

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicacy of liberty. Dr. King's life, and, unfortunately, his untimely death, remind us that we must continually work and, if necessary, fight to secure and protect our freedoms. Dr. King, in his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. In particular, several distinguished individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District were recognized during the 21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Monday, January 17, 2000, at the Genesis Center in Gary, Indiana. In the past year, these individuals have, in their own ways, acted with courage, met challenges, and used their abilities to reach goals and enhance their communities.

I would like to recognize Tolleston Junior High School students: Kenneth Alford; Antoinette Correa; William Gonzalez; Brian Henderson; Carl Johnson; LaTasha LeFlore; Brannon Smith; Whitney Sullivan; Amanda Bouleware; Tiffany Finch; Kyle Hargrove; Floyd Hobson; Breon Jones; Ekene Onwuka; Mason Smith; Montreca Walker; and Andrew Binder. These students are members of the Tolleston Junior High School Spell Bowl Team, which won its sixth consecutive State Spell Bowl Championship. The team's success is also a credit to the outstanding ability and leadership of its teachers. In particular, Margaret Hymes and Janice Williams should be commended for the devotion they have demonstrated as coaches for the Tolleston Junior High Spell Bowl Team. Additionally, Tolleston Principal Lucille Upshaw and Dr. Mary Guinn, Gary Superintendent of Schools, should be recognized for their support. The accomplishments of these outstanding individuals are a reflection of their hard work and dedication to scholarship. Their scholastic effort and rigorous approach to learning have made them the best in the state. They have also brought pride to themselves, their families, their school and their communities. For this great achievement, they will be honored with the 2000 "Marcher's Award".

Though very different in nature, the achievement of all these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and rose to the occasion. They set goals and worked to achieve them. Mr. Speaker, I urge

you and our other colleagues to join me in commending their initiative, determination and dedication.

HONORING GUSTAVO HEREDIA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a man that has gone to great lengths to provide service to his community.

Mr. Gustavo Heredia has created a program, "How to Live in America," that teaches Spanish speaking people basic rules and customs practiced in the United States. Classes offered by the program include: the rights and responsibilities of owning a car; domestic violence prevention; and privileges and responsibilities as immigrants.

By helping to increase awareness of these customs and laws, the program helps the legal process by reducing repeat offenders. Oftentimes, people that are not originally from the United States, or those who do not speak English, break the law unintentionally because they do not understand the laws. Gustavo's program has been included as part of sentencing in several counties across Colorado. Gustavo stresses that the purpose of the class is to inform, rather than lecture, people on how to live their lives. There has been zero repeat offenses committed by program participants.

Gustavo, who recently became a United States citizen, also serves as a court interpreter for Pitkin and Eagle Counties and various law firms.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to commend Gustavo for all of his hard work and his commitment to making Colorado a better and safer place to live.

IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S "IRELAND'S 32" MILLENNIUM HONOREE, MR. BENJAMIN PURNELL

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Benjamin Purnell of Bayonne, NJ, on being named one of this year's "Ireland's 32" Millennium honorees.

Mr. Purnell's community service efforts in Bayonne began in 1972, when he joined the Omega Lodge No. 64, where he has served as secretary and worshipful master, the highest office in the lodge. Through the lodge, Mr. Purnell organized many projects addressing the specific needs and concerns of children and young adults. In an effort to instill a sense of community, as well as to provide young

people with a safe haven, Mr. Purnell spearheaded the lodge's block parties, Halloween parties, and its annual Christmas party.

For more than 12 years Mr. Purnell has served as president of the Bayonne Youth Center. At the center, he has provided guidance, leadership, and friendship to many of the city's young people. Mr. Purnell has been instrumental in creating the programs necessary to benefit the young people of the community, including the Youth of the Month Program, the summer camp, an after-school program, computer and cooking classes, and day-care services.

In addition, Mr. Purnell has remained very active in the Wallace Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, serving as superintendent of the Sunday School, co-chair of the board of trustees, director of the junior ushers, treasurer of the senior ushers board, secretary of the Men's Club, and member of the James T. Gregory Male Chorus. Mr. Purnell has also served as secretary of the Bayonne Branch NAACP, member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and as planning committee member of the B21C for the city of Bayonne.

Because of his continued commitment to community service, Mr. Purnell has received numerous awards, including the Andrew Young Black Male Achievement Award, the Omega Lodge Service Award, the Bayonne Branch NAACP Community Service Award, and the N.C.C.J. Brotherhood Award.

Born in Berlin, MD, Mr. Purnell graduated from Worcester High School in Snow Hill, MD and has been a resident of Bayonne for more than 30 years. Mr. Purnell is married to Laura Mumford. The couple has two sons, Angelo and Benjamin, one daughter, Lolita, and six grandchildren.

For his unyielding dedication and service to the Bayonne community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Benjamin Harrison Purnell. He has truly earned his place among this year's honorees.

WHY TAX DEDUCTIONS DON'T HELP THOSE WHO MOST NEED HELP

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as part of the Patients' Bill of Rights, the Republicans insisted on passing an unpaid-for set of tax deductions which they say will help improve access to health insurance. Their proposals will—but mostly for those in the upper income brackets who already have health insurance or who can afford it. Even in the area of long-term care insurance, the data shows that the Republican proposals disproportionately help those in the upper income brackets.

Mr. Speaker, let's be fair. As we work on the access provision of the Patients' Bill of

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Rights, we should convert all of the tax deductions to credits, so that those who seek to use these tax incentives are all on a level playing field, and so that the Treasury's scarce resources go to those most in need of help.

The following is data from a March, 1999 report to HHS prepared by LifePlans, Inc., entitled, "A Descriptive Analysis of Patterns of Informal and Formal Caregiving among Privately Insured and Non-Privately Insured Disabled Elders Living in the Community." The data shows how LTC insurance is disproportionately held by those in the upper incomes and with the most assets—and how deductions will help those people far more than they will help the lower income. A credit would be a far fairer tool to help encourage the purchase of LTC insurance.

Socio-demographic characteristics	All privately-insured home care claimants (in percent)	All elders age 65 and over (in percent) ^{1,2}
Race:		
White (not Hispanic)	97	85
Non-White	3	15
Living arrangement:	(n=694)	
Alone	34	34
With spouse	44	53
With relative	11	13
Other	11	
Total income:	(n=492)	
≤\$30,000	52	65
>\$30,000	48	35
Total income:	(n=432)	
Less than \$10,500	7	319
\$10,501—\$19,999	22	28
\$20,000—\$30,000	28	19
\$30,001—\$39,999	13	11
\$40,000—\$49,999	9	8
\$50,000—\$74,999	11	8
≥75,000	10	8
Estimated current value of home:	(n=431)	
Less than \$50,000	7	425
\$50,000—\$99,999	28	37
\$100,000—\$149,999	19	18
\$150,000—\$199,999	13	10
\$200,000—\$249,999	11	4
≥\$250,000	22	7

¹ AOA (1998). Prolife of Older Americans. Washington, D.C.

² LifePlans, Inc. analysis of 1995 survey of 1,000 randomly selected individuals age 65 and over.

³ Money Income in the United States: 1997 Current Population Reports, Consumer Income. Note that data from census table is interpolated to assure comparability of intervals. Also note that among claimants, 15% of the respondents who were willing to indicate whether their income was greater or less than \$30,000 were not willing to answer the more detailed income questions. That is why there is a difference between the estimate for the proportion reporting incomes less than or equal to \$30,000 (52%) and the estimate derived when summing answers for those answering the detailed income question.

⁴ American Housing Survey for the U.S. in 1995. U.S. Census Bureau.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE LOIS
DEICKE

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Lois Deicke, a long-time resident of Broward County, Florida, who passed away this past New Year's Eve at the age of 82. Lois will undoubtedly be remembered as one of the most prominent and generous philanthropists in South Florida.

A native of Houston, Texas, Lois moved to Illinois where she met her husband Edwin. Together, they moved to Plantation, Florida, around 1960 after a successful career as an insurance executive. Their impact was felt immediately in the South Florida community, as the Deickes exhibited an overwhelming generosity in donating to a variety of civic, philanthropic, and humanitarian causes.

