

states. I support the bill because it also exempts the critical idea that the risk from such attacks should be dealt at national level. H.R. 4299 should be seen as part of our broader efforts to confront and defeat the terrorist enemy.

No legislative initiative, especially in such a critical field related to the security of our country, can become really effective unless it enjoys the support of the private industry it affects.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that H.R. 4299 is broadly supported by insurance companies, insurance agents and brokers, policyholders, commercial developers, and construction companies.

Another important provision in the bill is that it extends TRIA to cover both foreign and domestic terrorism. Currently it covers only foreign terrorism. It also adds group life insurance to the types of insurance for which terrorism insurance coverage must be made available by insurers. It also sets the "trigger" level—the size of an attack at which the federal government would provide aid to insurers—at \$50 million. Current law (P.L. 109-44), enacted in 2005, sets the level at \$50 million in 2006 and \$100 million in 2007. Yet another strong feature of the bill is it requires continuation of studies of the development of a private market for terrorism and risk insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I support the passage of H.R. 4299 and call on my colleagues to do like wise because I strongly believe that it will strengthen our nation's efforts to confront the terrorist threat in a more comprehensive way and will provide long-term stability for critical American industries.

#### TRIBUTE TO DEBRA HUNT

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Debra Hunt for her victory in this past election. Ms. Hunt was victorious and was able to make her claim as a member of the Ripley Town Council.

The campaign trail is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Hunt traveled that path with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the voters of Chautauqua County.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong candidates with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Ms. Hunt is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise to honor her today.

#### INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION OF THE 1980 SUMMER OLYMPIC TEAM

### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2007*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to a group of Americans who made a significant sacrifice for this coun-

try. In 1979, as a result of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter boycotted the summer Olympic Games in Moscow. The American led boycott was supported by Japan, West Germany, China and Canada.

As we all know, these games occur only once every 4 years. The investment of time and effort required of an Olympic caliber athlete is extraordinary. Because of this investment, many of these athletes sacrificed a once in a lifetime dream of competing on this world stage.

To recognize their sacrifice, the 96th Congress awarded the Olympic athletes the Congressional Gold Medal. Unfortunately, due to a clerical interpretation, these Americans were not listed as recipients by the Clerk's office. This year I was pleased to assist the U.S. Olympic Committee in correcting this error. The 1980 Summer U.S. Olympic Team is now officially recognized as a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal.

I pass along special thanks to Mr. Ron Neugent of Wichita, Kansas for his dedicated efforts to ensure we properly honor these 1980 Summer Olympians. As a proud member of the 1980 Olympic Swimming Team, Ron identified this oversight and brought it to my attention. This group has waited a long time for this recognition, and I believe that the individual athletes that made up this team deserve to be recognized. To honor their individual sacrifice, these outstanding Americans are listed below so that Congress and the American people can give them the thanks they deserve.

Ableman, Randolph Phillip Wm., Adams, Judi C., Aguirre, Mark Anthony, Alexander, Gwen Cheeseman, Allen, Francis E., Allen, Lee, Allsopp, Christopher Reid, Altekruise, Charles, Anders, Elizabeth R. (Beth), Anderson, Colin C., Anderson, Jodi, Anderson, M. Lynne, Anderson, Ron, Anderson, Terence M., Andrews, Ann Turbyne, Andrews, Mary Osborne.

French, Diane McCormick, Fuller, Mark Albert, Gable, Danny Mack, Gaines IV, Ambrose Rowdy, Galimore, Ron, Gambрил, Donald Lee, Gansler, Robert, Gardner, Gwen, Gardner, Peter Van Wyck, Gault, Willie, Gee, Darryl Lester, Geer, Charlotte Mosher, Geer, Julia Hand, Gerard, Larry D., Gilder, Virginia Anne, Giordano, Robert J.

Neel, Earnest W., Nehemiah, Renaldo, Neugent, Ronald Kingsley, Newland, Robert Warren, Neyer, Megan, Nieman, Robert Lee, Nitz, Leonard Harvey, Nitzkowski (Monty) Kenneth, Nonna, John Michael, Norelius, Kristine Lee, Nyquist, Dwight A., O'Brien, Mark Edwin, O'Brien, Ronald Shay, O'Connor, Daniel Martin, O'Connor, Mary Irene, O'Leary, Elizabeth Hills.

