

almost always have ways to obtain competitive transportation. And because of this competition, rail customers exert meaningful power in negotiating railroad rates and services.

In those relatively few cases wherein shippers do not have effective transportation options, existing maximum rate regulation protects shippers from egregious railroad rates. In two recent cases, for example, two utilities were awarded millions of dollars in reparations by the STB because they were deemed to have been charged unreasonably high rates by the railroads that served them. In response to criticisms by Dr. Kahn and others that rate reasonableness case procedures were cumbersome, lengthy and expensive, expedited procedures for small shipper cases were recently implemented by the STB, though shippers have not taken advantage of them to date.

Dr. Kahn is wrong in dismissing the likelihood of reduced investment in rail infrastructure if mandated access forces rates too low. Under forced access, railroads would be unable to recoup the full costs of their investment in their infrastructure.

Without the ability to cover total costs, railroads would be unable to maintain or increase their investment commitment. This would lead to deterioration and/or shrinkage of the national rail system and reduced service levels. Given the vital importance of transportation to the national and global economies, this is the last thing the national transportation system needs.

Dr. Kahn is wrong in claiming that "structural remedies" such as mandated competitive access would assure rail-to-rail competition and permit market forces to determine rate and service levels. In fact, under a system of forced access, government bureaucrats would have to regulate anew an incredible variety of price and operational decisions, creating a system of economic regulation that would be far more costly and pervasive—and far less effective—than the current system.

Proponents of mandated access, like Dr. Kahn, essentially advocate that freight railroads should be regulated on the basis of how many railroads serve an individual shipper, rather than on the presence or absence of competition. They propose that access to a railroad's privately owned and maintained infrastructure by its competitors should be mandated, and that the fees for access should be set by regulation, not by competitive market forces. This uneconomical reregulation of freight railroads is an attempt to gain short-term rate reductions for some shippers, at the expense of other rail customers, railroad investors and society in general.

Deregulation of the U.S. railroad industry has led to tens of billions of dollars in savings since 1980 to shippers and, ultimately, to all of us. It would be a tragedy of enormous proportions to jettison these gains in favor of cleverly disguised regulation that has failed in the past and would fail again.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MAYOR,
ANTHONY E. O'BLOCK

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Anthony O'Block, the

distinguished and memorable first Mayor of Plum Borough. In his thirty years of service, Mayor O'Block, through his extraordinary commitment and diligence, placed the needs of his community front and center. He immigrated as a small child to the United States from Slovenia and settled in Plum.

His early life in Plum was extremely modest, yet in the spirit of the American dream, he established his own construction company, presided over the successful People's Bank of Unity, and was one of the most respected figures in Pennsylvania Democratic politics. Despite his successes, he never forgot his roots, his family, or his neighbors throughout the borough. His love for his community led him to tirelessly focus on the needs of others and of the entire borough. During his tenure, Plum Borough gained recognition as a prosperous community, both for businesses and for families.

Through his contributions to the growth and the development of the Plum community, he expanded social and community services, attracted business investment, and made the Borough a truly exceptional place in which to live. All this was accomplished while keeping taxes at an all time low, a truly remarkable task.

Mr. Speaker, I once again urge my colleagues to rise in tribute to Mayor Anthony E. O'Block. Mayor O'Block honored his family, his friends, and his community. He will forever be remembered as a friend and mentor to so many people. He will truly be missed.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANTHONY S.
LENZO

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you to congratulate one of Northwest Indiana's most noble, selfless, and dedicated individuals: Dr. Anthony S. Lenzo, of Crown Point, Indiana. On October 11, 1998, Dr. Lenzo will be honored by the Cesare Battisti Lodge #27, as this year's Member of the Year. In addition to his many years of service to the Lodge, he is being honored for his tireless efforts as a community leader.

The Cesare Battisti Lodge #27 has been honoring its most dedicated members since 1966. A lifelong member of the organization, Dr. Lenzo serves as an excellent role model for both members of the Cesare Battisti Lodge, and for the people of Indiana's First Congressional District. Not only has he maintained a lifelong membership with Lodge #27, Dr. Lenzo has been a lifelong leader of the Lodge. He is currently the financial secretary and the editor of the Lodge newspaper. As Walter Lippman said, "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on." Dr. Lenzo's efforts in the community, in addition to his nationwide efforts for peace, have certainly inaugurated an enduring legacy. For many years, he has worked to have the United Nations designate a "Weekend of Prayer, Meditation, and Thought on the Futility of War and the Desperate Need for Peace in the World." In his own words, "It will be a thankful day

when we can once again live in peace . . . peace in the world, peace within our nations, peace in our neighborhoods, peace in our streets."