Throughout her time in South Florida, Lois and her husband both contributed to nonprofit

agencies and projects throughout the community, patronizing the arts, cultural programming, and even research to benefit the disabled. Lois originally began her charitable work by giving to the West Broward Symphony Guild and the Plantation Community Church. She also made a substantial contribution to the city's community center, now commonly referred to as Deicke Auditorium.

Indeed, many organizations have benefitted from their relationship to Lois Deicke throughout the years. She actively supported the Broward Public Library Foundation, the Broward County Cultural Affairs Council, Holy Cross Hospital, and Nova Southeastern University, where she built the Deicke Dorm at the Ralph Baudhuin Oral School. It is also interesting to note that, though Lois was very proud of her residency in Plantation, by no means did her charity stop at South Florida's borders. She also gave to Midwestern universities and charities, founding the Deicke Center for Nursing Education at Elmhurst College in Illinois.

Particularly gratifying is the fact that Lois and her husband both showed a strong interest in programs for the deaf and blind. This interest was undoubtedly rooted in personal struggles: both she and her husband, who passed away in 1984, suffered from hearing loss. Her personal experiences led Lois to form a strong bond with the Fort Lauderdale Lighthouse for the Blind. In 1994, the Lighthouse formally recognized the extraordinary efforts she made in remodeling their facilities, another example of Lois Deicke freely giving of herself for the betterment of others.

Mr. Speaker, Lois Deicke's life can be characterized by her selfless devotion to others and, for that especially, we all owe her a debt of gratitude. Though the South Florida community is undoubtedly saddened by her passing, we should all rejoice in Lois' accomplishments and thank her for her tireless work improving the community around her.

COLORADO'S 2000 TEACHER OF THE
YEAR, CRAIG COSWELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Craig Coswell, who was recently named Colorado's 2000 Teacher of the Year.

Craig's innovative teaching methods are what likely earned him this wonderful award. In Craig's class, the textbooks stay closed. Instead, for instance, he charges his students with finding out who fired the first shot of the Revolutionary War by passing out eyewitness testimony of some of the British and Colonial soldiers who fought the famous Battle of Lexington. Innovative approaches like this have made Craig a wonderful asset to his school and our community.

Additionally, Craig does not test the same way as other teachers; instead, he gives "quests". These are a combination of tests and quizzes that measure if students are getting the major points of the material, rather than quoting memorization.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Craig Coswell for his dedication to the

education of our youth and congratulations on receiving the Colorado 2000 Teacher of the Year. His commitment to the future of this great nation is deeply commendable and highly admirable. We are all grateful for his passionate service.

IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S "IRELAND'S 32" MILLENNIUM HONOREE, MR. ROCCO COVIELLO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Rocco Coviello of Bayonne, NJ, on being named one of this year's "Ireland's 32" Millennium honorees.

Using his success as a businessman and a proprietor, Mr. Coviello is recognized as a community leader and activist. Perhaps his most prided project, Mr. Coviello has tirelessly promoted the ideals and goals of the Milestones Program, an organization that treats developmentally impaired children. This early intervention program is a full service program, which affords families a resource center, as well as in-home treatment for children suffering from disabilities.

Through Mr. Coviello's efforts, the Milestones Program recently financed a building of its own in Bayonne to house the facility, resource center, and treatment areas. In September 1999, the building was dedicated as Chandelier House, in honor of Mr. Coviello's work.

In addition to the Milestones Program, Mr. Coviello has spearheaded the Chandelier Charity Golf Committee and has raised funds for charities, such as the Scoliosis National Foundation, the D.A.R.E Program, the Bayonne Police Vest Fund, and the Hudson County Hospice.

Mr. Coviello is an active member of the Bayonne Chapter of the Unico Club, as well as the local Rotary Club. He also serves as a board member of the Bayonne Hospital Foundation and is a member of the Bayonne Parking Authority.

Born in Summit, Mr. Coviello attended Summit High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University at Madison. He now lives in Bayonne with his wife, Janet, and their two children, Raquel and Rocky.

For his unyielding commitment to the Bayonne community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Rocco Coviello. His remarkable generosity on behalf of his community is truly inspiring.

LET'S STOP KILLING PATIENTS:
THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE
MAJOR SURGERIES TO BE DONE
IN HIGH VOLUME FACILITIES

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced legislation for Medicare to encourage patients to use certain hospitals that provide better outcomes for sophisticated surgical operations—

i.e., fewer people die in surgery or in recovery. In exchange for saving lives, and giving certain hospitals higher volume of patients, the hospitals will give Medicare, the taxpayer, and the beneficiary some savings. It is truly a win-win proposal.

But some—mostly those who stand to lose business—oppose the idea. To be blunt, that puts them on the side of killing people in order to help their bottom line. It is, Mr. Speaker, a truly immoral position for so-called health care providers to take.

And don't take my word for it. Following is a memo from a physician on my staff that reviews some of the academic literature on the subject:

IS QUALITY OF CARE AFFECTED BY HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIAN VOLUMES?

It is a mark of the advancement of medicine that we have come to nearly take for granted the availability of highly specialized and technical diagnostic investigations, medical therapies, and surgical interventions. However, when we individually confront health problems we justifiably want to know that our physician or hospital has adequate experience to make an accurate diagnosis, to make the most informed decision about what should be done and to carry out sophisticated surgical procedures. The question is, do high volume centers really have superior outcomes?

Fortunately, a large body of medical literature exists on the relationship between hospital volume, physician volume and outcomes. Optimal results clearly require physicians with specialized expertise and well-trained staff. High volume centers are more likely to offer a wider range of therapeutic options that result in more targeted therapy. For example, the patient with angina due to narrowing of the coronary arteries may be treated with medication alone, angioplasty, a stenting procedure or a coronary bypass and each of these options would be the optimal decision under the right conditions. The cardiologist or cardiovascular surgeon who has extensive experience with all of these options is likely to make the best therapeutic decision. Sophisticated surgical procedures demand highly-trained, close-working health teams drawing upon the expertise of many health professionals including anesthesiologists, nurses, rehabilitation therapists, respiratory therapists, and dietitians. Stable health care teams promote better collaboration, communication, and continuous quality improvement based upon experiential learning.

A massive study by Hughes and colleagues in 1987 analyzed 503,662 case records from 757 hospitals and demonstrated a statistically significant correlation between greater hospital volume and better patient outcome for 8 of 10 surgical procedures evaluated: coronary artery bypass graft, cardiac catheterization, appendectomy, hernia repair, hysterectomy intestinal operations, total hip replacement, and transurethral prostatectomy.

Twenty years ago (1979) in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Luft and colleagues reported that mortality following open-heart surgery, vascular surgery, and transurethral resection of the prostate, is reduced in high volume hospitals, with hospitals in which 200 or more of these operations performed annually having death rates 25-41 percent lower than low volume hospitals. Two decades ago, the authors concluded that the data supports the value of regionalization for these operations.

Numerous studies have specifically focused upon volume/outcome relationships in both medical and surgical interventions for car-

diac conditions: Jollis and colleagues (1994) evaluated 217,836 Medicare beneficiaries who underwent coronary angioplasty. Both in-hospital mortality and the rate of coronary bypass surgery following angioplasty were higher in low volume hospitals. These results indicated that if all study patients had received care in high volume hospitals, there would have been 381 fewer bypass operations and 300 fewer in-hospital deaths. These results were reproduced in papers by Cameron et al (1990) and Ellis et al (1997). Hannan and colleagues (1997) reported that both high hospital volume and high cardiologist volume were independently correlated with lower mortality following coronary angioplasty.

Showstack and colleagues (1987) analyzed the outcomes following 18,986 coronary bypass operations at 7 hospitals in California. They also found that higher volume hospitals had lower in-hospital mortality and concluded that the greatest improvement in average outcomes following bypass surgery would be achieved by closing low volume surgical units.

The significance of high physician volumes in determining outcome is highlighted by a series of papers examining patient outcomes following myocardial infarction: Jollis and colleagues (1996) examined mortality following MI for 220,535 Medicare patients and reported that patients treated by cardiologists were 12 percent less likely to die within one year than those treated by a primary care physician. Similarly, Casale and colleagues (1998) reported that following MI, treatment by a cardiologist resulted in a 17 percent reduction in hospital mortality. In addition, patients of all physicians who treated high volumes of patients with MI, had an 11 percent reduction in mortality. Nash and colleagues (1997) reported that not only mortality following MI was reduced by cardiologist's care, but also that these patients had a shorter length of hospital stay than those receiving care by primary care physicians. Both Thiemann et al and Chen et al in this year's *New England Journal of Medicine* also reported lower mortality following MI in higher volume hospitals or following admission to one of "America's Best Hospitals" for cardiology (as determined by U.S. News and World Report).