Angelakis, Jana Marie, Arnautoff, Peter, Arnold, Homer Stuart, Atwood, Duncan Fuller M., Auriol, Yves Leon, Azevedo, John, Bailey, Peggy McCarthy, Banks, W. Augustus (Willie), Barber, Valerie Ann, Barczewski, Leslie, Barnes, Hope, Barnicoat, Stephen Douglas, Barrett, William Melvin, Baston, Lynette Rae, Baughman, Richard Wayne, Baxter, Terri Lynn, Beardsley, Craig Russell, Becker, Carolyn Marie, Beglin, Elizabeth Anne (Beth), Belden, William Thomas, Bell, Richard, Belle, Roberta J., Bellinger, Tony, Benjamin, Stephen Delancey, Bennett, Robin Campbell, Bergen, Paul David, Bertrand, John (Joseph), Bessette, Andrew, Bishop II, Washington D., Blackman, Rolando, Blatnick, Jeffrey Carl, Blazejowski, Carol, Bolden, Jeanette, Borchelt, E. Frederick, Borchelt, Mark Raymond, Borysewicz, Edward, Bossett, Henry Peter, Bottom, Michael Leo, Bower, Carol Ann, Bowie, Sam, Brandel,

Terry Ann Place, Brooks, Michael Anthony, Brown, Carol Page, Brown, Debra Landreth, Brown, Doug Charles, Brown, Julie Ann, Brown-Harris, Alice, Bruner, Michael Lee, Buchan, William, Buck, MARRITA N. Crockett.

Glance, Harvey Edward, Glass, Timothy Carrigan, Glenesk, Dean William, Goldsby, Boyd D., Goldstein, Jesse H., Goodell, Brian Stuart, Gorski, Mark, Grant, Jill Evans, Graves, Carrie Brand, Gray, Landon Fentress, Green, Debbie B., Green, William Earnest, Greene, Pamela D., Gregorek, John Stanley, Gribble, Matthew O., Griffin, Lorna Joann, Gros, Vonnice, Grylls, David Miles, Gust, Brian B., Haines Jr., Robert Bentley, Haines, George F., Hamann, Stephen Walter, Hamilton, Donald Leslie, Hannan, Jerry B., Hartung, James N., Harville, Janet Christine, Hatton, Hollis S., Hauserman, Cindy Noble, Hayes, John Patrick, Hazeltine, Thomas, Heffner, Kyle Daniels, Heiring, James Anthony, Hellickson, Russell Owen, Hencken, John Frederick, Hightower, Stephanie, Hill, Denean E., Hingley, Susan Tuttle, Hintnaus, Tomas, Hogshead-Makar, Nancy, Homfeld, Conrad E., Howard, James A., Howard, Sherri Francis, Howard, Terry M., Howes, Janet Baier, Howes, Thomas Andrew, Hull, Thomas W., Huntsman, Anita Miller, Huntsman, Stanley Houser, Hyman, Flora Jean, Ibbetson, Bruce Bernard.

Orban, Alex, Pace, Darrell Owen, Page, Nathaniel, Paige, Donald James, Palchikoff, Jan Louise, Palles, Lee Nicholas, Paulus, William George, Pennington, Mary (Joan), Pesa, Njego, Pestyh, Paul Karoly, Peterson, Ben L., Plant, Mary Meagher, Plucknett, Ben (Walter), Plumb, John Michael, Potter, Cynthia Ann, Powell, John Gates, Prioleau, Paul Edouard, Prudent, Katherine Monahan, Puleo, Joseph Robert, Purdy, William David, Parsley, Dennis C, Rademaker, Sperry Jones, Reese, Randolph Howard, Reilly, Philip Vincent, Reiter, Steve Frank, Rheingans, Brad Bert, Ripley, Dan, Ritter, Louise Dorothy, Robertson, Kevin George, Robinson Jr, James, Rocca, Peter D., Rodda, David Lee, Roney, Brian Kelly, Rudd, Teresa Lee (Terry), Salazar, Alberto Bauduy, Salvemini, Daniel Michael, Sandoval, Anthony, Santa Maria, Mitch James, Santos, Jim, Sayner, Daniel Kevin, Schake, Callen N., Schmidt, Kathryn Joan, Schmitz, James William, Schnugg, Peter Hayden, Schroeder, Terry Alan, Schubert, Mark Edward, Schueler, Carl Francis, Schuler, Thomas Jay, Scott, Steven Michael, Scully Jr., Clark Todd.

