

time and talents to making this vision a reality. Each week, a guest reader volunteers one hour a day to read stories to the primary students. Classroom presentations have also been a strong contribution by the independent. Writers and advertisers provide "hands on" newspaper activities illustrating their job responsibilities at the Independent. Students are taught to see the correlation between mathematical application and advertising sizing and pricing. The Clovis Independent promotes student recognition by printing students of the month, honor students, those receiving special awards, and special interest stories.

The David & Sons-Viking Elementary School partnership is another excellent example of the impact individual employees have on students. Employees participate in field trips, student of the month activities, classroom tutoring and a number of other activities that result in one-on-one contact with kids. As a business, David & Sons is also an important player in the Viking Pen Pal Program. The kids love the letters they receive from the employees. In addition to extensive involvement from employees, David & Sons also contributes financially to after school activities that touch the families as well as the children.

Ericson Elementary School of Fresno is in its second year of an exciting partnership with the Claude Laval Corporation. The primary goal of the partnership is to expose children to an array of career possibilities. Division heads from the Claude Laval Corporation do classroom presentations which often include hands on demonstrations. These department heads talk to kids not only about the intricacies of the industry but about the importance of work ethics, goal setting, and life long learning. Perhaps the most innovative aspect of this process is the interview/resume process. Each student who completes the packet goes to a mock interview, and as a culminating activity, four students are selected to attend a Claude Laval Leadership Training Program which includes a factory tour and lunch with Claude Laval executives. At the end of the year, classrooms prepare presentations on topics such as marketing, finance and manufacturing and present them to the executive team at Claude Laval.

In Clovis, Tarpey Elementary School and Costco have cultivated a partnership that families, as well as students have benefited from. Costco has donated back packs and school supplies to over 1,000 students. Needy families have been the recipients of food and clothing. The annual Tarpey BBQ and carnival has become one the community highlights as a result of Costco's generous donation of food and supplies.

The final business partner award goes to a long standing business partnership and an icon in the community. Producers Dairy was nominated by the State Center Community College District for their contributions to the State Center system for over a decade. Producers is sole sponsor of the "Producers California Community College Baseball State Championships." This event not only touches college athletes but brings thousands of dollars into the Fresno Community. Producers Dairy also provides over \$20,000 in scholarships to students who might not otherwise have the means to go to college.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Harris Ranch, Giannini Packaging Corporation, WestAmerica Bank, Evangelical

Free Church, Dumont Printing, The Clovis Independent, David and Sons, Claude Laval Corporation, Costco Wholesale, and Producers Dairy for the dedication and care that they have exhibited for future education. School business partnerships bring a little bit of hope to a lot of kids, thanks to the commitment of powerful teachers and concerned and dedicated citizens. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these companies many more years of success.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO
AMEND THE 50 STATES COM-
MEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM
ACT

HON. CARLOS ROMERO-BARCELÓ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, today we have introduced a bill to amend the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act that will extend the program by one additional year so as to include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the United States Virgin Islands within the scope of the program.

The 50 States Commemorative Coin Program, to begin in 1999, allows each of the 50 States the privilege of selecting a design for the reverse side of the quarter coin that commemorates their history. Five States per year will have quarters minted, selected according to the order in which the States ratified the Constitution or were admitted into the Union.

As enacted, the Territories and the District of Columbia were excluded from the original program. This amendment is necessary because as passed, the Act does not truly reflect the strengths of our Nation and the tremendous contributions to American society and American democratic values provided by the United States citizens who reside in the Territories and in the District of Columbia. It is important that the youth of the United States, a large number of whom are expected to collect complete sets of the quarter dollars issued during the program, learn about their national history, geography and heritage.

We supported the program (H.R. 2414) on the House floor last September after it was agreed that we would be included in a subsequent bill. I wish to salute the chairman of the Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee, MICHAEL CASTLE (R-DEL), for his support and commitment to ensure that we receive the same considerations as all 50 states.

In addition, I wish to thank delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, of the District of Columbia and my colleagues representing each of the territories. I am glad that we could work together to achieve this important victory towards equality.

THE FIFTY STATE COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would give the District of Co-

lumbia and the four insular areas a privilege the 50 states already have, namely, the ability to choose a design for the reverse side of the quarter coin in order to commemorate our history as part of the United States. After I protested the exclusion of D.C. and the four territories when the original bill came to the House Floor, Congressman MIKE CASTLE, Chair of the Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee, agreed to co-sponsor this bill with the other Delegates and me and to allow the District and the four insular areas to participate. I want to thank Chairman Castle for his great cooperation in helping us with this effort that is important to our districts, and I thank the Delegates from the four insular areas who have worked hard on this bill from the beginning.

Although the residents of the District and the insular areas are American citizens, there are some differences between us and the states. However, qualification to be part of a program to redesign quarters to commemorate Member's home districts is not one of them. There is no legal or constitutional reason to exclude D.C. and the territories from this bill. Congress should be at great pains to avoid any appearance of treating the District and the insular areas as colonies. I am sure this initial exclusion was an oversight.

My bill would extend the 10-year commemorative coin program for an additional year to include the District of Columbia and the four insular areas—American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands—in the program. In the District, I am suggesting that we hold a competition to choose the design for our quarter. Although to some American citizens the Commemorative Coin Program may seem like a minor activity, the ability to participate in this program is important recognition to my constituents. I am sure that the same is true for the insular areas.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3633, THE
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
TRAFFICKING PROHIBITION ACT
OF 1998

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, serious concerns have been raised by law enforcement, US Customs, drug abuse prevention counselors and commissions, independent studies and media reports about the trafficking of controlled substances from Mexico.

"Controlled substances" are drugs that the Drug Enforcement Administration has either banned or subjected to closely regulated status because of their danger, addictiveness and potential for abuse. Controlled substances include illegal drugs such as heroin and closely-regulated legal drugs such as Valium.

Currently, it is particularly easy for an individual to purchase dangerous controlled substances in Mexico. These uppers, downers, hallucinogens, and "date-rape drugs" are obtained from so-called "health-care providers" or "pharmacists" in Mexico with no documentation of medical need; then legally imported into the United States; and, according to DEA, frequently sold illegally on the street.

Mexican drug sellers even include detailed instructions to help Americans avoid arrest or