

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