

lazy. Nor are we getting rich from program payments.

Between bureaucrats and the media, farmers take a beating every day. They sensationalize program abuse and tend to forget those of us trying to make a living.

Unfortunately, most people who are removed from agriculture believe there is an unlimited flow of financial support from the government to the farmer. That sir, as you know, is not true. In fact, our government has kept the price of our commodities artificially low. You must admit, it's a consumer subsidy, not a farm subsidy. Expenses have risen since the depression. Prices have not.

In countries that have been hungry, governments provide price supports to make sure their farmers will produce. Japan pays their farmers \$32.88 for each bushel of wheat. Syria pays \$23. Even Bangladesh supports prices above the United States of America.

Please don't let the word "price supports" be misunderstood. We are not asking for welfare. We are, in essence, requesting a minimum wage. Unlike most people working for a minimum wage, we invest for the privilege.

Mr. Secretary, the original intent of the farm program was to narrow the gap in income between farmers and the rest of the population. Family farmers still stand to benefit from that ideal, but the current abuse of the programs allow the largest 18% of farms to collect 3/4 of the benefits. The time has come to change the programs, not throw them out. Target the benefits, based on production, to family farmers. Reward the efforts of the farmers who continue to provide quality food for America's families while struggling to feed his own. The new wealth created by a fair price would revitalize rural and urban main streets across the country.

Finally, we may be only 2% of the population, but that means that 98% of the population depends on us to provide their food. I'd say that makes us an extremely important part of this country. I'd say that deserves the respect of anyone who had breakfast this morning or supper last night. I'd say we are worth the effort of a farm bill that directs program benefits to farm families who risk everything every year.

Wouldn't you?

AUTHORIZING A CALIFORNIA
URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL RE-
SEARCH CENTER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation to authorize the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] to establish a California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center [CUEREC].

I am honored to be joined in this effort by 13 California colleagues: Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HORN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. MILLER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MINETA, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. TORRES, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. FILNER.

Legislation to authorize EPA research programs was unfortunately not acted upon in the last Congress. However, CUEREC did receive a line item in the 1995 Department of VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies appropriations bill to cover start-up costs. This line item has allowed CUEREC to begin its first year of operation and the center was dedicated on October 21, 1994 at a tree planting ceremony on the Cal State Hayward campus.

The bill requests \$4.5 million for fiscal year 1996 because CUEREC is mandated to work with all 22 California State Universities in its 2nd year of operation and because CUEREC will need this level of support to carry out the activities set out for it in the legislation.

Currently, CUEREC is in the process of linking California's major university systems—the Cal State University [CSU] campuses, the University of California [UC] campuses, as well as private universities and colleges—to deal with the employment and environmental challenges of California's military base closures and defense conversion. Among other activities CUEREC will: help remove market barriers for small environmental business enterprise development; help in military base conversion and utilization focused on increasing sustainable economic development and job creation throughout California; encourage the transfer of government developed and/or sponsored environmental technology to the private sector while working closely with such laboratories as Lawrence Livermore, Sandia, and Lawrence-Berkeley; encourage the funding of viable environmental projects throughout California; assist women and minority owned small businesses in complying with local, State, and Federal environmental regulations and taking advantage of opportunities in sustainable economic development; avoid duplication in environmental research and education programs by developing an on-line data base of such activities available to all California universities and colleges; help coordinate Cal State and UC environmental applied research and education programs; and advise local, State, and Federal officials on the economic and environmental implications of development programs throughout California.

Prior to CUEREC, no EPA sponsored research center had been established in California. Seventeen such EPA sponsored research centers have already been established in other States. CUEREC would be the first to focus on urban environmental policy, base closures, and defense conversion environmental problems. CUEREC would also be the first to include all of the universities and colleges in a single State.

Both Senators were very supportive of the legislation last year. CUEREC is a unique program, providing many important benefits for California and a cost effective model; university based program for the Nation and I urge my California colleagues to support it.

MARY N.D. MATANANE, GUAM
NURSES ASSOCIATION 1995
NURSE OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to commend Mary N.D. Matanane, an outstanding member of Guam's island community, for having been chosen as the Guam Nurses Association's Nurse of the Year for 1995.

For over two decades, Mary Matanane has dedicated herself to the health care profession, working for both the private and public sectors. Prior to her retirement from government service, she worked for a total of over 19

years with the Guam Memorial Hospital and the Department of Public Health and Social Services. She currently serves as the assistant director and clinical supervisor at Clark Home Nursing Service.

Throughout this time, Mary worked toward uniting the members of Guam's nursing profession and improving the quality of health care available on the island serving as president and director-at-large of the Guam Nurses Association for the past 18 years. In addition to her significant role in several of the association's committees, she also served as chairperson for the Governor's Task Force for Maternal Child Health and the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Council.

Her devotion to the community through the nursing profession has resulted in a number of awards including the 1994 ANA Search for Excellence Award, the 1993 National League for Nursing Centennial Leadership Award, the 1993 Department of Public Health and Social Services Supervisor of the Year Award. It is only befitting for her to be selected as 1995's Nurse of the Year.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate Mary Matanane for having been chosen as the Guam Nurses Association's Nurse of the Year for 1995. We commend her efforts, hard work, and contributions to the island.

IN RECOGNITION OF A DEDICATED
EDUCATOR, RICHARD F. PULICE

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special individual, dedicated educator, and childhood friend, Richard F. Pulice, director of instruction, Montebello Unified School District.

Richard has dedicated over 34 years of service to providing the children of Montebello with a superior public education. Immediately upon graduating from Occidental College in 1961, Richard began his longstanding career by teaching at Bandini Elementary School in the city of Commerce. He taught at Bandini until 1969. During this time he also earned his masters degree in education administration, which he received from Whittier College in 1967.

For the next 18 years, Richard proceeded to hold various principal positions throughout the Montebello Unified School District. He was principal at Bella Vista Elementary, Suva Elementary, and Potrero Heights Elementary. In 1987, Richard was appointed as director of elementary instruction for the Montebello Unified School District and in 1992, he was appointed director of instruction, a position he currently holds.

In addition to his extensive professional accomplishments, Richard has been involved in local, county, and State efforts to improve our educational system. He has served as an advisor to Montebello's Board of Education and superintendent on current issues and trends in education. Richard is also responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of the instructional program from kindergarten