

H.R. 2537, the Beach Protection Act. As you know, in advance of debate on the Flake Amendment, House leadership announced that further consideration of H.R. 2537 would be postponed until the week of April 14th, 2008. Had I been present to vote on the Flake Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

I was scheduled to be in Medford, Oregon, for a series of events that began at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2008, including two economic stimulus tax clinics with senior citizens and a presentation at Jewett Elementary School. This schedule of events required that I travel from Washington, DC, to Medford on the evening of April 10, 2008, prior to the time that the House voted on the Flake Amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ALAN KALKIN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 21 years of service of Superior Court Judge Alan Kalkin on the occasion of his recent retirement from the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

Prior to his service on the bench, Judge Kalkin graduated from William and Mary College and the University of Richmond Law School in Virginia. After practicing briefly, he and his wife moved to southern California, where he served as a prosecutor in the city of Burbank for 11½ years.

Judge Kalkin was appointed to the Los Angeles County Municipal Court in 1987 by Governor George Deukmejian. In 2000, he was elevated to the Los Angeles Superior Court after the approved consolidation of the Los Angeles Municipal and Superior Courts.

The communities of Los Angeles County have benefited tremendously from his years of service as a judge and a prosecutor, where he earned a superb reputation as a fair, thoughtful, and ethical lawyer and jurist.

The Congress of the United States joins in thanking Judge Kalkin for his many years of valuable service.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BUCKEYE HILLS-HOCKING VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District has been enhancing the lives of Southeast Ohio residents for 40 years; and

Whereas, the nine rural counties of Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, Perry and Washington came together in 1968 to create a centralized planning effort for the entire region; and

Whereas, the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District serves over

255,000 residents by planning public works projects and social services that benefit the entire region; therefore, be it

Resolved that along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District on their contributions and service to the people of Southeast Ohio. Congratulations to Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District for 40 years of committed service.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, as a San Antonio native, I'm personally familiar with the role our city's culture and diversity plays in the lives of our citizens. We proudly celebrate our heritage throughout the year and recognize the importance of our culture through various events and activities. The annual San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival is no exception.

This year's festival will celebrate its 50th year of providing entertainment and education to patrons. The festival provides a multitude of different enriching activities, ranging from craft shows to culture sessions and, of course, dance lessons with live music. The festival is not solely for adults either, as it caters to people of all ages with many exhibits specifically tailored for children.

Most importantly, the San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival benefits the San Antonio College's student scholarship fund. The festival's proceeds contribute to this fund which extends higher education opportunities to many students across our community. San Antonio College's generosity with this scholarship program, and for hosting the San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival, provides a great public service for our community through the students they help and the citizens they entertain.

I am honored and privileged to represent this great community and this institution that serves the people of San Antonio, and it is with great pleasure that I recognize their success during the last 50 years.

TRIBUTE TO DICK VITALE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dick Vitale for being inducted with the 2008 class to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. In his long career as a teacher, coach, and commentator, Mr. Vitale has become known around the world for his unrelenting and unyielding passion for the game of college basketball.

Dick Vitale was born in Passaic, New Jersey, where his parents taught him to give "110 percent all of the time," a lesson that has stayed with him throughout his life. After graduating from Seton Hall University, Vitale took

a job at Mark Twain Elementary School in Garfield, NJ, where he began his coaching career. After several years he returned to his alma mater, East Rutherford High School, and coached the basketball team to two state championships over the next 6 years.

In 1970, Dick Vitale burst onto the college basketball scene when he was brought on as an assistant coach for the Rutgers University Scarlet Knights basketball team. He was soon hired as the head coach of the University of Detroit, and led the Titans to a 78 and 30 record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 1977. His success at the college level caught the eye of another team in Detroit, and he was hired to coach the NBA's Pistons in 1978. Although his professional coaching career wasn't as successful as he hoped, what was supposed to be a temporary job while waiting for another coaching opportunity ended up leading Mr. Vitale to his true calling. He signed up with the then fledgling ESPN network as a basketball analyst and the rest, they say, is history "baby!"

Since calling the first college basketball game in ESPN's history in 1979, Dick Vitale has been court-side for more than 1,000 contests. His pithy comments seem to keep even the most lackluster games interesting and colorful. Love him or hate him, Mr. Vitale's trademark catchphrases and endless enthusiasm have become a part of college basketball history. As he approaches his 30th year with ESPN, his election to the Basketball Hall of Fame as a contributor to the sport is well deserved.

I extend my most sincere congratulations to Mr. Vitale, and I thank him for the personality and passion he has brought to the game of college basketball.

THE NATIONAL CRITTENTON FOUNDATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize the National Florence Crittenton Foundation on its 125th year anniversary. As the first charitable organization created under a congressional charter, the Crittenton Foundation continues to perform good works for communities across the country.

The city of Portland, Oregon, was just over 40 years old when the Portland Crittenton Refuge Home was founded there in 1893, resulting from a donation made by the organization's founder, Charles Crittenton. Today, the headquarters of the National Crittenton Foundation is still located in the heart of Portland.

The work of the Crittenton foundation in reaching out to welcome and care for girls and young women seeking support during their unplanned pregnancy is well known. However many are less familiar with the extensive work of the national network of affiliated Crittenton agencies and how they have shaped the way social services are offered and the mentality of self-empowering the girls and young women they serve.

The unique relationship between the National Crittenton Foundation and the family of affiliated agencies continues to be based on