Since he began his campaign for peace, Dr. Lenzo has met with great success. He has received positive responses from former Secretary-General of the United Nations Boutros-Boutros Ghali, Pope John Paul II, and Elizabeth Taylor. Nearly all who hear Dr. Lenzo's plea for peace commend him on his campaign. I also commend Dr. Lenzo for his activism, leadership, and ardent dedication to a noble cause. This campaign is as poignant now as it was in January 1991 when I first called your attention to it. As members of NATO stand poised to initiate air strikes in Kosovo and Serbia, Dr. Lenzo's works remind us of the gravity of the actions they contemplate. As options are considered, his message to these nations is to keep the goal of peace in sight. Dr. Lenzo's suggestion that we step back and remember to whom we are accountable is as important now as it was then.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Tony Lenzo is an inspiration to us all. I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in commending Dr. Lenzo for not only his award as Cesare Battisti Lodge #27's Member of the Year, but also for his extraordinary campaign for world peace. His superhuman efforts and selfless dedication are an example for every citizen of the United States to emulate. Northwest Indiana is lucky indeed to have such a resident.

IN HONOR OF THE ATHENIANS
FEDERATION OF ATHENS CELEBRATION OF THE LIBERATION
OF ATHENS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Athenian Federation of the United States of America and Canada. The Association is organizing the twentieth Archieratical Tedeum to commemorate the Liberation of Athens from the Nazis 54 years ago.

The official Archieratical Tedeum will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church Cathedral in New York City on Sunday, October 11, in the presence of the Consul, officials of the Greek community, Greek organizations and members of the Greek community.

The Tedeum commemorates the Liberation of Athens from Nazi occupation by the Allied Forces on October 12, 1944.

On April 27, 1943, Nazi tanks entered Athens as the remnants of the British forces evacuated Greece. The citizens of Athens lived under the siege of Nazi terror and occupation for three and a half years until liberation when the Allied Forces hoisted a Greek flag on the holy rock of Acropolis, signaling the end of the occupation. The Greek flag replaced the flag of the Nazi regime which hung over the Acropolis of Athens throughout the occupation.

The anniversary of the liberation is celebrated annually in Athens and amongst Greek communities here in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to bring to your attention this important anniversary in the history of Greece, Greek citizens, and Greek-

Americans. The Athenian Federation of U.S.A. and Canada makes a remarkable effort to keep the spirit of freedom alive with their annual Archieratical Tedeum. I am proud to have such a strong Greek community in my district and an organization such as the Athenians Federation of U.S.A. and Canada to promote issues of importance to this wonderful community.

THE PLIGHT OF THE
MONTAGNARDS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the Congress to the Montagnard refugees from the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

The Montagnards were loyal allies of American Special Forces and served bravely with our U.S. military troops during the Vietnam War. Montagnards have suffered terribly in Vietnam for their religious and political beliefs and they continue to suffer. I strongly support human rights and strongly oppose persecution throughout the world; values at the heart of our faiths and our American democracy.

Since 1986, my state of North Carolina has been privileged to receive several hundred Montagnard refugees from the Central Highlands of Vietnam. There are over one thousand Montagnards who now live in Greensboro, Raleigh, and Charlotte, thanks to the hard work and compassion of people of faith and human rights activists such as Lutheran Family Services of North Carolina. The Department of State has called the resettlement of this new immigrant community one of the most successful resettlement programs in the United States.

The Montagnards have become U.S. citizens, they enrich our nation, they are productive, proud people who love freedom and the chance for survival that this nation has offered them. The Montagnards stood by our nation and now we should do all we can to insure that their family members are allowed to emigrate from Vietnam.

I am encouraged by the emphasis Ambassador "Pete" Peterson, himself a former Vietnam Prisoner of War and Member of Congress, has promised to place on the plight of the Montagnards. Our nation must strengthen its efforts in gaining measurable Vietnamese cooperation in processing applications for emigration under the Orderly Departure Program (ODP) and the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees agreement (ROVR). We should expect and demand progress on all of the Montagnard cases. These families have waited too long to be reunited with loved ones.