Children requiring surgical repair of congenital heart defects face a much lower risk of death when operated on in a hospital that performs more than 300 similar surgical procedures annually (Jenkins et al, 1995). Hannan and colleagues (1992) reported the identical relationship between hospital volume and mortality following abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery.

Cancer surgery frequently involves complex procedures which require special expertise. Accordingly, a number of studies have examined volume-outcome relationships following complex surgical oncologic procedures. Begg and colleagues (1998) analyzed the case reports of 5013 patients in the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER)-Medicare linked database including patients who underwent pancreatectomy, esophagectomy, pneumonectomy, liver resection or pelvic exenteration for cancers of the pancreas, esophagus, lung, colon, rectum and genitourinary tract. Higher hospital volume was associated with lower mortality for all surgical procedures except for pneumonectomy. The most striking results were for esophagectomy and for pancreatectomy where operative mortality rose from 3.4% to 17.3% and 5.8% to 12.9% respectively in low-volume vs. high-volume hospitals. The pancreatectomy results were reproduced this year by Simunovic et al. (1999).

It has been suggested that national referral centers be developed for pancreaticoduodenectomy, also known as the Whipple pro-

cedure. Hospital volume was found to strongly influence both perioperative risk and long-term survival following the Whipple procedure as reported by Birkmeyer and colleagues (1999). The relationship between hospital volume and outcome of hepatic resection for hepatocellular carcinoma were analyzed by Choti et al (1998) and Glasgow et al (1999). The mortality rate rose from 1.5% to 7.9% in procedures performed in high volume vs. low volume hospitals. Moreover, Glasgow reported that three quarters of patients with liver cancer were treated at low volume hospitals with a record of 3 or fewer hepatic resections per year.

The identical volume-outcome relationships have been reported for renal diseases. The Agency of Health Care Policy and Research recently sponsored a study regarding referrals and specialty care within the Medicare system. Avon (1999), reported that when patients with renal failure received late referral to a kidney specialist (nephrologist), their risk of death was 33% higher. Pediatric renal transplantation has also been scrutinized for volume-outcome relationships. Schurman and colleagues (1999) reported superior survival of the transplanted kidney in high volume centers performing more than 100 transplants annually.

Research supporting a strong relationship between high hospital/physician volumes and improved patient outcomes spans two decades and multiple medical specialties. Both medical and surgical care at institutions with lower levels of experience clearly increases the risk of poorer outcomes including death, in a diverse range of medical conditions. A review of the literature demonstrates that there is strong evidence to support the development and implementation of Centers of Excellence for a range of medical and surgical conditions.

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IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BOB GROSS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bob Gross, who passed away early last December at the age of 41. I am one of many who are saddened by this tremendous loss: South Florida has lost an outstanding community leader and activist.

Bob Gross is well known in Broward county as an energetic leader who was a strong presence at political club events and civic activities throughout South Florida. Demonstrating his large influence on politics in the State of Florida, Bob was president of the Young Democrats of Broward County. As President of the Broward Young Democrats (BYD), Bob's main responsibilities were membership recruitment, campaign training, candidate development, and event planning. In this vital position, he worked tirelessly to motivate the county party to become involved in many aspects of local, state, and national politics.

Bob was somewhat unique in the sense that he fully realized the importance of activism in society at large. Through his involvement in the BYD, he successfully promoted service to other young people. Because of Bob's hard work and dedication, the BYDs have formed an exemplary organization that fosters volunteerism and activities such as serving on local community boards, registering voters, and hosting social outreach events.

It is important to note that Bob Gross did not simply focus all of his attention on political matters. A resident of Hollywood, Florida, who attended Pincrest High School, Bob worked as Program Planner for the Broward Employment and Training Administration (BETA). Indeed, his tremendous leadership undoubtedly benefitted BETA, as Bob held numerous important posts in the organization through the years such as Executive Vice President, Vice President for Political Affairs, and Treasurer.

Most importantly, however, Bob Gross was a devoted husband to his wife, Cindy Sherr. An attorney and the statewide president of the Young Democrats, I am confident that Cindy will carry on Bob's ongoing work in promoting service and activism within the South Florida community.

Mr. Speaker, while Bob Gross' passing is a tremendous loss for Broward County, I can say without hesitation that his memory will live on through the work of the many organizations to which he dedicated his life. There can be no doubt that we will all dearly miss Bob, but I would like to thank and praise him for his hard work and leadership in improving the community around him.

LEONARD HORN FEDERAL RANGE LIVESTOCKMAN OF THE YEAR, THE IRBY FAMILY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Leonard Horn Federal Range Livestockman of the Year Award winner, the Irby family of Gunnison, Colorado.

This award is presented by the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and recognizes individuals who graze livestock on Federal land and practice exceptional range, soil, water and wildlife management. James Dawson, District Ranger with the U.S. Forest Service, commended the Irby's for their cooperation in maintaining and improving range areas.

The Irby family includes: Bob and Irene Irby, Stan and Bonnie Irby, and Dale and Wendy Irby.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to extend my congratulations to the Irby family and thank them for their hard work.

IN HONOR OF MARTHA AND ANDRES SANDOVAL ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martha Tafoya Sandoval and Andres Lopez Sandoval on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. This remarkable milestone is truly a reflection of the devotion these extraordinary individuals share for one another.

On December 16, 1949, Martha and Andres married and began their life together. Through the years, the Sandoval's have used the love they have for each other to reach out to those in need. Together, they have been active civic leaders and successful business people, dedicating their time and resources to the League of United Latin American Citizens and the St. Joseph's Church in Bakersfield, California. However, their greatest accomplishment has been their incredible family.

This loving couple has been a wonderful example for their four children: Andrew, Rosalie, Alexander, and Vicki Ann; their children's spouses, Judy, Arnie, and Louisa; their nine grandchildren, Valerie, Kristian, Lisa, Andrea, Ernest, Evette, Alicia, Vanessa, and Joel; and their six great-grandchildren, Autumn, Eric, Marissa, Jessica, John, and Samuel. The dedication, patience, and wisdom they have demonstrated every day has provided a firm foundation on which all family members have developed and flourished.

For their unyielding strength and unparalleled inspiration, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Sandoval on five decades of love, commitment, and perseverance. You both are truly wonderful role models for all of us. I wish you continued health and happiness.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB, YOU SURE WE CAN'T LOWER DRUG PRICES WITHOUT HURTING R&D?

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the pharmaceutical industry constantly tells us they need every dollar for R&D, so they can invent wonderful new drugs, and that Congress must not do anything to question how they price drugs.

A doctor sent me the following invitation he got from Bristol-Myers Squibb. As the doctor wrote:

Since the enclosed invitation to a dinner plus \$100 certificate continues to be commonplace, it makes me wonder how many go without needed medications that could be funded with these solicitations. I'm not sure whether it's the pharmaceutical executives or the physicians who are doing the soliciting . . . just like on the street.

Bristol-Myers Squibb: why not put the money you spend in these solicitations into R&D—or lower drug prices?

The U.S. pharmaceutical industry spends far more on marketing and overhead than it spends on R&D—despite what Flo and her front group friends say. This letter is just one small example of how the industry could, indeed, save money for R&D and/or lower prices.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB

You are cordially invited to Participate in a dinner discussion on "Treatment Modalities Throughout the Lifecycle of the Type 2 Diabetic Patient: A Focus on Monotherapy Approaches," on, Monday, November 29, 1999, Mr. Stox restaurant, 1105 East Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92805, at 6:30 p.m.

The program will last approximately one hour and a half. Each attendee will receive a certificate worth up to \$100 towards the purchase of medically relevant items. Reservations are taken on a first come first serve basis.

To make a reservation, please call 1-800-366-9034.

 IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BILL
HORVITZ

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of William "Bill" Horvitz, who passed away early last December at the age of 73. It is with a tremendous feeling of sadness that I speak in his honor: the South Florida community has lost an outstanding philanthropist who may never be replaced.