Buerkle, Richard Thomas, Buese, Elisabeth Anne (Lisa), Bungum, Brian, Burgering, David Earl, Burley, Michael E., Butler, James, Cahoy, Philip Michael, Caldwell, Gregory Donnell, Cameron, Mark, Campbell, Anthony E. (Tonie), Campbell, Chris L., Cara, John P., Carey, Richard John (Rick), Carlisle, Kimberly J., Carlton, Guy Albert, Carnes, James Jerome, Case, Nathaniel Hathaway, Cashin Jr., Richard Marshall, Cavanaugh, Chris, Centrowitz, Matthew, Chandler, Dan C., Chatzky Jr., John, Cheeseborough, Chandra D., Cheris, Elaine Gayle, Christensen, Steven Erik, Chyzowych, Walter S., Clark, Dean Owen, Clark, Timothy, Clarke, Kathy Johnson, Coffee, Paul, Coffman, Robert Edward, Cohen, Michael M., Colgan, Sean Padraic, Collins, Steven Keith, Collins-Cumming, Luci A., Conner, Bart, Cook, Robert, Cooper, Dedy, Corbelli, Laurie Flachmeier, Cruz, Christina Ann, Curry Jr. James (Butch), Curry, Denise Marie, Dabney, Sharon Ann, Darling, Thomas Ward, Davis, Roderick Hopkins, De Frantz, Anita L., De Nemethy, Bertalan, Dello Joio, Norman, Derwin, Brian P., Desautels, Denise.

Iversen, Laurel B., Jackson, Robert Scott, Jaugstetter, Robert C., Jezek, Linda Louise, Johnson, Mark Anthony, Johnson, Sheryl, Johnson, Stacey Rita, Johnson, Wayne, Jordan, Paul, Karchut, Michael, Keeler, Kathryn Elliott, Kehoe, David Michael, Kelly,

Timothy James, Kemp Jr. Leroy Percy, (Lee), Kennedy, Bruce Graham, Kent, Elizabeth Cryer, Kent, Jeff, Keough, William Tyrone, Kertson, Scott Michael, Kiesling, Stephen Howard, Kimball, Richard John, Kimes, David W., King, Paula Girven, Kinkhead, Elizabeth, Kirchner, Kris, Klaja, Luke David, Kline, Beth, Koopman, Amy Richelle, Korzeniowski, Krzysztof (Kris), Laberge, Karin Anne, Lacy, Steven M., Lane, Kim Thomas, Larriue Smith, Francie Ann, Larson, David Erwin, Larson-Mason, Christine, Lattany, Melvin, Lawson, Adolphus (Doc), Le Goff, Jack Louis, Le Mond, Greg, Lee, David Kenneth, Lekach, Stanley V., Leusenkamp, Carl Adrian, Lewis, Bradley Alan, Lewis, Carol L., Lewis, Frederick C., Lewis, Randall Scott, Lindgren, Kenneth Edward, Lindroth, Eric Emil, Linehan, Kimberly Ann, Lippe, Nancy White.

