been discriminated against. To put it simply, in those cases where communities have instituted laws protecting gays from discrimination in housing, banking, employment or whatever, it is because of the fact that without such protections it remains legal to discriminate against them in many instances. The discrimination does happen. As we see in Colorado, that's the way a lot of people would like it.

But thanks to the fact that this is still the United States of America, people are still entitled to equal protection under the law. All people. Even ones we may misunderstand or, as in the case of Colorado voters, despise. The Supreme Court understands that, even if many other people do not. We've got a long way to go in this country, don't we?

SEYMOUR H. KNOX III

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a man who was a friend of mine, a friend of his community, and a friend of our Nation. Seymour H. Knox III, who passed away this week, was a leader in Western New York whose contributions were known to all.

Mr. Knox was best known as the co-owner, with his brother, of the Buffalo Sabres hockey team. But he was more—much more—than a sportsman, important as that role was in our community. He followed his father's footsteps as a patron of the arts. He was a successful businessman. And the list of his other civic endeavors is too long to list.

Seymour Knox's last contribution to our region may be the longest-lasting. It was his drive and dedication, perhaps more than anything else, that ensured the development of his beloved hockey team's new home, Marine Midland Arena. And that new facility will help spur the continued redevelopment of downtown Buffalo.

Mr. Speaker, Buffalo and the entire Western New York area will miss Seymour Knox, and I know that all of his neighbors and mine join in paying tribute to one of our finest.

At this point, I ask unanimous consent to introduce a Buffalo News' editorial about Mr. Knox into the RECORD:

[From the Buffalo News, May 23, 1996]

SEYMOUR KNOX III LEAVES LEGACY TO THE COMMUNITY HE CARED FOR

Seymour H. Knox III was born to wealth, and he put it to good use for his community. Like his father before him, Knox left Buffalo an institution that will forever bear his mark. In his father's case, it was a nationally known art gallery. In his case, it is a nationally famous sports team. Buffalo is richer for both of them.

To say it simply, Buffalo needs more people like Seymour H. Knox III. His death Wednesday, from cancer, came a few days after the public got its first look at the Marine Midland Arena, which Knox worked arduously to bring into being. It will be the new home of the Buffalo Sabres major league hockey team, his hard-won creation and his enduring contribution to his home town.

More than one friend and more than one fan will express regrets that Knox did not live to see the day when his team would skate onto the ice of the new arena. But at least he knew it would happen.

Though the efforts of Knox and his brother, Northrup, the Buffalo franchise in the National Hockey League was secured in 1969. From the beginning to his death, Seymour Knox III was chairman of the partnership that owned the team. Most of the time he was also president of the team.

Titles aside, the hockey-loving public knew Knox simply as the one who got the team for Buffalo and served as its head man through the years. He was the guy in the gold seats a few rows above the Sabres' bench.

Knox also kept the team here. In an age when professional owners change cities at an alarming rate, Knox was loyal to Buffalo even though its comparatively small market might have made other pastures seem greener. The point of the new arena is to make the team financially strong, securing it for Buffalo for the foreseeable future. Knox's vision made the Marine Midland Arena possible. His legacy will be the exciting hockey games of the future—games that will help make Buffalo a better place to spend the winter.

Knox was also important to Buffalo for numerous other civic endeavors. Those included the chairmanship of the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, governing body of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, which, to a great degree, was his father's gift to Buffalo. The gallery's most distinguishing feature is its modern art collection put together with care by the late Seymour H. Knox Jr.

His son's contribution is less genteel, but a community needs many aspects to its life. It is richer for both of these gifts.

From the start, the hockey team has played at Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo's aged indoor sports place, now slipping into retirement.

At the last Sabres game in the Aud a bit more than a month ago, Knox was given a prolonged ovation by a capacity crowd. Fans know why the Sabres exist. They let is show. Knox give a short speech, closing with the words: ''Farewell, old friend.''

Buffalo people can repeat those words today.

HONORING MARVIN GRAVES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the achievements of a very talented and gifted athlete who is also a Washingtonian. Marvin Graves is a 6′1″, 195-pound athlete who is an exceptional football player and a responsible citizen who has dedicated himself to community service and lived up to the respect and admiration he has won from fans.

