

you have done, and for all you continue to contribute to our lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS'
VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two individuals from my district who attended the Voices Against Violence Congressional Teen Conference. Sadly, teen violence has dominated the headlines of our newspapers around the country.

Marilyn Coto, a senior at Malibu High and Lana Borkin, a sophomore at Valley Alternative Magnet School in Van Nuys, have proven themselves leaders in our community in promoting a peaceful learning environment for all students. They were instrumental in working with lawmakers, to draft legislation during the conference and offered idea on how to combat this problem of violence in our schools. I would also like to commend the alternates chosen by the Committee: Monica Crooms and Jorge Lobos. Honorable Mention was awarded to Nicole Yates and Juliana Hermano. These teens are the future of our nation and it is imperative that their ideas and voices be heard in this national debate concerning youth violence.

I would also like to acknowledge the Youth Violence Advisory Committee, brought together to choose the attendees of the conference. These distinguished individuals were selected to serve on the panel based on their commitment to not only raising awareness of violence, but also their efforts with children and others toward developing solutions. They will continue to work with students in the coming months to implement the ideas discussed at the conference.

The Committee includes: Committee Chair, Ralph Myers, crime victims advocate, Advisory Board member for the Nicole Parker Foundation and Justice for Homicide Victims; Larry Horn, a Professor of Sociology at Pierce and Mission Colleges; Carlos Morales, co-leader of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc. San Gabriel Valley Chapter; and LAPD Detective Joel Price from the Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH) Unit, and member of the Board of Directors of the Nicole Parker Foundation.

We must support our teens and encourage them to express their ideas, especially on this national issue of youth violence. They are directly affected by the things we only read about in the paper. As such, they have the experience to aid our legislators in establishing a safe environment for our students. Their leadership and contributions will make a significant impact on our country and ensure safety and peace for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Ms. Coto and Ms. Borkin, all of the students who applied and participated in the Conference, and the members of the Youth Violence Advisory Committee. Their dedication to ending youth violence serves as an inspiration and model to us all.

TRIBUTE TO THE NEW YORK
YANKEES

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to congratulate the Team of the Decade and the sports franchise of the century, the Yankees.

Mr. Speaker, for the 25th time in their glorious history, the New York Yankees are the World Champions. On Wednesday, October 27, the Bombers proved once again why they are the most successful franchise in the history of sports. As the Representative from the 16th Congressional District in the Bronx, home of the Yankees, I congratulate George Steinbrenner, Manager Joe Torre, and the whole Yankee team on a job well done.

Mr. Speaker, the Yankees overcame a lot of personal hardship to reach their collective goal. They played as a team and they won as a team. Today the Bronx is celebrating, New York is celebrating, and all across our country Americans realize that the best baseball is still being played in the Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to and congratulating the Team of the Decade and the sports franchise of the century, the New York Yankees. Go Yankees.

TRIBUTE TO MYRTIE BOZEMAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a well-known and beloved citizen of Terrell, Texas—Myrtie Hargrove Bozeman, who died on September 1 at the age of 90. Known locally as “Myrtie,” she will always be remembered for her devotion to her community and for her widely-read column, “The College Mound News,” published in the Terrell Tribune. Her column, which ran for more than forty years, was a chronicle of the every-day activities of this close community.

Miss Myrtie was born at College Mound Community, the daughter of Neb and Maudie Baxter Hargrove, and lived there and in Terrell all her life. She attended school at College Mound and Wesley College. In 1930 she married Jake Bozeman, who precedes her in death along with their only child, Jack Bozeman.

Miss Myrtie was an active member of the College Mound Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, the Kaufman County Children’s Shelter, the Business and Professional Women’s Club, the Terrell Story League and the College Mound Cemetery Association. She also worked as a dispatcher for the Terrell Police Department and later as director of social services at Blanton Gardens of Dallas. She devoted her life to helping others, and her commitment to community service led to her being honored as Terrell’s Citizen of the Year and as College Mound’s Woman of the Year.

Survivors include her sisters, Maggie Yarbrough, Ona Tuggle and Oneta Ott; daugh-

ter-in-law Inace Bozeman Howied; granddaughter Lynne Bozeman Crews and husband Charles; Peggy Bozeman Morse and husband Frederick; and Debbie Bozeman; and great-grandchildren, Cara, Clint and Cassie Crews and Paige, Hilary and Jess Morse.

She is preceded in death by sister Viola Crouch, brothers Clarence, Willie, Frankie and Fonzo Hargrove and granddaughter Jenny Beth Bozeman.

Mr. Speaker, Myrtie Hargrove Bozeman’s affection for those who lived in College Mound and Terrell was evident in her news columns and in her personal involvement in the life of those communities. She was very special to me. During my long years of public service, I kept in touch with Miss Myrtie. She, even in her last years, was modern and up-to-date in her thoughts and activities. She kept me aware of all of the pie suppers and silent auctions and church activities at the College Mound United Methodist Church. She had her own unique and friendly way of making everyone feel welcomed and wanted. We cannot replace her, but we can always remember her.

Mr. Speaker, Miss Myrtie will be missed by all those who knew her—and as we adjourn this legislative session, let us do so in her memory.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 3196, FOREIGN OPERATIONS,
EXPORT FINANCING,
AND RELATED PROGRAMS AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that the FY 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, H.R. 3196, earmarks at least \$13 million to carry out the provisions of the Tropical Forest Conservation Act, which I introduced with JOHN KASICH and Lee Hamilton and was signed into law last year.

The Tropical Forest Conservation Act expands President Bush’s Enterprise for the Americas Initiative—EAI—and provides a creative market-oriented approach to protect the world’s most threatened tropical forests on a sustained basis.

Tropical forests provide a wide range of benefits, literally affecting the air we breathe, the food we eat, and medicines that cure diseases. They harbor 50–90 percent of the Earth’s terrestrial biodiversity. They act as “carbon sinks”, absorbing massive quantities of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, thereby reducing greenhouse gases. They regulate rainfall on which agriculture and coastal resources depend, which is of great importance to regional and global climate. And, they are the breeding grounds for new drugs that can cure disease.

The Tropical Forest Conservation Act builds on the EAI’s successes in the early 1990’s, and links two significant facts of life. First, important tropical forests are disappearing at a rapid rate between 1980 and 1990, 30 million acres of tropical forests—an area larger than the State of Pennsylvania—were lost every year. Second, these forests are located in less developed countries that have a hard time repaying their debts to the United States. In fact,