

Santa Ana Unified School District has 70 percent of its students classified as LEP, the sixth highest in the Nation. Garden Grove Unified School District has 43 percent of its students qualifying as limited English proficient, 11th highest in the Nation.

These are children from all over the world, Vietnamese children, Korean children, Hispanic children, and Romanian children who all want to learn and who all want high standards.

But we have no plan for what we will do with these children or how we will utilize the test results.

Of course, we need to have our students on track. But until we have a better idea of how these test results will be used, and how we can include the great many children who are still learning English, then I cannot be supportive of these national tests.

Please vote for the Goodling amendment.

IN HONOR OF ANN TRAPP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Mrs. Ann Trapp, for her many years of service and countless contributions to her community.

Ann Trapp was born in Cleveland. In 1949, she graduated from the St. Vincent Charity School of Nursing. She went on to work as a registered nurse for the St. Vincent Charity Hospital for 34 years. During this time she was also a member of the American Lung Association for Practitioners of Infection Control, and a member of the Lung Association.

Mrs. Trapp was devoted to many political organizations. She was a Democratic precinct committee leader and a member and ward leader of the Democratic Executive Committee. She was the recording secretary of the Parma Democratic Club. She played a role in several political campaigns in Parma and Cleveland and was named Parma Woman Democrat of the Year in 1990.

Not only was Mrs. Trapp active in politics, she was dedicated to her church as well. She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church for more than 40 years and served as a Eucharistic minister there. She belonged to Legion of Mary, Catholic Daughters, and Just Friends. She was also involved with the West Side Irish American Club and the Women's Guild of St. Vincent Charity Hospital and was a member of their alumni association.

Mrs. Trapp leaves behind 1 sister, 2 brothers, 4 daughters, 3 sons, and 15 grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 1997

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to give tribute to a nation that has succeeded in its struggle to be a free, democratic nation. On August 24th, Ukraine celebrated its 6th year of independence.

Since August 24, 1991, When Ukraine declared independence from the former Soviet Union resuming its journey down the path to freedom and democracy, she has achieved success in many domestic and international arenas. Ukraine has worked hard to develop a target-oriented and balanced policy to achieve economic stability and build a truly democratic, economically developed state. The nation has worked to establish a solid foundation on which to build a true democracy. The foundation of a free market system has been established. The liberalization of prices, the currency rate, a mechanism of foreign trade, and privatization have all contributed to a developing market economy. The policy has resulted in a reduction in the annual inflation from 10,000 percent in 1993 to a projected 25 percent in 1997; the privatization of nearly 50,000 enterprises; and the adoption of a democratic constitution.

On the international front, Ukraine has worked hard to improve foreign policy by signing many important agreements with the international community: A joint Statement of the President of Ukraine and Poland on Accord and Unity; the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Partnership between Ukraine and the Russian Federation; the Agreement on the State-Border lines between Ukraine and Belarus; the Treaty on Good Neighborly Relations and Cooperation between Ukraine and Romania; and lastly, the Charter on a Distinct Partnership between Ukraine and NATO. They have participated in the first session of the Ukraine-United States Binational Commission Kuchma-Gore, which is a visible embodiment of a Ukrainian-American strategic partnership. Ukraine has also unilaterally and voluntarily disarmed all tactical nuclear weapons to continue the dream of a stable democracy.

To help foster freedom and democracy in Ukraine, the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus has been established. Representative JOHN FOX, Representative LOUISE SLAUGHTER, and Representative SANDER LEVIN, and I serve as co-chairs. The primary purpose of the caucus is to organize an association of Members of Congress who share a common concern for building stronger bilateral relations between Ukraine and the United States. The caucus wants to support Ukraine in its process of democratization and market-oriented reforms.

I stand here today to congratulate Ukraine on another year of freedom and progress in the quest for democracy.

IN RECOGNITION OF OPPORTUNITY, INC.: AN ORGANIZATION THAT LIVES UP TO ITS NAME

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 1997

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize Opportunity, Inc., an outstanding organization located in Highland Park, IL. This is truly a remarkable enterprise and a magnificent example of the initiative needed to help people move from welfare to work and a better life.

Opportunity, Inc. is a unique, not-for-profit contract manufacturer that employs 120 persons, most of whom have developmental, physical and/or emotional disabilities. Founded

in 1976 by local construction executive John Cornell, who still serves on the Board of Directors, the company will hold its annual Handicapable™ Leadership Award Dinner in Chicago on September 30. Noted conservative author and commentator, George F. Will, will be the keynote speaker.

The company's mission is twofold: First, to provide a mainstream plant environment in which handicapable people can work and earn a paycheck as well as the dignity that comes from being employed productively on a full-time basis; and, second, to provide its private sector customers with the best possible quality, price, and service.

As everyone understands, budget constraints compel us to look for ways to effectively address important needs without government subsidies, and Opportunity, Inc. is leading the way in this regard. A model of community response and innovation, the company has demonstrated how competitive and productive Handicapable™ employees can be. Opportunity, Inc. built and continues to operate the Nation's only not-for-profit, certified class 100,000 clean rooms for medical and surgical packaging. The firm's commitment to quality is so stringent that its principal medical/surgical customer—Baxter, International—has not rejected a single lot of product in over 7 years.

When I visited Opportunity, Inc. last year, however, I learned that its business success, while impressive, pales in significance to the positive contributions it has made to its employees' lives. I experienced firsthand how proud, dedicated, and competitive they are. As one man said to me, "Congressman, all we need is a fair chance to compete. That's what we get here at Opportunity and just look at the results!" Clearly, Opportunity, Inc. is an organization that lives up to its name.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent a congressional district that includes enterprises of this caliber. It is my pleasure to salute the employees, management, and directors of Opportunity, Inc. on the occasion of their annual dinner, and to extend my personal congratulations to Harold, Peter, and Ron Foreman, who are the recipients of this year's Handicapable Leadership Award for 20 years of service.

I also commend Opportunity, Inc. as an example to my colleagues, who believe, as I do, that we must look to the private sector and to the local level for alternative solutions to difficult social problems.

REAUTHORIZATION OF EX-IM BANK

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 1997

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for reauthorizing the U.S. Export-Import Bank. By providing loans and guarantees that may otherwise be unavailable, the Ex-Im Bank is an invaluable tool to American workers and businesses, 80 percent of which are small companies.

In my home State of Illinois, 288 companies and 125 communities have benefited from the Ex-Im Bank in the last 5 years. During this time, Ex-Im financing helped to support the \$2.2 billion in exports my State produces, and