There can be no doubt that Bill's personal history is an extraordinary one. One of three sons of Cleveland real estate businessman Samuel A. Horvitz, Bill Horvitz and his brothers continued his father's real estate ventures after his passing. Moving to the Fort Lauderdale area in 1953 to take over his father's real estate interests in the Hollywood, Florida, he became the proprietor of countless acres within Broward County. Indeed, Bill's stewardship of this property was instrumental in Broward's transition from a quaint bedroom community to a bustling economic powerhouse.

Developing much of his Broward County real estate, Bill established such properties as Hollywood Hills, Emerald Hills, Hollywood Mall, the Venture Corporate Center, South Florida Industrial Park, and various other communities, both residential and commercial. In 1985, Bill also sold more than 1,200 acres of land to the state and county—this valuable tract of land later became West Lake Park and North Beach Park.

Bill is perhaps best known for his commitment to the South Florida community. Throughout his lifetime, Bill was a tremendous supporter of charitable causes. He was involved with a myriad of organizations throughout his life in South Florida: these organizations included the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the East Seals Society, the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, the Boys and Girls Club of Broward, the Salvation Army, and the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

It is well documented that he contributed regularly to his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated from the Wharton School in 1947. Additionally, he made an effort to lend his financial support to various organizations struggling to survive economically. For example, in 1992, Bill was instrumental in helping the Greater Hollywood YMCA to survive by renegotiating its \$1.6 million debt. Such efforts led to much recognition for Bill and his wife. Even as late as December 2, 1999, Bill was honored with the President's Community Award from Nova Southeastern University, a school where the administration building bears his name.

Mr. Speaker, while William Horvitz passing is a tremendous loss for the South Florida community, I can say without hesitation that his memory will live on through the work of the many organizations to which he dedicated his life. Though we will all miss Bill's presence, I would like to thank and praise him for his hard work and leadership in improving the world at large.

 WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND
PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR, DON
BROWN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Don Brown. He is a man that has shown his loyalty and bravery to this great country. Mr. Brown served in the Armed Forces during World War II and was aboard the U.S.S. *West Virginia* when Pearl Harbor was attacked on that fateful day in December of 1941.

Mr. Brown was in the first division compartment when the first torpedoes and bombs hit the battleship. He tried to move onto the deck, but was prohibited because of the attack. Don was injured and transported to the U.S.S. *Solacc* for recovery.

Don's family, however did not know that he was transported for recovery. Don's parents knew the ship had sunk, and that they had not heard from their son in 19 days. On December 26, however, they received the best late Christmas present they could have ever hoped for, the knowledge that Don was alive.

Years later, Don and his wife, Skie, moved back to Grand Junction after spending time in Las Vegas. Mr. Brown served as Mesa County planning director between 1963 and 1966.

Don is part of a generation that many think saved civilization as it is known today through their efforts in World War II—what some have called the greatest generation.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Don Brown for his display of loyalty to his country and bravery in the face of war to preserve the freedom that we all enjoy today. He is a great American that deserves our highest regard, thanks and praise.

IN HONOR OF MRS. ELEANOR
TIEFENWERTH, ONE OF THIS
YEAR'S RICHARD A. RUTKOWSKI
ASSOCIATION HONOREES FOR
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
CITY OF BAYONNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Eleanor Tiefenwerth of Bayonne, New Jersey. The Richard A. Rutkowski Association has selected Mrs. Tiefenwerth as one of this year's honorees, acknowledging her accomplishments and her dedication in making Bayonne a better community.

Since its 1965 inception, Mrs. Tiefenwerth has been an instrumental leader of the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation [BEOF]. Accepting the role of executive director in 1981, Mrs. Tiefenwerth has remained the driving force behind and the embodiment of the BEOF's logo, "People Helping People."

During her administration, Mrs. Tiefenwerth spearheaded vital programs, including a cross-town transportation service for seniors and disabled individuals and a variety of food service programs. Mrs. Tiefenwerth also implemented Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for those individuals spending the holidays alone.

In addition to her work with the BEOF, Mrs. Tiefenwerth served as a commissioner of the Bayonne Housing Authority and is a member of the Community Education Advisory Council. Presently, she is serving on one of the cities redevelopment committees and has joined the Census Committee in an effort to ensure the fair and unencumbered counting of the 2000 Census.

The recipient of many honors, Mrs. Tiefenwerth's unyielding commitment to community service has not gone unrecognized. The honors include: the Hudson County Golden Recognition Award; the Senior Citizen Today Award; the Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement; the Hudson County Director of Human Services Distinguished and Caring Service Award; the Hudson County Girl Scout Community Service Award; and the Boy Scout Endowment Committee Medallion for Volunteer Work.

Mrs. Tiefenwerth, wife of the late Mr. William Tiefenwerth, both Bayonne natives, attended the Horace Mann School, Bayonne High School, and Jersey City State. She is a registered certified social worker and a HUD certified housing counselor.

For her continued efforts on behalf of the Bayonne community and the State of New Jersey, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Eleanor Tiefenwerth. Her far-reaching accomplishments in the area of community service have undoubtedly made the city of Bayonne a better community in which to live.

SCHOOL-TO-WORK PARTNERSHIP
WITH JOBLINK

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to rise today and submit for the RECORD the initiative that my own Cabarrus County in North Carolina has taken to promote the School-to-Work partnership with JobLink.

I am thrilled that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce has developed these innovative strategies to better our community. The benefits that our neighbors, friends, and families will gain from the Workforce Development Week 2000 will be life long.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2000

Whereas, Workforce Development issues impact every facet of our community and are at the forefront of American Society in the new millennium; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work Partnership of Cabarrus County and the Cabarrus County Job Link Center work together, with and through a medley of agencies to provide opportunities for the future and present workforce; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work initiative is a partnership between Cabarrus County Schools, Kannapolis City Schools and the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the Workforce Development Steering Committee of the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce promotes dialogue between the Chamber and top administrators from the school systems and colleges, as well as implements community wide workforce development initiatives; and

Whereas, businesses, jobseekers, and others will be supported by employment and training services, information in a customer friendly manner, and staff who are caring professionals from various assisting agencies, and

Whereas, on January 29, 2000 the Cabarrus Career Fair 2000 will be held at the Carolina Mall in Concord from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and will provide students and citizens of all ages positive interactions with over 50 different careers in the Cabarrus Region; and

Whereas, on February 2, 2000 the Cabarrus Region will team with the National Groundhog Job Shadow Day initiative to place students during the month of February with a mentor in the "World of Work"; therefore, students are able to experience the importance of academics, communication skills and teamwork; and

Whereas, on February 3, 2000, the Cabarrus County JobLink Center, which was presented a charter on October 19, 1999 from the Centralina Workforce Development Board, will host an Open House Celebration from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 2275 Kannapolis Highway, Concord; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work Partnership and the JobLink Center will provide Cabarrus County with training, information and services vital to a competitive workforce that will be successful in a global economy.

Now therefore, be it resolved, That the Week beginning Saturday January 29, 2000 to Friday February 4, 2000 is hereby proclaimed as "Workforce Development Week 2000" in the Cabarrus Region, and urge our citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the School-to-Work Partnership and JobLink Systems in our community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ENDRE A.
BALAZS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great scientist and entrepreneur on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Dr. Endre A. Balazs, who now lives in Fort Lee, NJ, was born in Hungary on January 10, 1920. He received his medical degree from the University of Budapest in 1943. During his studies in medical school D. Balazs began his life-long research into the medical uses of hyaluronan (HA)—a key molecular building block of the intercellular substances of the body.

As the world's foremost authority in the use of HA, Dr. Balazs started work on its medical application in the 1960's. His work on HA eventually led to the discovery of new therapeutic treatments that have made certain medical procedures safer and have accelerated post-operative healing periods. More recently, Dr. Balazs has introduced new methods to treat arthritis, an ailment that afflicts millions of Americans.

Soon after completing his studies at the University of Budapest in Hungary, Dr. Balazs traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, where he continued his research on the structure and biological function of sulfated polysaccharides and HA at the Karolinska Institute—the medical school of Stockholm. In 1951 he emigrated to the United States where he accepted a position in the Department of Ophthalmology at Harvard University.

