our toxic waste sites, but we must concentrate more efforts for the children of our cities. I am fighting for an approach to the environment that is based on reason, balance, and moderation . . . one that recognizes that it is not a question of whether we can afford to protect the environment, but whether we can afford not to protect it.

NEW CREATIONS BOARDING SCHOOL, RICHMOND, IN

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 23, 1998

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share an inspiring story with my colleagues and the American people about a husband and wife team who have built New Creations Boarding School, in Richmond Indiana. Pastor Tim Cummings, being full of compassion for troubled teenagers, reached out and met the needs of those in Wayne County. Tim has been fully supported by his wife Bonnie, who has been an invaluable partner in his work. New Creations Boarding School is Biblically focussed and many student’s lives have been changed through the teachings of the Bible. The Cummings made a difference by showing that if individuals work hard and show kindness they can do good things. These qualities are needed in our communities and the Cummings are an excellent example for others to follow. In short, work hard, be kind to others and help your neighbor if you can. Well Done, Pastor Tim and Bonnie. May God Bless you in all your future endeavors.

SPEECH TO HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARS NATIONAL SCHOLARS CONFERENCE

HON. NICK LAMPSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 23, 1998

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, to all of you who are here today because you have been selected to participate in the 1998 Horatio Alger Association’s National Scholars Conference, I would like to say welcome. As I am sure you have already learned, you have joined a very exclusive club of achievers who have been recognized by that fine organization.

I am proud to note that several Members of Congress have been honored as distinguished Americans by the association such as Senator ROBERT BYRD of West Virginia and other great American’s like the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. But I am particularly proud that one of my constituents, Tom Harken, serves on the association’s Board of Directors. If each of you have not had the opportunity to meet this man make sure you do so. Especially if you plan on being in business. He is truly a Horatio Alger success story.

Because each of you are exemplary high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of honor, integrity and perseverance and did not allow life’s obstacles to stop you, I would like to say “congratulations” and to tell how proud I am of you. I would also like to tell you that with your distinct honor, not only comes the $5,000.00 scholarship you are receiving (although that is awfully nice), but also a responsibility to your own success and to keeping the dream of success alive for other young people. You need to know that they too can “beat the odds” in spite of the hardships that they face.

Today, as I speak to you on “Issues Facing Congress: A Congressman’s Perspective,” I would like to take you back to the first time that I stood in this Chamber, when I was your age, and how it shapes my perspective today and how I hope that your visit today will shape your vision for tomorrow.

My first visit to Congress truly helped me understand that one of the greatest issues facing any session of Congress is how we keep the American dream alive for you and every other citizen of the United States, regardless of their financial, ethnic or religious background. This is done in many ways, but I’ll come back to that later.

Allow me to share with you how my first visit to this chamber gave me a glimpse of that dream of success and how that glimpse was the start of my commitment to making a real difference for myself and others.

I hope you know you’re being personal, but I know that among you are people who can really make a difference, and I don’t want to waste this opportunity to share my experience with tomorrow’s leaders.

When I first came to this chamber, I was very close to your age. I was not rich. In fact it seems as though I had worked almost every day of my life since I was in Junior High School. At that time, Jack Brooks was Congressman. Because he had come to this office by overcoming financial and personal adversity as a young person, he made sure that young people such as myself got the opportunity to be here. Congressional interns so you to bring others along with you and show them the dream, so that when all is said and done, it is my hope that one day you will be standing here speaking to a group of Horatio Alger Scholars. Then I will know that my time in Congress was well spent.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. AMI KARLAGE

HON. JIM BUNNING
OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 23, 1998

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take a few minutes to recognize an outstanding achievement by a young high school student from Kentucky.

Ms. Ami Karlage of Edgewood, in my congressional district, recently won a 1998 Voice of Democracy broadcast scriptwriting contest for Kentucky as sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I have attached a copy of her winning essay for all to read.

Ms. Karlage is a junior at Holmes High School and is one of only 54 national winners. She was sponsored by VFW Post 6095 of Latonia, and I understand she is planning on becoming a geneticist one day. Given the intelligence she shows in her essay, I expect that she will eventually accomplish whatever she sets her mind to.

I am proud of Ms. Karlage, and I commend my colleagues’ attention to her essay about the importance of principle and standing up for one’s beliefs. They are time-honored lessons—“My voice in our democracy” (By Ami Karlage)

“... Give me liberty or give me death!”—Patrick Henry

“I join the union, girls, and together say Equal Pay for Equal Work.”—Susan B. Anthony

“I am in earnest—I will not equivocate—I will not excise—I will retreat a single inch; and I will be heard!”—William Lloyd Garrison

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