

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
PACKARD'S NAVAL INTEL-
LIGENCE TREATISE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, Capt. Wyman H. Packard, U.S. Navy (Retired), a constituent of mine from Arlington, has spent the past three decades diligently compiling the first public history of U.S. Naval Intelligence. Today, the result of his effort is a joint publication of the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Naval Historical Center titled "A Century of Naval Intelligence."

Captain Packard's undertaking was done without remuneration from the U.S. Government. Rather, he chose to demonstrate that history repeats itself and we have a tendency of going in a circle under the guise of progress. This book will serve as a textbook for the Naval Intelligence School and will provide a starting point for future historical studies. This administrative history studies how the discipline and bureaucracy of naval intelligence evolved.

Most of Captain Packard's research comes from firsthand experiences. He participated in five major sea engagements during World War II, including Midway, the Coral Sea, and the Solomons. He also served abroad the USS *Hornet* from the time it was launched and through its brief but heroic history until it was sunk in the Pacific.

This book clearly demonstrates the importance of naval intelligence to the U.S. national security during peace and war and is a valuable reference for defense professionals.

100-MILE DIABETES WALK

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly remarkable group of individuals from western Pennsylvania.

This year marks the 20th annual Walk to Beat Diabetes. Each year, Mr. Robert Mander, a postal worker from Carapopolis, PA, leads a small band of dedicated volunteers on a 100-mile walk from Erie, PA, to Pittsburgh to raise money for diabetes research. The walk will begin this year on October 10 and end on October 12.

Mr. Mander started this project 20 years ago after his daughter was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. His personal experience with this terrible disease motivated him to begin raising money to support diabetes research.

Each year, Mr. Mander and his fellow walkers cover the 100 miles between Erie and Pittsburgh over the course of 3 grueling days. A number of generous sponsors provide food, lodging, supplies, and clothing for the volunteers. Many family members, contributors, and well-wishers join the walkers for the last few miles. The walk ends at the McKnight Siebert Shopping Center in Township, where a raffle is held for sports memorabilia to raise more money for diabetes research. This year, the walkers hope to raise \$20,000 for diabetes research.

Mr. Mander is a Vietnam veteran who is active in the V.F.W. He serves on the board of directors of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, and he has raised money for arthritis research and the March of Dimes as well as for the ADA.

Mr. Speaker, I salute these brave volunteers, and I want to especially commend Mr. Robert Mander for 20 years of unstinting dedication to this worthy cause.

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS RE-
AUTHORIZATION AND AMEND-
MENTS ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2261, the Small Business Programs Reauthorization and Amendments Act. The Small Business Administration provides the principal form of disaster relief for communities struck by tragedy. On August 21 and 22, 13½ inches of rain fell in Atlantic County in my district in a matter of hours. This downpour ended up causing \$54 million in estimated damage, impacting more than 5,000 homes and businesses. Because a bulk of the area is not located in a flood plain, many of the impacted families and business owners did not have flood insurance.

Last week, the President declared Atlantic County a disaster area making the area eligible for Federal assistance. A bulk of this assistance, which is made up of low-interest loans for home repairs and property and inventory damage, will come from the Small Business Administration. The people benefiting from this aid are small business owners and hard-working families, many of which were told they did not have to have flood insurance because they were located in a low-risk area. Where do these people turn when suddenly they have to come up with thousands upon thousands of dollars to replace such essential items as water heaters, washer/dryers, and furnaces? Many of them turn to the Small Business Administration. As we speak, representatives from the Small Business Administration are holding workshops in my district for individuals interested in applying for low-interest disaster loans. They have issued more than 2,000 loan applications and have already made several approvals since they started taking applications last week.

The Small Business Administration fulfills a vital need for disaster victims. For individuals and businesses that cannot recoup their losses through insurance, the SBA provides a safety net that enables people to put their lives back together after a devastating natural disaster. I am proud to support H.R. 2261 and I hope we can secure swift passage of this vital legislation.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE
EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1370) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States:

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. This institution is absolutely vital to our Nation in order to keep American companies and workers competitive in the world marketplace.

My philosophy on trade has always been that we should take every step possible to make it free and fair for all countries, and that purchases should be made based on quality, price, and service. I firmly believe that, under such circumstances, American companies will excel. Unfortunately, as my colleagues know, this is not always the case today. In a perfect world, France, Germany, Japan, England and our other competitors would not provide unfair advantages to their exporters. If that were the case, we would be having a different debate today. We would not need the Exim Bank to level the playing field.

However, the fact remains that the Exim Bank finances American exports where commercial financing is simply not available or competitive and where, without government action, the sale would be lost. The Exim Bank does this at a low cost to the taxpayers and with a tremendous positive impact on the American economy. Last year alone, Exim Bank supported over 200,000 high quality American jobs.

It is also important to note that the Exim Bank is not a giveaway program. The Bank must be repaid every dollar it lends, and has had a default rate of only 1.0 percent over the last 15 years. This is significantly better than our own commercial banks have performed over the same period of time.

Last week I met with Mr. James Harmon, the new president of Exim Bank. Frankly, I was impressed with his determination to institute management and policy changes at the Bank that will make it an even better value for the taxpayers. He has some great innovative ideas that will help make American companies even more competitive in the 21st century. I look forward to working with him and I urge my colleagues to vote against unilateral economic disarmament and vote in favor of reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank.

IN HONOR OF DR. H. BEECHER
HICKS, JR.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in praise of Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, who is the senior minister at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, DC and one of the Nation's great preachers. He is a brilliant spiritual leader, a