In 1970 Dr. Balazs cofounded the Boston Biomedical Research Institute and became its first executive director. In 1975 he became the Malcolm P. Aldrich Research Professor of Ophthalmology at Columbia University in New York. He is the founder and for 25 years has served as editor in chief of Experimental Eye Research, the first international eye research journal ever published. He also is a founder and former president of the International Society for Eye Research.

In 1981 Dr. Balazs and his wife, Janet Denlinger, started Biomatrix, Inc., a firm involved in the development of hyaluronan derivatives for medical applications and skin care. Today, Biomatrix is a publicly owned company that is based in Ridgefield, NJ.

Over the years, as both an educator and a businessman, Dr. Balazs has supported the research endeavors of many young scientists and physicians. In recognition of his efforts, the international ophthalmic research community has established the Endre A. Balazs Prize, an international award for outstanding research efforts by scientists.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that Dr. Endre A. Balazs is my constituent. I wish him and his family the very best as he continues to bring to his work the energy, devotion, and innovation that has made him such a successful individual.

HONORING BILL A. (B.A.) JONES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember a man we have lost. B.A. Jones was a man that many knew and loved. Mr. Jones passed away in Carrollton on November 6, 1999.

B.A. Jones was born on April 9, 1913, the second of ten children born to H.J. and Dixie Campbell-Jones. B.A. spent his school years in Monte Vista. During World War II, the Government called upon him to travel the country recruiting, supervising and building numerous war-related projects. After the war, B.A. began construction work and subsequently formed his own remodeling and construction firm. In the late 1960's, B.A. began the family owned and operated Paradise Swimming Pool Corporation, using his self-taught architectural abilities to design and create many pools that are still operational to this day.

Mr. Jones is survived by his loved wife of 60 years, (Annie) Frances Cone Jones and their three children.

B.A. Jones is someone who will be missed by all of us. Those who knew him will miss spending time with him. He was truly a great American.

IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S "IRELAND'S 32" MILLENNIUM HONOREE, MRS. DOROTHY HARRINGTON

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Dorothy Harrington of Bayonne, NJ, on being named one of this year's "Ireland 32" Millennium honorees.

Mrs. Harrington has had an exceptional career in the public arena. A longtime advocate for the education system in Bayonne, Mrs. Harrington was appointed to the Bayonne Board of Education from 1981 to 1986. Because of her vision and enthusiasm in this role, Mrs. Harrington became the first woman president of the Board.

Her success with the Board of Education and her desire to do more for the community led Mrs. Harrington to seek elected public office. In 1986, she was elected first ward council member and in 1990, she was elected council member-at-large. This election made Mrs. Harrington the first woman to be elected to the city council.

During her time with the council, Mrs. Harrington acted as liaison on the Kill Van Kull dredging project and was instrumental in the circulating of information regarding many transportation projects in the city. Most significantly, Mrs. Harrington led the efforts in Bayonne to improve cable television service, to obtain the local television channel for residents, and to create a modern production studio in Bayonne High School.

A dedicated volunteer, Mrs. Harrington served as president of the Hudson County

School Board Association, president of both St. Andrew's Parish and its Sports Organization, vice president and treasurer of the Evening Division of the Bayonne Women's Club, and member of the Holocaust Committee. Mrs. Harrington continues to be involved in a variety of local volunteer and service organizations and is the current chair of the Bayonne Municipal Utilities Authority.

Mrs. Harrington's accomplishments in public service have not gone unrecognized. Recently, she received the Mary T. Norton Congressional Award for her outstanding community service record.

A Bayonne native, Mrs. Harrington lives in Bayonne with her husband, Mr. Dan Harrington. The couple has four children and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrington's tireless efforts on behalf of the citizens of Bayonne are truly remarkable. For her dedicated service and unparalleled volunteerism in the Bayonne community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Dorothy Harrington on receiving this honor.

HONORING SENATOR GWEN
MARGOLIS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Senator Gwen Margolis from Aventura, FL, who will be honored on March 4, 2000, by her synagogue, Both Torah Adath Yeshurun and by the North-east Dade community at-large.

Senator Margolis began her public service career in the Florida Legislature when elected to the House in 1974. She was subsequently re-elected to the House for three consecutive terms. Her career in the Florida Senate began in 1980 where she was appointed Chair of the Finance, Tax and Claims Committee and subsequently the Appropriations Committee where she assisted in leading the state out of recessions and budgetary crises.

On November 20, 1990, she was sworn in as President of the Florida State Senate, making her the first woman in the United States to serve as President of any Senate. She spearheaded the passage of landmark legislation touted as the toughest ethics legislation in the nation, as well as a constitutional amendment that opened all government records and meetings to the public.

She currently serves as Chairperson of the Miami-Dade County Commission, appointed by Mayor Alexander Penelas, and is the first woman to serve in this position. Senator Margolis also serves on the Board of Directors of the Holocaust Documentation Center at Florida International University. Her name appears in *Who's Who of Women in the World*, *Who's Who in Business and Industry*, and *Megatrend for Women*. In addition to her outstanding career in public service, which she devotes a full time schedule, Senator Margolis was also a successful Real Estate Developer and Business Executive in her private, professional business career.

She has received numerous awards for her leadership and dedication to the community in which she serves. She was named "Woman

of the Year" by the North Dade Regional Chamber and Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce. She has also received the Florida Chamber of Commerce "Legislator of the Year" award, and the Dade League of Cities "Good Government" award to name a few.

Although Senator Margolis and I were once opposing candidates, I am glad to call her my friend and colleague, and am equally delighted to share in this celebration in her honor.

COLUMBINE FOOTBALL
CONGRATULATIONS

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, seldom in America do we see a more joyous display of hope and heart than we saw on December 5, 1999 by the Columbine High School Football team as they played for their first state football championship. Less than a year after the community of Littleton, Colorado was thrust into the national spotlight by a tragedy unimaginable to any American, this suburban town was united behind a group of young men who battled football history, and the vivid memories of fallen teammates and classmates.

The headline in the local paper read, "This time, the tears of Columbine are tears of joy," (The Denver Rocky Mountain News, December 5, 1999) and how special those tears are for the parents, teachers, and students of this courageous high school.

The football team nobly dedicated their season to a fallen comrade, Matt Ketcher, who lost his life last April. Matt's younger brother, Adam, stood on the sideline as a sign of inspiration, wearing a Columbine letterman's jacket that was presented to him by the team, as they played for the state's top football prize.

What a way to end a special season.

Columbine won the game that Saturday by a score of 21-14, giving the school the state football championship, but more importantly, the team helped heal the souls of the school community.

I would like to congratulate the entire football team and their coaching staff for a season that meant more than they could ever have imagined. I hope that the entire nation can use them as motivation as we all do our part to ensure the healing of America continues.

HONORING NANCY HOFFMASTER,
POWER OF ONE HONOREE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to now honor Nancy Hoffmaster who has been awarded the Colorado Woman 2000 Power of One Honor in recognition of her service to her community and the State of Colorado. Nancy is a true heroine in her community and she deserves our highest thanks and praise.

Nancy, who is currently battling breast cancer, has been volunteering in the Jefferson County Public School District for twenty-five

years. She is the past president of the Jefferson County School's Parent Teacher Association and has served on the Jefferson Foundation.

Nancy founded the program "Serving Kids from the Inside Out." The program provides clothing for needy children in the district. She also coordinates the Jefferson County School's "Support for Homeless and At Risk People" (S.H.A.R.P.) program.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to honor Nancy Hoffmaster and thank her for all the outstanding efforts she has put into making her community a better place to live. She is a most deserving recipient of the Power of One Honor.

IN HONOR OF THE RIGHT REV-
EREND JOHN SHELBY SPONG,
D.D., BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF NEWARK, NEW JER-
SEY, ON HIS RETIREMENT AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRIST HOS-
PITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, NJ, on his retirement as chairman of the Christ Hospital Board of Trustees.

Born in Charlotte, NC, Bishop Spong began his religious and spiritual education in North Carolina and Virginia. After years of devoted study, he was consecrated as Bishop in 1976.

A noted author and scholar, as well as being hailed the most published member of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Bishop Spong fought for the integrity of Christ Hospital for more than 22 years. Under his direction, the hospital has grown and matured into the remarkable institution it is today.

In addition to his remarkable work for the hospital, Bishop Spong has served as president of the New Jersey Council of Churches and as theological consultant on a variety of diocesan committees and commissions. For all of his efforts, Bishop Spong was named "1999 Humanist of the Year."