Marvin Graves was born in Washington, DC on February 7, 1971, to Melvin and Katrina Graves. He attended Archbishop Carroll High School in the District where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. Upon graduation from high school Marvin Graves entered Syracuse University on a four-year football scholarship and majored in child and family studies.

During the course of his spectacular collegiate career, he was a four-year starter and holds 16 of the 31 passing records at Syracuse, including 6 of the 11 total offense records. His records also include: a four-time bowl MVP, AP second team All-American, Eastern College Athletic Conference [ECAC] Player of the Year, second team All-Big East, and a finalist for the Daley O'Brien National Quarterback Award.

In 1994 Marvin Graves graduated from Syracuse University. He is now the star quarterback for the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. After an incredible comeback performance on Sunday, October 2, 1994, Marvin Graves' coach Bob O'Billovich had this to say about his star player: ''You saw one of the greatest quarterback performances in a fourth quarter that you'll ever see in your life * * * Nobody in this league has played a quarter like that.''

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a pleasure and honor to recognize the great achievements of my constituent, Marvin Graves. I salute his remarkable career as an athlete and commend his presence and activities in the community. He has spoken at high schools, hospitals, and group homes eager to stress the importance of education, and urging our young people to never engage in drug activity. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding young man.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will help this Nation struggle more effectively with the scourge of illicit drugs, and those who engage in this deadly trade.

It has recently come to my attention that many illegal criminal aliens in our State and local prisons for drug related offenses had often previously been transported—after they had served their prison time—by air by our fine local National Guard units to Federal deportation centers for eventual processing out of our Nation.

There were many important benefits to these controlled National Guard military flights, including security, because many of these criminal aliens involved with drugs and facing deportation often had histories of violent behavior and conduct.

In addition, the cost of transporting these aliens individually along with Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS] officers accompanying them on commercial carriers is expensive. It also exposed these criminal aliens to an unsuspecting public in our civilian airports and on commercial flights.

Current limits on the number and the already broad and difficult responsibilities of our dedicated and hardworking INS personnel, and the costs of commercial travel for and with these criminal aliens facing deportation, often makes it impossible to ensure that these individuals when their time served in jail was completed will ever be taken to or show up at deportation centers. Ultimately these limitations bear heavily on whether in fact these criminal aliens are ever eventually removed from the United States.

In some cases, absent INS ability to effectively transport and move these aliens facing deportation, we may be letting these criminal aliens—pending eventual deportation—merely back into our local communities to engage in more drug related crime and violence.

In the past State and local authorities often had consolidated a number of these individual aliens for a group flight under INS and National Guard control at the same time to these

deportation centers. These National Guard flights made sense as a tool in our arsenal against drugs and those who would engage in their possession, use or distribution, as well as serving the Guard's training needs and requirements.

However; these effective and cost efficient National Guard flights were I am informed, ended several years ago because there was questions raised about the legal authority for the National Guard to engage in this activity, only indirectly drug related.

My bill, which I introduce today, makes the local National Guard's authority clear in this area; if it desires to promote its training and antinarcotics function and role in this fashion as part of its antidrug plans, it may clearly do so. It also limits those cases where the National Guard may assist the INS in transporting aliens to those criminal aliens, who have violated a Federal or State law prohibiting or regulating the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance.

It is a reasonable use of the National Guard's air assets, pilots, and personnel incidental to training by the Guard. It also serves our national interests in the battle against drugs. As we well know, drugs and those involved in the deadly trade in these poisons, cost our society more than $67 billion annually, and threaten our cities, schools, youth, and future generations.

The bill is simply authority for those local National Guard units that want to engage in assisting INS to transport these criminal aliens involved in drugs for deportation purposes. It will help this Nation get a handle on the many foreign born individuals in our prison system who have engaged in drug related criminal activity and face deportation spirited out of this country as soon as possible.

We should do all we can to get these criminal aliens involved in drugs and related violence out of our Nation as soon as possible and not allow them back on our streets to affect our communities, schools, and childrens' futures and very lives and well being.

I ask that the full text of the bill be printed hereafter:

H.R. .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL GUARD TO ASSIST IN TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN ALIENS.

