

them create jobs and compete in the global economy.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2169,  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, II**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2169, the Transportation appropriations conference report. I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for providing \$1,000,000 to develop the Boston Urban Ring.

The Urban Ring will make public transportation more efficient around Boston. It will stimulate economic growth, and it will enhance the chances of persons on welfare to find jobs, by providing an efficient, inexpensive form of transportation for them to travel between home and work.

The Urban Ring will stimulate economic growth because it will create an affordable transportation system for all commuters to travel the Boston area without using their cars. The business community will be well served because the Urban Ring will expand the accessibility of its labor force. This will help businesses to increase redevelopment potential of underutilized or vacant land and buildings that were used in the region's older industrial economy.

The Urban Ring will help the chances of welfare recipients to find jobs. These days, many factories and businesses build their new facilities in the suburbs. But many welfare recipients live in the city. The Urban Ring will provide inner city residents affordable transportation to find jobs in the suburbs, and to keep those jobs.

Finally, I want to thank the conferees for providing \$250 million for Amtrak's Northeast Corridor Improvement Program. Amtrak's passenger service contributes to cleaning up air pollution in my district. It reduces the number of cars on the road every day between Boston and New York by 27,000.

The Transportation appropriations conference report is fair and adequate, and it is a great help to the Boston area. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the conference report.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY B. GONZALEZ

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICK LAZIO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 1997*

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished Member from Texas and the ranking member of the Banking Committee, Mr. GONZALEZ.

Representative GONZALEZ has served in elected public office for more than 40 years, and has served with distinction in this House since the 87th Congress in 1961. Mr. GONZALEZ served as chairman of the Subcommittee

on Housing and Community Development beginning in 1981 until the 104th Congress when he became ranking member of the committee.

During his time here in the House, Representative GONZALEZ dedicated much of his time to helping low-income families and distressed communities across America obtain affordable housing and development opportunities.

I have had the privilege of working closely with the distinguished gentleman since becoming chairman of the subcommittee in 1994. Although we have often held different perspectives on public policy, we both believe that our most vulnerable populations must be protected. I thank him for his leadership and lifelong commitment to helping our Nation's poor.

IN RECOGNITION OF 22 YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL IN COLUMBUS, IN

**HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 22 young musicians from Central Middle School in Columbus, IN, who will be performing this week at the Holocaust Museum in Washington as part of the school's annual tour of the Washington area.

These young musicians, under the direction of Ms. Sue Hartin, will perform "Inscription of Hope" by D. Z. Randall Stroope. This song is based upon words inscribed on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany, where Jews were hiding during the Second World War. According to Ms. Hartin, "The purpose of this performance is to give the students a deeper, more personal understanding of the reality of the Holocaust. This music gives a unique insight to simple historical facts."

The actual text of the piece reads:

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, and I believe in love even when there's no one there. And I believe in God even when he is silent. I believe through any trial, there is always a way. But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair, my heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there. But a voice rises within me saying "hold on my child, I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay a little while." I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. And I believe in love even when there's no one there. But I believe in God even when he is silent. I believe through any trial, there is always a way. May there someday be sunshine, may there someday be happiness, may there someday be love, may there someday be peace.

I am happy to congratulate these young students on their hard work and wish them the best of luck for their performance this week.

CONGRATULATING JIM GURETSKY,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNIONS

**HON. JON CHRISTENSEN**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr.

Jim Guretsky on his recent appointment to the chairmanship of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions [NAFCU]. During my term in Congress, I have worked closely with Jim on a number of issues and have found him to be a man of outstanding ability and knowledge. I feel credit unions across the Nation will benefit from Jim's leadership and business acumen. He has been president of the SAC Federal Credit Union in Omaha, NE, since 1984. Also, he has pledged that as chair of the NAFCU, he will work with the other directors on the NAFCU board and with members of the credit union community to help ensure all Federal credit unions receive the education, information, and representation they need to remain competitive and to maintain safe and sound operations. I look forward to working with Jim Guretsky to attain these goals, and wish him a successful tenure as chairman of NAFCU.

TRIBUTE TO REUBEN HARPOLE

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on October 25, the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee [UWM], his family, friends, and admirers will celebrate Reuben Harpole's 31 years of service to UWM and his lifetime of service to Milwaukee.

I have known Reuben for years, and it is hard to recall a more dynamic, engaging personality. These qualities and his love of people have guided Reuben through the tough times. In the 1960's, he was not daunted by the challenges of selling white businesses advertising space in a newspaper serving African-American readers. When racial tension in Milwaukee threatened to explode in violence, Reuben did not retreat. He enlisted the partnership of a UWM professor, surveyed African-American families, learned that their most urgent desire was that their children should be able to read, and the two men founded a program at UWM to teach them.

Reuben Harpole's commitment to education is incomparable. He established a central city teacher project, was instrumental in the foundation of Milwaukee's Harambee Community School and has been a driving force at UWM's Center for Urban Community Development for the past 31 years. UWM has established in his honor the Reuben Harpole Education Scholarship. Every year, the scholarship will help one UWM school of education student to reach toward Reuben's goal. I can think of no more fitting recognition of Reuben's unique dedication to the education of our children.

Reuben Harpole brings energy and vitality to every undertaking. He put the king in networking, and his unabashed enthusiasm is irresistibly infectious. I do not doubt for a second that, as he has for over 30 years, Reuben Harpole will continue to get things done.