Bishop Spong, married to Christine Spong, is the father of three and the grandfather of four.

For more than two decades of dedicated service to Christ Hospital and more than three decades of religious guidance, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Bishop Spong a happy and healthy retirement. His remarkable leadership and inspiring work ethic will be missed.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM
J. BRESNAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend, Mr. Bill Bresnan, who has been, over the past 40 years, a primary leader in the growth of the cable television industry, not only in my home town of

Bay City, MI, but throughout the Midwest, including Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kansas, and Illinois. Under his leadership, Bresnan Communications has also become known for its many educational programs, its emphasis on minority advancement, and for community relations initiatives that recognize the civic contributions of local citizens and seniors.

A native of Mankato, MN, Bill Bresnan began his career in 1958 when, at the age of 25, he designed and built his first cable system in Rochester, MN, for a group of local investors. That company was acquired by Jack Kent Cooke, Inc. in 1965, and Bill was appointed its vice president of engineering. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed to serve as its executive vice president.

From 1972 to 1982, Bill held various influential positions in the Teleprompter Corporation, which was then one of the largest cable organizations in the United States. These include president of Teleprompter's Cable Division, Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. In 1981, when Teleprompter was bought by Westinghouse Electric Corp., he was appointed chairman and chief executive officer of the resulting new company, Group W Cable, Inc.

During this time, Bill played a major role in helping advance cutting-edge technology in the burgeoning cable industry. He was instrumental in sending the first domestic satellite transmission using a Canadian ANIK satellite in 1973. Three years later he helped initiate the first commercial communications system in the United States to use optical fibers.

In 1984, Bill founded Bresnan Communications, which currently serves over 660,000 customers. The company's Midwestern market is not accidental, and is a good example of Bill's civic-minded business philosophy. Bill has made it a priority to invest in the small and medium sized communities in America's heartland, to make sure that cutting-edge technology does not bypass these hard-working Americans, in favor of large communities on the west or east coasts of the United States.

Bill has also made it a priority to invest in America's young adults. He was an early pioneer in the development and construction of interactive television networks for distant learning. Working with local school districts and colleges, Bill was a key motivator in connecting educational facilities via fiber and coaxial cable, enabling many schools to conduct fully interactive classes simultaneously across great distances.

The admiration and respect of Bresnan employees for their president is legendary within the industry. Bill is known as an extraordinarily generous person and a boss who sees all of his 1,400 employees as his equal. He allocates a significant percent of revenue to establishing and promoting community relations initiatives that recognize local senior citizens and minorities. Indeed, his commitment to advancing the interests of minorities—in their recruitment, placement and training—was recognized in September 1999 by the Walter Kaitz Foundation. Bill received the "Partnership in Diversity" award, one of the industry's highest honors.

I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that there are not many businessmen today who are as committed to the technological advancements of the future as Mr. Bill Bresnan. There are

not many who feel the necessity of bringing advancements to those who might not otherwise have access to them: Americans on the family farm in Michigan, or minorities, or school children in the Midwest. Bill Bresnan has many plans for the future, and I wish him much success in all his endeavors. I am positive, Mr. Speaker, that we in Michigan will be the grateful beneficiaries.

IN SUPPORT OF BROADENING THE
TYPES OF PROPERTY SUBJECT
TO CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE IN
ALIEN SMUGGLING CASES

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, my bill addresses the pernicious practice of alien smuggling. Alien smugglers are a huge problem in South Florida, especially those who bring passengers from Haiti and Cuba to South Florida, frequently in unsafe boats and under very dangerous conditions.

For example, in March of last year, an alien smuggler's boat sank off the coast of West Palm Beach, Florida and, depending upon whether the Coast Guard or press reports of this horrendous tragedy are to be believed, anywhere from 15 to 40 Haitian passengers drowned.

These heartless and inhumane alien smugglers are parasites who are making huge sums of money off of the suffering of Haitians and Cubans who seek any means, legal or otherwise, to come to the United States. We must provide law enforcement with all available remedies to assure that the smugglers cannot continue to exploit vulnerable communities such as the Haitians and the Cubans. Unfortunately, the existing civil asset forfeiture provisions for alien smuggling are far more limited than those available to address drug offenses.

Current law authorizes the forfeiture of vehicles, vessels and aircraft used to commit alien smuggling offenses. This has proven to be an essential law enforcement tool that the INS uses more than 12,000 times a year. But the law has some glaring loopholes. We know that other types of property besides vessels, vehicles and aircraft are also used to facilitate alien smuggling offenses, but these other types of property currently are not subject to civil asset forfeiture.

For example, alien smugglers use electronic gear to monitor law enforcement activity directed against alien smuggling. The smugglers also own warehouses where vehicles, vessels, and even human beings are stashed to avoid detection by the Coast Guard or the Border Patrol. Yet these other types of property currently are not subject to civil asset forfeiture.

Current law also does not permit the forfeiture of the proceeds of an alien smuggling offense. If a smuggler is paid \$100,000 to bring people into the United States in his fishing boat, law enforcement should not be limited to taking the boat while letting the smuggler keep the \$100,000. The smuggler should be required to surrender the cash as well.

My bill corrects these deficiencies by expanding the scope of permissible civil asset forfeiture in alien smuggling cases to make it

consistent with the standards used in drug cases. My bill provides that any property that constitutes, is derived from, or is traceable to the proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from alien smuggling, or is used to facilitate, or is intended to be used to facilitate alien smuggling, is subject to civil asset forfeiture.

Mr. Chairman, I don't fault those who would take extraordinary steps to try to come to the United States. Their efforts are totally understandable, even though unacceptable. I fault those who bring them to the United States outside of the law—the alien smugglers. Alien smugglers are a menace to society. As in drug cases, we should give law enforcement the full range of asset forfeiture remedies to deal with the serious problem of alien smuggling.

In civil asset forfeiture proceedings, law enforcement should have the ability to reach any property owned by the smugglers that is used to facilitate alien smuggling or that derives from or is traceable to such smuggling. There is no logical reason to limit the types of property subject to forfeiture in alien smuggling cases to vehicles, vessels and aircraft.

I urge my colleagues to support this common-sense bill.

TRIBUTE TO FRED KORZON OF
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Fred Korzon, supervisor of Bloomfield Township, Michigan, who resigned his post on December 20, 1999, after serving his community since 1967. Mr. Korzon has been an outstanding municipal leader and is a shining example of all that is right and good in public service. This man of honor and integrity has served on many State, county and local municipal boards and committees including but not limited to: chairperson of Southeast Michigan Council for Governments, Oakland County Parks and Recreation commissioner, and chairperson of Oakland County Association of Supervisors.

Fred Korzon's public service actually began on December 10, 1942, when he enlisted in the military. After leaving active duty he served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve until 1950. After leaving the military, he built his own home in Bloomfield Township, MI, and has remained a resident of the community since that time.

After graduating from the University of Michigan with a masters degree in history in 1966, Mr. Korzon taught at Pontiac Central High School and Lahser High School in Oakland County. He was first appointed to the Bloomfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals in 1967 and served for 1 year before being appointed to the board of trustees. He was appointed to the full-time treasurer's position in 1969 and ran successfully on the ballot until his appointment as township supervisor in 1982.

The residents of Bloomfield Township have been fortunate to have the services of Fred Korzon as our supervisor for 18 years. He has been rock solid for the residents and a faithful servant for our area. He and his outstanding team of public servants have helped make this

community one of the finest places to live anywhere in America. He has been a great friend of mine and I wish him all the best.

HONORING KATY TARTAKOFF,
POWER OF ONE HONOREE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to now honor Katy Tartakoff who has been awarded the Colorado Woman 2000 Power of One Honor in recognition of her service to her community and the State of Colorado. Katy is a true heroine in her community and she deserves our highest thanks and praise.

Katy published a journal in 1991 called "My Stupid Illness." The journal showed photographs of children suffering from cancer along with stories addressing how the children were dealing with the illness. She has since expanded her work to photograph and document children with other life-threatening illnesses. She presents these exhibits to schools to use as a tool to teach kids how to accept, understand and live with differences.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to both congratulate and thank Katy for all of her efforts to make her community a better place to live. I applaud Katy's efforts to educate children about diversity. She is a most deserving recipient of the Power of One Honor.

