"Yet, for all of his accomplishments

His greatest gifts, his fondest wish . . . his everything . . . was his magnificent wife & beautiful daughters to him from heaven sent

For on the day that he died, in Washington . . . The cherry blossoms bloomed high . . . as they too cried . . . knowing what his fine life had meant

"For here within our short lives, when such greatness so arrives . . . and brightly blooms

As one so surely finds, as one so surely assumes . . . is but where the greatest of all heart's so looms

For to this our world, these their most sacred gifts of which they've unfurled . . . that so ever bless our world, as we live when blossom's bloom

"For in this, Our Search For The Truth

In this a reporter's quest, To Be The Best . . . Do we dare and never second guess? And go forth with hearts full of youth

For in putting it all on the line, for in risking our most precious of all moments with our loved ones therein time . . . we so find, where lies the proof."

To David's lovely wife Melanie and his beautiful daughters Christine, Ava, and Nicole, in memory of your magnificent husband and wonderful father.

And to all reporters who have lived and died for the truth, men like Daniel Pearl.

HONORING JACOBO AND MARY KAPILIVSKY ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacobo and Mary Kapilivsky on their 50th wedding anniversary. Jacobo and Mary will celebrate this wonderful milestone on April 14th, 2007, after spending half a century in love with the shared experiences of family life.

The life of Jacobo and Mary is a wonderful example of the American Dream.

The son of poor Jewish immigrants, Jacobo Kapilivsky was born on June 25th, 1932 in Trujillo, Peru. Despite his humble beginnings, Jacobo graduated from medical school in his native country before marrying Mary Rosco, herself a daughter of Jewish immigrants.

Jacobo and Mary started the adventure of their life together by immigrating to the U.S., where Jacobo completed his medical residency in Johnson City, NY and later in the Bronx. Over the years, Jacobo became a surgeon as well as a medical entrepreneur both in the U.S. and in Peru, where he has founded and led several private hospitals and medical centers. Currently, they live in McAllen, Texas.

The Kapilivskys are parents to Allan and his wife Lillian, Sam and his wife Noemi, and Sara and her husband Mark. They are proud grandparents to seven grandchildren including their newest addition and first granddaughter, Leora Paz Vogel. Their children and grandchildren live in McAllen, Texas, Rochester, New York, and South Florida.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Jacobo and Mary Kapilivsky on their 50 golden years of love and dedication to each other.

HONORING THE WEBSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, a golden anniversary is indeed a special milestone, and today I am proud to recognize the Webster Fire Department's 50th Anniversary. This exemplary and dedicated group of firefighters continues a proud, 50-year long tradition of excellence.

As the first response team for the City of Webster, Texas, the Webster Fire Department exudes professionalism and dedication by all its firefighters in providing fire and emergency services for the community. The Webster Fire Department is responsible for fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services to the City of Webster. The Department also offers such special services as a Smoke Detector Program, Fire Extinguisher Training, and Fire Safety Training. The Webster Fire Department operates three engines, one ladder, and one rescue from two fire stations. They also operate special units such as a Wild Land Firefighting Booster Truck, a High Water Rescue 6x6, and a Water Rescue Boat.

Chief Jamie Galloway and his department will be celebrating the November anniversary

all year long. In honor of the occasion, a special patch has been designed to be featured on the firefighter's uniforms and on all department vehicles.

I am honored to represent the City of Webster and its outstanding Fire Department. Their hard work and commitment brings pride to their entire community. It is truly a privilege to stand here today in observation of the golden anniversary of the Webster Fire Department, and I ask that we submit congratulations from the 110th Congress into the RECORD.

HONORING MARGARET "PEGGY" DATOR

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Dator for her leadership and guidance as Executive Director of the Free Clinic of Doylestown. Margaret—known to everyone as Peggy—is a tremendous community leader. This year, in recognition of her years of volunteer service, she will be honored with the Bucks County Women's History Month Award.

Peggy has worked with young people in Girl Scouts, her church, schools, and Doylestown Hospital. It is through her efforts with these organizations that she was prepared to serve on the board of A Woman's Place, the Bucks County Children and Youth Advisory Board and the Foundations Behavioral Health Board. Peggy has also worked with the League of Women Voters in the production of a series of videos for local cable television programs addressing problems such as teen alcohol use, pregnancy and health care. She continues to serve as a consultant for the League of Women Voters on health and children's services.

Madam Speaker, there are countless stories that show Peggy's limitless spirit for helping those in need. One time, when faced with a request for equipment for a dental mission in Kenya, Peggy—as always—went above and beyond, joining the mission as a volunteer to provide a needs assessment for the community and work as a dental assistant. She is now financing an education for a Kenyan orphan.

While involved with the Warminster Collaborative, Peggy seized the opportunity to use a community gardening project to bring nutritional food to low-income homes. She has fulfilled a Spanish immersion course in order to improve bilingual assistance at the Free Clinic, and has recruited bilingual volunteers. Through her efforts, the clinic now also provides treatment for dental and mental health issues, and she has reinvigorated the help provided by A Woman's Place.

Madam Speaker, Peggy is admired for her unfailing generosity, strong leadership and advocacy for women, children, and vulnerable members of society. Peggy's efforts have improved many organizations and even more lives. Along the way, she has never failed to lose her vision of equality and justice. Her work, both in the community and around the world, is inspiring, and I am honored to recognize her for her many accomplishments.