

Federal funding will be used to construct the new engine facility, which is required to support 78 PAA equivalents, in addition to parts storage, additional engine storage, shipping and receiving, personnel training and administrative support areas.

The current facility lacks adequate space and engine docks to conduct intermediate engine repair. It does not have adequate parts storage areas, shipping and receiving capabilities and administrative and training areas for the increased manpower necessary to handle the over 3-fold increase in assigned workload. The existing facility also lacks adequate parking and existing base road violates the anti-terrorist force protection standoff requirements.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL IANNUZZI

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, in recognition of 24 years of devoted service to the United States Air Force and the United States of America. Beginning with his graduation and commissioning from Pennsylvania State University, Col. Iannuzzi has been an extraordinary pilot, leader, husband, and father. A Veteran of OIF, OEF, Southern Watch, Allied Force, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he has played a vital role in a revolution in military operations unlike any in the history of warfare. In the course of his career he has lived throughout the United States and overseas. As such, he understands on personal and professional levels the vital role the United States plays in shaping world events. As a squadron CO he had enormous influence on thousands of young men and women who will forever remember his strength in difficult situations, and use his example to shape their decisions in response to life's challenges. However, Colonel Iannuzzi's greatest accomplishment is his family. His many achievements would lack full meaning without the love of his wife Maria and three children. Absent their inspiration and support, the long deployments and many separations would have been unimaginable. For 24 years Col. Iannuzzi has stood watch for his family and his country. I represent all Americans, and particularly your friends and neighbors in Delaware County, when I say thank you for a job extremely well done, and welcome home!

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC
RECOVERY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3221, the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act.

This bill provides a long-awaited helping hand to many of our hard-working citizens, and I commend Chairman BARNEY FRANK and my House colleagues for diligently working with the Senate and the administration to craft a bill that helps individuals and neighborhoods

struggling with foreclosure, in addition to ensuring that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac remain on solid footing.

Owning one's own home is the epitome of the American Dream. Unfortunately, too many people have found themselves struggling after becoming trapped in complicated, poorly-explained mortgages with exploding interest rates. Already, I have received a call from a homeowner hoping this bill will help him refinance into a mortgage that won't eat up the bulk of his income. With gas prices rising, food prices rising, and wages stagnant, most homeowners just don't have the money to cover a mortgage payment that jumps by 30 or 50 percent.

According to the Center for Responsible Lending, one in 35 Texas homeowners could face foreclosure in the next 2 years—almost 1,400 of them in my district. While this bill won't help all those homeowners, it will help many. By providing an avenue for people to remain in their homes, paying an affordable mortgage, we help not only those individuals, but the neighborhoods that would otherwise be left to deal with abandoned and vacant homes.

As too many neighborhoods and cities are discovering, this housing crisis affects more people than just those who lose their homes. It affects their neighbors, whose property values are in decline as their neighborhoods empty out. It affects cities that must provide services yet are losing property tax revenues. Cities and towns are on the frontlines of this crisis, and this bill gives them an important tool to help neighborhoods recover, by allowing them to purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed homes and resell them at cost. I applaud all my colleagues in the House for passing this important legislation.

TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE
UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS
AND MALARIA RE-AUTHORIZATION
ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (H.R. 5501) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

I would first like to thank Honorable HOWARD L. BERMAN for introducing this important legislation. The devastation of the HIV/AIDS disease does not discriminate, and impacts the lives of us all. Recent reports from the United Nations state that more than thirty-three million people globally have been infected with HIV/AIDS.

This legislation takes a comprehensive approach to combating global infectious diseases, specifically HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis by providing funding for the prevention, education, testing, and treatment. I support and applaud the substantial funding that

H.R. 5501 provides to fight infectious diseases around the world. I am happy to see that this bill authorizes \$48 billion in spending over five years for AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. The bill would also authorize operational research and health workforce strengthening initiatives, and would eliminate the ban on HIV positive visitors and otherwise qualified immigrants from entering the United States.

The HIV/AIDS pandemic has erased decades of progress in improving the lives of families in the developing world and has claimed over 20 million lives since its inception. By supporting H.R. 5501, the U.S. government has taken another major step in keeping its commitment to the global AIDS response.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL KEITH
LOVEJOY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor COL Keith Lovejoy of the United States Army. Colonel Lovejoy, who is retiring, has been the Garrison Commander of Fort Benning in the Second Congressional District of Georgia, which I am privileged to represent.

Keith Lovejoy is a native of California. He holds a bachelor of arts from Norwich University, and a masters in personnel administration from Central Michigan University. He also has completed several intensive and challenging military training graduate courses, including one at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Colonel Lovejoy, who is retiring after a more than 30-year career of service to the United States, has held a variety of troop and command positions both in the United States and overseas. The bases across the country where he has served include Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Hood, Texas; and now, Fort Benning, Georgia.

In between his postings at Army bases, Colonel Lovejoy also taught those who also sought to serve. From 1989 through 1993, he served as the Assistant Professor of Military Science at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

Over the years, Colonel Lovejoy has become a very decorated officer. He is a recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, the Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals. His many awards speak for themselves about his commitment to our country.

Colonel Lovejoy is married to the former Carol Jean Barber of Columbus, Georgia. They have two children: Justin, a recent graduate of Kansas State University and now a First Lieutenant stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Jessica, currently a student at Auburn University.

Through many postings, and many assignments in different places that I am certain placed strain on himself and his family, Colonel Lovejoy, in every sense, epitomizes the meaning of the phrase "service above self."