IN HONOR OF MR. GERALD NOWICKI, ONE OF THIS YEAR'S RICHARD A. RUTKOWSKI ASSOCIATION HONOREES FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BAYONNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Gerald Nowicki of Bayonne, NJ. Acknowledging the accomplishments of those rare individuals dedicated to making Bayonne a better community, the Richard A. Rutkowski Association has selected Mr. Nowicki as one of this year's honorees.

Joining the Bayonne Historical Society in 1991, Mr. Nowicki has been instrumental in working to preserve and foster the historical and artistic beauty of Bayonne. Knowing the importance of maintaining outdoor sculptures to prevent corrosion, Mr. Nowicki coordinated a Tender Loving Care workshop to teach volunteers the proper guidelines for outdoor sculpture upkeep at the public buildings in Bayonne.

In addition to maintenance, Mr. Nowicki emphasized the necessity of restoration efforts for public artwork in the community. By cochairing the "Save the Hiker" project, an effort to restore the Spanish-American War Monument in Stephen Gregg Bayonne Park, and chairing the restoration project for the Civil War Monument in the same park, Mr. Nowicki has helped bring arts awareness in Bayonne.

To continue his efforts for the arts, Mr. Nowicki spearheaded the fundraising campaign designed to bring both funds and attention to the arts field—two very significant components to achieving his goals. His campaign drives helped to restore oil paintings from the Brennan Fire Fighting Museum and the Bayonne Public Library, and restored the antique grandfather's clock, which stands in the lobby of the library.

Because of his vast experience in Bayonne history and culture, Mr. Nowicki served as editor and co-author of "Bayonne Landmarks." The book served as an instrumental local history guide, winning the acclaim of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.

Mr. Nowicki, born and raised in Bayonne, attended Assumption School Marist High School, and Jersey City State College.

For his continued efforts on behalf of the Bayonne community and the State of New Jersey, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Gerald Nowicki. His accomplishments in historical preservation and community service have undoubtedly made the city of Bayonne a better community in which to live.

INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, it was nearly 47 years ago, on January 26, 1953, that the World Customs Organization, formally known as the Customs Co-operation Council, held its first meeting in Brussels, Belgium. In recognition of this occasion, the Council observed January 26 as International Customs Day. This occasion also serves to recognize the role that customs services around the world play in facilitating trade while protecting national borders from economically and physically harmful importations.

I am proud of the contributions of the U.S. Customs Service to the Nation over the past 210 years. U.S. Customs responsibilities have increased with the growth of our great Nation—trade has increased exponentially and the threat of illegal importations, including illegal drugs is ever present. These are significant challenges that Customs faces on a daily basis, and Customs must continue its vigilance in facilitating trade while interdicting narcotics at our borders and preventing exportation of critical technology. I am pleased to say that Customs meets these challenges well, and I stand ready to continue my longstanding support of Customs in these efforts.

The U.S. Customs Service represents the United States at the World Customs Organization [WCO], a 150-member international organization founded to facilitate international trade and promote cooperation among governments on Customs matters. The WCO works to simplify and standardize legal instruments and rules of international customs. The WCO also renders technical assistance in areas such as customs tariffs, valuation, nomenclature, and law enforcement. Its objective is to obtain, in the interest of international trade, the best possible degree of uniformity among the customs systems of member nations. The United States became a member on November 5,

1970. All America benefits when both exporters and importers operate in an atmosphere of simple unambiguous customs operations around the world.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the World Customs Organization on its past accomplishments and wish it well in its ambitious new millennium goal of further harmonizing and simplifying the customs rules that affect international commerce. I also congratulate the U.S. Customs Service for its fine work both nationally and internationally.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM JEFFERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William Jefferson of Linden Plaza, in commemoration of his 100th birthday.

Mr. Jefferson was born in Columbia, South Carolina on January 2, 1900. At the age of thirteen, after earning his education in Ridgeway, South Carolina, he moved to New Jersey, and through working several odd jobs acquired skills in electrical work, plumbing, and house painting. In 1925 he moved to New York where he worked in these various trades until he found a permanent position with the American Window Shade Company.

While at this company, he met and married Mabel Stevens, and through this union was blessed with five daughters. Mr. Jefferson, known to many as a "Jack of all trades", devoted his time to his family, neighbors and anyone in the need of assistance. His wife passed away in 1998.

Since his retirement in 1977, Mr. Jefferson has enjoyed spending time with and passing wisdom to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He helped start and on occasion still works at the Neighborhood Garden. He still enjoys discussing candidates, and voting in every election. In his spare time, he continues to play his guitar and keyboard. Please join in celebrating the wonderful life of centenarian, William Jefferson.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES A. ALGIE

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James A. Algie, Chairman of the Board of the Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay. Jim Algie passed away last year, and he is dearly missed.

Jim Algie was committed to the progress and success of the Goodwill Industries. Jim was dedicated to helping others and proudly followed Goodwill's mission to serve the communities of Southern Los Angeles County by educating, training, and placing people with barriers to employment to help them achieve economic and personal independence.

Jim was tireless in his efforts to better Goodwill Industries and he has left a lasting impact. He even helped change the accounting and financial reporting systems making the

organization more efficient and cost productive.

People will remember Jim for his generosity and his great sense of humor, and for always being there for his friends and co-workers. Jim Algie touched the lives of many, and although he is missed, his legacy lives on. The Goodwill Industries is a better organization because of Jim Algie.

HONORING BECKY NEGRETTE,
POWER OF ONE HONOREE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to now honor Becky Negrette who has been awarded the Colorado Woman 2000 Power of One Honor in recognition of her service to her community and the State of Colorado. Becky is a true heroine in her community and she deserves our highest thanks and praise.

Becky is a Denver native who knows what it means for people to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. Becky grew up with five brothers and one sister. Her father, even though he worked every hard, barely made enough to support the large family. They could not afford a car, a television, or any of the luxuries that most of us take for granted. Becky's family was rich, however, with love and devotion that she still carries with her today.

Becky graduated from college and she now runs the bi-lingual reading program at Baker Middle School. She is a living example to her students, teaching them that life is what you make of it.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to both congratulate and thank Becky Negrette for all of her work and determination to be an inspiration to young people. She is a most deserving recipient of the Power of One Honor.

CLINTON'S SEATTLE STRADDLE

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, for those who might have missed it, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a piece by Robert B. Zoellick from the December 14, 1999, issue of the Washington Post.

Mr. Zoellick brings a unique, knowledgeable perspective to the discussion of the recent World Trade Organization fiasco in Seattle. He served in various positions in the Bush administration, including a stint as Under Secretary of State for Economic and Agricultural Affairs, where he was actively involved in developing the nation's NAFTA strategy. Recently, Mr. Zoellick was President and CEO of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

I commend Mr. Zoellick's thought-provoking article to my colleagues' attention.

[From the Washington Post, Dec. 14, 1999]

CLINTON'S SEATTLE STRADDLE

(By Robert B. Zoellick)

Unlike The Post and others who are grappling with the deeper meaning of the Seattle

protests and the World Trade Organization debacle, I think both the message and the results are straightforward: President Clinton, trying again to be all things to all people, is responsible for a failure that has paralyzed further free trade negotiations, whether globally or regionally.

Clinton wanted us to "listen" to the demonstrators. I did. It turns out that the protesters' arguments were contradictory: They wanted both to blow up the WTO and to have the WTO establish a host of global rules to dictate social, economic, political and environmental conditions around the world. They have managed, astonishingly, to combine the aims of unilateralists—who believe the United States can order everyone else in the world to do what we want—with those of globalists—who believe national governments are illegitimate and must be superseded by "wise" nongovernmental organizations.

Nevertheless, while the protesters' arguments were seriously flawed, their logic of action was clear: If they could overburden the process of negotiating more freedom for trade, the negotiations would break down. Then special interests would be successful in maintaining existing barriers and protections. Inefficient producers can now continue to avoid nasty competition and keep costs higher for consumers and other businesses.

The Post has suggested that "the truth [about Seattle] is more complicated" than critics contend. Apparently, it is not enough that President Clinton has been responsible for the confusion and backsliding in America's trade policy despite these times of extraordinary prosperity. It is not enough that Clinton is the first president in 50 years to fail to ensure that America leads the world trading system toward the liberalization that has created unprecedented world growth, openness, creativity and opportunity. No, according to The Post, Clinton was "right in principle . . . but probably wrong on the tactics."

