

appropriate, modify existing regulations or prescribe new regulations for purposes of preventing money laundering and related financial crimes. On June 25, 1998, the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Mr. Billiey, wrote me to express the concern that "such a broad mandate could be interpreted to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to review enforcement actions under the Federal securities laws or to modify regulations promulgated pursuant to the Federal securities laws, or to grant the Secretary of the Treasury new or additional authority to prescribe regulations applicable to entities that are regulated pursuant to the Federal securities laws."

In response, I hereby affirm that it is not the Banking Committee's intent for the language in Section 2 to grant the Secretary of the Treasury any new or additional authority over entities that are regulated pursuant to the Federal securities laws, or to require or encourage the Secretary of the Treasury to review enforcement actions under the Federal securities laws or to modify, or recommend the modification of, regulations promulgated under the Federal securities laws.

TRIBUTE TO MARK BERRY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American. Mark Berry is the kind of man that has made this country the great Nation it is today. He works hard, plays by the rules, and asks only to be given a chance.

Mark is a man who started literally from scratch, with little more than the great heritage we share, and built a nice farm and agribusiness. He is a leader in his Church, community, and his profession that he loves so. His accomplishments also include bringing three wonderful children into the world and raising them to be successful adults and productive citizens. Their heritage will be his good name.

He is the kind of man that always does much more than his share when there is a need. He never asks, "Do I owe it to them?" only "Do they need my help?" His generosity knows no bounds.

He follows the tradition of his father in teaching generations of young people how to hunt and fish and is much beloved because of this. His skills in this area are considerable partly because he assigns a high priority to pursuing this avocation. He is the kind of man that a mother and father will look upon and say "He is my son and I am so proud of him." Lloyd and Eleanor Berry, I am sure, absolutely burst with pride today.

His community of Bayou Meto has benefited from his service for all of his years and this world is a better place because he is here.

Mark and I have been associated in business for all our adult lives and have never had a cross word.

It is my good fortune for him to be my brother whom I love dearly.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
GERALD SOLOMON (R-NY)

SPEECH OF

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of personal pleasure that I join in this tribute to a truly exceptional Member of Congress, United States Marine, and American patriot, the gentleman from New York, JERRY SOLOMON. After 20 years of dedicated service in Congress, JERRY has chosen to retire for a truly honorable and understandable cause—to spend more time with his beloved family.

As a friend, colleague and longtime fan, I find it difficult to find the words to properly express the many contributions JERRY has made to his country, the military and this institution. JERRY served as a United States Marine during the Korean War. His military service marked the beginning of a lifetime of service and commitment to a strong national defense and to the welfare of our armed forces. Whenever and wherever there was a debate or a reason for this House to act to protect or advance the cause of American national security, you could always count on finding JERRY SOLOMON in the thick of it, fiercely determined and dedicated to ensuring we not sacrifice or place in danger our most precious commodities—our freedom and liberty in a dangerous world.

I can state without equivocation that there has been no greater advocate for the brave men and women in uniform who stand at the ready to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. Whether fighting to protect veterans benefits, the integrity of the selective service or adequate resources for our military, JERRY has always worked to ensure that the Congress fulfills its greatest Constitutional duty—to provide for the defense of this nation.

As the Chairman of the House National Security Committee, I have been particularly blessed to be able to turn to Chairman JERRY SOLOMON for the past four years for help and guidance in bringing the annual national defense authorization bills before the Rules Committee and the House floor. Our Committee's record of success on the House floor can be largely attributed to JERRY's tireless commitment to a fair and open process coupled with an unmatched devotion to our American men and women in uniform and commitment to maintain a strong defense.

These efforts have been particularly important in a time when most Americans take today's economic prosperity and relative global peace for granted. JERRY has always recognized the important role that a strong U.S. military plays in maintaining America's global leadership. He truly understands that the end of the Cold War was not the end of a dangerous world. Indeed, the end of the Soviet Union meant only that the many threats to U.S. national security, including regional unrest, terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and ethnic violence, would no longer be contained by the Cold War.

JERRY's departure from this House will be a loss to this nation. He will leave behind a huge and difficult gap to fill in the contingent of members dedicated to the honorable but increasingly frustrating cause to halt the further erosion of U.S. military capability. However,

his leadership, his dedication and his tireless efforts toward this cause will continue to serve as an inspiration to those of us left behind.

I wish to offer my very best wishes to JERRY and his wife, Frieda, and their family as he pursues what I am sure will be another distinguished career in the years ahead. I personally will miss his friendship and guidance, but I know that this fighting spirit will remain in this chamber long after his departure. As a fellow former member of the maritime services, I offer JERRY the traditional navy fond farewell—"Fair Winds and Following Seas!"

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 2206,
COATS HUMAN SERVICES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Conference Report on Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act because its good for our working families and good for our children.

The Conference Report reauthorizes the Head Start, Community Services Block Grant, and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program through Fiscal Year 2003.

The purpose of this legislation is to promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children, to low-income children and their families, of health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services based on a families needs.

The Conference Report will provide assistance to States and local communities, working through a network of community action agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, an the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient. In addition, this legislation will strengthen a community ability for planning and coordinating the use of a broad range of Federal, State, local, and other assistance related to the elimination of poverty, so that this assistance provided for in this report can be used in a manner responsive to local needs.

The development and implementation of these programs designated to serve low-income communities and groups with the maximum feasible participation of residents of the communities and members of the groups served, so as to best stimulate and take full advantage of capabilities for self-advancement and assure that the programs are otherwise meaningful to the intended beneficiaries of the programs.

IN MEMORY OF VENTURA AND
LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FALLEN
OFFICERS

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to seven law enforcement officers