Seek, Steven E., Seidler, Maren Elizabeth, Selinger, Arie, Setterberg, Kurt Nils, Shapiro, Douglas Craig, Shelton, Karen C., Shmock, Peter Carlton, Sholtis, Christina Seufert, Siman, John O'Connell, Simons Jr., John N., Sims, David Edward, Slaney, Mary Decker, Smith III, Willie J., Smith, Karin Kiefer, Smith, Mark Jeffrey, Sokolitz, Karen, Somerville, Kurt, Stayer, Julia Ann, Stekl, Phil W., Sterkel, Jill Ann, Stetina, Dale Emery, Stetina, Wayne Douglas, Stewart, Randy W., Stives, Karen Elizabeth, Stock, Thomas David, Stockebrand, Gwen Elaine, Stockwell, Tracy Anne, Storrs, Nancy Hitchcock, Strong, Judith Ann, Svendsen, Jon Howard, Swain, Michael Lee, Talavera, Tracee A., Taylor, Frederick G., Taylor, Melanie Smith, Tellez, Tom, Temple, Edward S., Terwilliger, John Richard, Thayer, Susan Stuart, Thompson Bruce Jerome, Thornton, Richard Walker, Tippett, Cathleen Thaxton, Trevelyan, Edward Norman, Tudela, Miguel Angel, Tully, Michael Scott, Van Beaumont, Will, Van Blom, Joan Lind, Van Blom, John, Van Breggen, Melle Roelof Fra, Van Der Beck, Perry J., Van Haute, Daniel Frank.

Di Bernardo, Angelo, Dicken, Amy McGrath, Dietz, James W., Dixon, Fred, Djerassi, Boris Dov, Donaghy, Bruce M., Donovan, Anne Theresa, Dorst, Christopher Taylor, Dorst, Marybeth Linzmeier, Dougherty, Thomas Neil, Dowdell, Patricia T., Drewsen, Karla Hull, Dryke, Matthew Alexander, Duane III, John Marshall, Durden, Benji Ray, Durkin, Michael Kevin, Dziedzic, Stanley Joseph, Ebert, Donald, Edmondson, Martin Dewayne, Elkins, Stephanie Wynn, Elthes, Csaba, Emery, Brent Robert, Epke, Bruce Edward, Ernst, Robert Gardner II, Espeseth Jr., Robert Douglas, Etem, Patricia Spratlan, Everett, John G., Evoniuk, Marco Ray, Ewaliko, Rod J., Feuerbach, Allan Dean, Fields III, Benjamin F. (Benn), Figueroa, Gary Lee, Fitzgerald, John David, Fitz-Randolph Jr., Roderick M., Flanagan, Jeanne Ann, Float, Jeffrey James, Floyd, Stanley, Foreman, Kenneth Everett, Forrester Jr., William Ronald, Fowler, Neal Lawrence, Franke, Nikki Valeria, Frazier, Herman Ronald, Frederick, Marcia Jean, Fredericks, Gregory Lynn.

Loeb, Michael Leshine, Losonczy, Thomas John, Louganis, Gregory Efthimios, Lubsen, Jr., Walter Harry (Chip), Lundquist, Stephen K., Machemer, Kevin Scott, Maclellan, Gay K., Marcellus, Susan, Marden, Anne R., Marquez, Pamela Spencer, Marsh, Henry D., Martin, Tommy Gerard, Maruyama, Paul Kuniaki, Marx, Michael Anthony, Massialas, Gregory David D., Matthews, John Kelly, McArdle, John E., McChesney, William Edward, Mccoy, Walter Lee, McDonald, Andrew John (Drew), McGrath, Barbara Weinstein, McKeon, William (Bill), McKibbin, Thomas Douglas, McMillan, Kathy Laverne, McNamara, Julianne Lyn, Meade, William Thurbon, Meislahn, Findley, Mello, Daniel

Alan, Mills, Gene, Mills, Glenn D., Milne, Leslie W., Mims, Madeline Manning, Minkel, Thomas Austin, Mitchell, Kelly Rickon, Moffet, John C., Morehead, Brenda Louise, Morett, Charlene F., Morrone, Joseph (Joe), Moses, Edwin Corley, Mosley, Benita Fitzgerald, Moyer, Diane M., Myricks, Larry Ellwyne, Nakasone, Keith, Nanchoff, Louis.