Section 112(d)(1) of title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: ''The plan as approved by the Secretary may provide for the use of personnel and equipment of the National Guard of that State to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the transportation of aliens who have violated a Federal or State law prohibiting or regulating the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance.''.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE BY VFW ROMANOWSKI POST 6896

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to mark 50 years of dedication by the Sgt. Stanley F. Romanowski Post 6896 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The ideals embodied in the Post membership stand as a model of public service.

In exemplary fashion, the Romanowski Post has served its members and the community at large. I am proud to be associated, as a member, with an organization whose fierce camaraderie is only outshone by its firm commitment to serving Dearborn, the 4th VFW district, and Wayne County, MI.

To list all of the ways Post 6896 serves the community would be near to impossible, yet it is important to recognize a few of the programs which the Post has established: the Post Blood Bank, serving both members and the public; spaghetti dinners supporting muscular dystrophy research; and the Christmas Needy Basket Program providing food for families enduring hard times. These are just three examples of the selfless charity central to Romanowski's mission. The additions of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Dads Post have increased the number of people who have the opportunity to participate in a positive way in Post activities while also expanding the resources available to be dedicated to charitable pursuits. The numerous clubs and leagues which operate within the post have helped to create a supportive and congenial atmosphere.

On May 12, 1946, when the Post was humbly instituted in the gymnasium of the Munger Intermediate School, its members could not have foreseen the success that was ahead. Romanowski has been the largest Post in the Department. It has long held the Drill Team title of Department Champions (first captured in 1965), and twice hosted the VFW National Convention. Throughout the years, the Post has gained a well-deserved reputation for hospitality and generosity.

Mr. Speaker, it is with honor and personal pride that I congratulate my home Post for 50 years of dedicated service in southeast Michigan.

BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM WINS AWARD

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a south Florida institution which has recently received the highest honor in its field. The American Libraries Association and the Library Journal have named the Broward County Library System, the ''1996 National Library of the Year.''

The Broward County Library System has consistently provided the residents of south Florida with excellent service, valuable resources, and vital information. The library system has become a fixture within the community, and the community support is extraordinary. The library draws more attendance than all the Florida sports teams combined. The Miami Herald proclaimed the library to be ''one of the Broward County Commission's most important achievements.'' Support such as this illustrates the Broward County Library's successful pursuit of excellence and innovative approaches to library service.

In our growing age of technology and telecommunications, the Broward County Library System has provided state of the art resources which are in high demand. The library volunteered to pilot the FreeNet System to enhance access in providing the South Florida community with electronic mail, a public forum to exchange ideas, and internet service to research data bases. During its expansion in service and information, the library system has proven its commitment to develop a service that will meet the technological standards of the 21st century.

Through its program of service and dedication, the Broward County Library System has kept the taxpayer in high regard. For example, the library system formed a partnership with Broward Community College in order to consolidate financial resources for operational and construction services. This partnership has saved taxpayers $17,000,000—which is the total cost of building and operating two libraries. Both the public and private sectors have enabled the Broward County Library System to provide essential service, as well as a commitment to education.

The Broward County Library System has provided educational standards that have been adopted and practiced by educators. The library has teamed up with local schools, colleges and universities in providing its coveted resources for all age groups.

Mr. Speaker, throughout this country there are many individuals who are dedicated to strengthening our community spirit, one such individual is Mr. Samuel Morrison, Director of the Libraries Division of Broward County. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations to Sam Morrison and the staff of the Broward County Library System on the receipt of the 1996 National Library of the Year Award.

MEMORIAL DAY 1996

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the observance of Memorial Day. This day we pause from our busy schedules to honor those who have given their lives defending our freedom in the line of duty. A small stone market at Omaha Beach Cemetery echoes our gratitude with this simple but powerful acknowledgement. ''To these we owe our highest resolve, that the cause for which they died, we shall live.''

The efforts of the men and women who valiantly served our country here and abroad to preserve peace and liberty deserve our highest recognition. Whether we observe this occasion through ceremony or prayer, Memorial Day leaves few hearts unmoved. From the remote places of Argonne, Normandy, Inchon, Da Nang, and Kuwait City, Americans have shed their blood so that others might live in peace, without fear of tyranny and aggression. We have an obligation to remember the names and the deeds of the Americans who paid the price for our freedom.

The courage and valor shown by the men and women who have served our country is symbolized by the plethora of monuments and memorials, each commemorating the deeds of untold numbers of Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. For those