IN HONOR OF MORT MEYERS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mort Meyers, as he will soon be receiving

the Humanitarian of the Year award from the David Posnack Jewish Community Center in Davie, Florida. Mort's record of public service on behalf of the people of South Florida is truly impressive and deserving of this formal recognition.

Born in Detroit, Mort moved to Florida after his brother Dennis took up residence in Miramar. After a series of sales jobs, Mort bought a coffee shop on Hollywood's City Hall Circle, where he and his wife Ethyl spoiled their customers rotten. Even Mort's mother Gussie became involved, making her signature cakes and pastries that are now known as "Gussie's Goodies."

Times change, and so did the Meyers family. Mort and his brother Dennis joined their father in a surplus electronics and hardware venture. After some rough times early on, the family ultimately achieved a great deal of success. Today, Mort is involved with the family business—Arco Distributors in Davie, Florida—selling industrial adhesives, electronic components, and point of sale equipment. However, Mort's devotion to his business is only part of his story.

Over the past 29 years since Mort Meyers arrived in Florida, the community has benefited greatly due to Mort's presence. A Founding Member of the Davie Coalition of Condos and Homeowners Associations, he has served on the Davie Economic Development Council, the Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee, the Davie Budget Committee, and the Davie Visions 2000 Committee. In addition, Mort was Vice President of the Davie Democratic Club and chairman of the South Broward Park District. Mort also served with distinction on the Jewish Federation of Broward County's Board of Directors.

Much of Mort's time over the past 10 years has been devoted to his involvement at the David Posnack Jewish Community Center. The award that the Center is bestowing on Mort Meyers is surely a reflection of his dedication and hard work. He has been involved with the Center since the dedication of its land site—serving on committees, donating money for camps or program scholarships, maintaining the building itself, and more.

Mr. Speaker, all who know him or know of him will surely agree that Mort Meyers is an extraordinary individual. With his impending acceptance of the Humanitarian of the Year award from the David Posnack Jewish Community Center, I wish to convey a heartfelt congratulations and many thanks to him for his work benefiting the entire South Florida community.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS
WEEK

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, in my capacity as Co-Chair of the Congressional Coalition on Population and Development, and on behalf of my fellow Co-Chair, Congressman SAWYER, I would like to share with our colleagues the following proclamation, endorsed by 19 of our colleagues, regarding World Population Awareness Week:

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

World population stands today at more than 5.9 billion and increases by more than 80 million per year, with virtually all of this growth in the least developed countries.

A total of 1.3 billion people—more than the combined population of Europe and North Africa—live in absolute poverty on the equivalent of one U.S. dollar or less a day; 1.5 billion people—nearly one-quarter of the world's population—lack an adequate supply of clean drinking water or sanitation; more than 840 million people—one-fifth of the entire population of the developing world—are hungry or malnourished.

Demographic studies and surveys indicate that in the developing world there are at least 120 million married women—and a large but undefined number of unmarried women—who want more control over their fertility but lack access to family planning. This unmet need for family planning is projected to result in 1.2 billion unintended births.

The 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo determined that a combination of political commitment and appropriate programs designed to provide universal access to voluntary family planning information, education and services can ensure world population stabilization at 8 billion or less rather than 12 billion or more.

We, the following members of the United States House of Representatives are pleased to support the week of October 24-31, 1998 as World Population Awareness Week, and urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and to participate appropriately in its observation.

Constance A. Morella, Thomas C. Sawyer, Brad Sherman, Sam Gejdenson, Karen McCarthy, Lloyd Doggett, James P. McGovern, Elizabeth Furse, Maurice D. Hinchey, John Lewis, George E. Brown, Jr., Marcy Kaptur, Jim McDermott, Martin Frost, David E. Price, Benjamin A. Gilman, Nita M. Lowey, Carolyn B. Maloney, Tom Lantos.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON
THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE
WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS
EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT
OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Hyde impeachment inquiry resolution. This is a sad day in the history of our Nation when the majority in Congress continues to search for an impeachable crime—in its ongoing political mission—to destroy the President of the United States.

While the American people do not condone the behavior of the President, they do want him to have a fair hearing. The excessive investigation of President Clinton has gone too far, and has gone on far too long.

What is needed is a fair, common sense and responsible inquiry not a continuing witch hunt. The American people and the President and his family deserve better.

So, Mr. Speaker, the matter at hand is not about whether to proceed with an impeachment inquiry. It is about how we should proceed. We must first consider the constitutional