Vargas, Joseph Michael, Vassallo, Jesus D. (Jesse), Ventura, Vincent James, Vespoli, Michael Louis, Vespoli, Nancy Parssinen, Vidmar, Peter Glen, Villa, Greg, Virgin, Craig Steven, Walker, James Andre, Walker, Larry A., Walsh, Susan, Waltman, Linda C., Ward, Valerie McClain, Warner, Anne Elizabeth, Watkins, Torrance, Weaver, Andrew Telsler, Weaver, Ernestine Jean, Weaver, Robert Brooks, Wells, Christopher, Westbrook, Peter Jonathan, Wigger Jr., Lones Wesley, Wilcox, Marlene R., Wiley, Clifford A., Wilkins, Mac Maurice, Williams, Barton, Williams, Diane, Williams, Randy Lavelle, Williams, Willie, Wilson, Michael Gower, Wilson, Randy Byron, Winnett Jr., John, Winfield, Wofford, James Cunningham, Wojciechowski, Gregory Martin, Wood, Christopher R., Woodard, Lynette, Woodhead, Cynthia Lee (Sippy), Woodman, Thomas H., Woodstra, Susan Jean, Yagla, Charles E., Yonezuka, Nicholas K. (Nicky), Yoshida, Toshi, Young-Sanders, Candy, Zang, Linda Louise, Ziert, Paul Frank.

REGINA ROGERS, LADY OF  
SOUTHEAST TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize attorney and philanthropist Regina Rogers. She graduated magna cum laude, and Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, and a magna cum laude with a Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Ms. Rogers has earned many honors, including distinguished woman of Northwood University; Distinguished Alumna of the University of Houston; Child Advocate of the Year by CASA of Southeast Texas; Pacesetter of the Year by the Cancer League; Woman of Distinction by KTRK/Channel 13 in Houston; recipient of the Cherish Our Children Award from the Child Abuse Prevention Network in Houston; the Press Club's 2002 Southeast Texas Newsmaker of the Year; and recipient of the 2003 Humanitarian Award from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Beaumont.

She was the first female regent of Lamar University and served as member of the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board as Chair of the Educational Opportunity Planning Committee for Minority Education in Texas, which implemented programs to increase admissions and retention of minority students, and hiring of minority faculty in colleges and universities throughout Texas.

Ms. Rogers is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Ben Rogers "I Have A Dream" program, which provided mentors and \$2000.00 scholarships to several hundred economically disadvantaged 8th through 11th grade students. She is President of Joe Louis International Sports Foundation; and Member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. She is on the Children's Defense Fund Texas Advisory Board, Babe Didrikson Zaharias Foundation, Holocaust Museum of Houston, and the Pauline Sterne Wolff Memorial Foundation.

Ms. Rogers established the Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" program, which has provided over 13,000 free mammograms and more than 4,500 free prostate cancer screenings for the medically underserved in southeast Texas, and over 400 educational outreach programs for thousands more.

While chair of the Southwest Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League in 1994, Rogers helped found the Coalition for Mutual Respect, a group of religious and lay leaders whose purpose is to promote positive intergroup relations by encouraging understanding and respect among Houston's diverse population.

Ms. Rogers established Inspire, Encourage, and Achieve, a program designed to perpetuate her father's legacy of helping young people achieve dignity and respect through knowledge, compassion, understanding, and love. The organization provides workshops on positive life skills, anger management, conflict resolution, literacy instruction, and substance abuse counseling for young people who are incarcerated in the Minnie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center in Jefferson County.

Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, Ms. Rogers co-founded the Southeast Texas Emergency Relief Fund (SETERF) that provided several million dollars in funds and gift cards to social service agencies, grants to faith-based organizations to assist with home repairs, and loans to small businesses affected by the storms.

Regina Rogers is a lady with a heart as big as Texas. She learned the importance of public service from her parents. She spends much of her life in service of others, and has carried on her parents' legacy by being a tireless advocate for those in need. Through her personal involvement in, and financial contributions to, countless organizations, she has left an indelible mark on southeast Texas, and our community is better because of her compassion and generosity. I am honored to call her my friend.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 1155 on Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE  
HONORABLE HENRY HYDE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great leader, a great man, and a truly great American, the Honorable Henry Hyde.

Known throughout Congress as a man of strong character and humility, Chairman Hyde served the people of the 6th District of Illinois