Since the WTO is supposed to be about trade, it might be useful for The Post to recall what trade is about: Trade enables Americans to buy goods and services from other countries; trade liberalization seeks to remove the taxes and other barriers to this freedom of exchange. By expanding the freedom to buy and sell, trade lowers costs, expands opportunities and creates better-paid work—all adding to prosperity. Prosperity, especially for developing countries, is the key to better conditions for workers and to more resources for, and interest in, a clean environment.

Do fortunate Americans really think that parents in poorer countries prefer to have their children work instead of stay in school? Do they really think poor foreigners want to live in polluted cities? Or might these Americans recognize that the rules that wealthy nations want to impose on poorer nations will be ignored until poor countries have the means to improve their livelihoods?

The WTO is not a global government with the power to order new environmental or labor laws—or, for that matter, better tax regimes, pension plans, health programs, civilian control of militaries or a host of other meritorious outcomes. The WTO is a forum where governments can negotiate to reduce barriers to trade and agree to rules to try to resolve disputes. We cannot make the WTO into the organization that will deal with all the problems that elected, national governments struggle with every day.

Let's be honest: Once again, Clinton straddled and stumbled, and others have gotten hurt. Clinton likes to talk about free trade, because he knows open markets and competition contribute to prosperity. But Clin-

ton also wants everyone to like him, especially if the people are his political constituencies. So he chose to host a major international negotiating meeting on trade without laying the political groundwork globally and without developing a negotiating strategy.

In a negotiation where the United States needed to work with developing countries to open markets for farmers, Clinton scared off the developing world to placate domestic interests. He even sabotaged his own negotiating team by proposing new trade sanctions at a meeting that was supposed to reduce barriers, not add to them. When asked why, according to The Post, a White House aide said, "He was just talking off the top of his head."

The Post, seeking to be broad-minded, finds the truth to be "complicated." I think the truth is simple: After following through in 1993-94 on a free trade agenda left by his predecessor—an agenda he could not abandon without looking isolationist—Clinton, through his intellectual waffling and lack of commitment, severely set back the cause of free trade.

HONORING DR. PERRY LINDSAY,
SR. AND MRS. MARY ELAYNE
LINDSAY ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR BIRTHDAYS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Perry Lindsay, Sr., Pastor of The Glorious Church of God in Christ, as he celebrates his 80th birthday; and Ms. Mary Elayne Lindsay, as she celebrates her 70th birthday. The church, located on Halsey Street, has a great heritage and a tradition of strong family ties.

The members of his church are thankful that Dr. Lindsay survived a serious car accident on September 1, 1999, in Maryland, while driving to the 79th General Assembly of The Glorious Church of God in Christ, being held in Roanoke, Virginia. In this accident, he suffered a mild heart attack, a slight concussion, and several other minor injuries; but is once again able to drive.

In addition to his many achievements, Pastor Lindsay is also known as the first successful, African American, owner of a construction company in the state of New York. Mrs. Lindsay is equally well known for her generous spirit and her contributions toward the development of The Glorious Church of God in Christ. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Mary Elayne Lindsay and Dr. Perry Lindsay as they celebrate their birthdays this month.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
DIANE HEMINWAY: COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding environmental crusader in my district: Diane

Heminway, former Western New York coordinator of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition [CEC]. I commend Diane on her decade of effective, energetic leadership as a community environmental activist on behalf of the people of Orleans County, NY.

In 1984, an accident at a local chemical plant adjacent to her children's school propelled Heminway from homemaker and mother to leader in the grassroots environmental movement in New York State. Overnight, she formed COPE, Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment, to fight toxic pollution and other environmental hazards in her community. In 1990, she broadened the scope of her work, taking the reins of the CEC in Western New York, fighting for clean drinking water, restoration of the Great Lakes, remediation of brownfields and Superfund sites, and greater corporate accountability.

Recently, Diane Heminway resigned her position with the CEC to embark on a new endeavor as a health and safety trainer for the United Steelworkers of America. Though she has left the CEC, Diane will continue to be a tireless advocate for eradicating exposure to toxic chemicals—this time on behalf of America's workers.

I include in the RECORD an article that appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on January 10, 1999, detailing Diane's many accomplishments. On behalf of the residents of Western New York, I extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Diane Heminway for her long and continuing commitment to making our community, State, and Nation a cleaner, healthier, and safer place for all of us.

ACTIVIST DEPARTS, BUT LEAVES LEGACY
EVEN HER FOES RESPECT ENVIRONMENTAL
WORK OF ORLEANS WATCHDOG WHO TARGETED
KODAK

(By Corydon Ireland)

With the new year comes a new look for area environmental advocates.

Diane Heminway, the Orleans County activist who for years was the chief critic of Eastman Kodak's environmental policies, has resigned her paid role to pursue an interest in workers' rights. For nearly a decade, Heminway was western New York coordinator of the Citizen's Environmental Coalition, a statewide group. The sudden absence of a figure many regard as the godmother of area activists will not leave a void in environmental causes, but it does leave a hole. "I wish her well in any new endeavor," said Judy Braiman, who sought Heminway's help in 1987 when she organized Rochesterians Against the Misuse of Pesticides. "But in reality, I want her to come back."

As of December, Heminway became a full-time health and safety trainer for the United Steelworkers of America, which will require frequent national trips away from her Lyndonville, Orleans County, home. "Workers are the most exposed group to toxic chemicals—and worker-exposure laws are truly inadequate," said Heminway. The one-time homemaker and 4-H leader was propelled into action by a 1984 chemical accident, which sent a toxic cloud over the school her children were attending. Noted Braiman: "She started out like any activist. She was protecting her children." "I was just this domestic kid who won the apple pie contest—who thought that was going to be the high point of her life," said Heminway.

Leaders in the grass-roots environmental movement, she said, often share the same profile. They're women, most often mothers, who have to overcome shyness and mild manners to confront polluting industries,

wrestle with arcane regulations and challenge an indifferent public. Among her heroes, said Heminway, are "the most frustrated people I know." They're the scientists and policymakers who regularly tipped her to abuses from within the state and federal agencies designed to protect human health and the environment. "We all want to be moral people, we all want to do the right things," said Heminway. But those impulses are often submerged by the fear of losing a job, offending a friend or bucking the system, she said. While on the job as a paid coalition staffer—and for six years before that—Heminway studied issues and organized citizen protests over environmental hazards in dozens of counties. The hazards ranged from aging dumps in the industrial heart of Niagara Falls to a massive new glass plant in Geneva, Ontario County—which tightened its air standards after the protests.

Heminway's last official act was to co-author a 90-page coalition report on industry-related pollution in the Great Lakes. Even her antagonists note her parting.

"I found her to be a worthy ally, rather than an extremist to be shunned," said John Hicks, regional administrator of the state Department of Environment Conservation. His branch of the DEC, in Avon, Livingston County, was a frequent target of Heminway's criticism. "She was a determined and passionate advocate for environmental improvement," said Kodak spokesman James E. Blamphin, who often locked horns with Heminway. "Despite her impassioned rhetoric, I think Diane Heminway wants the same thing Kodak people want—a sustainable and healthy future for ourselves and our children."

Heminway said going after Kodak was a David-and-Goliath story. The photo giant, she said, was not too big to hit, as many local activists feared. It was too big to miss. "I insisted on calling her our fearless leader," said Helen "Gilly" Burlingham, who worked with Heminway on a three-year Kodak task force of local activists. Burlingham, co-chairwoman of the Sierra Club Rochester Regional Group, is still active on the task force. "Diane was the main person, the point person, the hardest worker." Indeed, among area activists, Heminway's departure prompts enough praise to fill a hymnal.

"New York state is a cleaner place because of Diane," said Judy Robinson, who now oversees the coalition's Buffalo-based office. She pointed to Heminway's work on issues as diverse as groundwater, incinerators, brownfields, corporate accountability and Superfund refinancing. "Diane provided the environmental movement with leadership, unsurpassed dedication, intellect and grace," said William J. Appel, organizer of Metro Justice of Rochester. "Her absence will be felt not only among her fellow activists, but in the halls of power as well."

THE MAKING OF AN ACTIVIST

Like many grass-roots activists, Diane Heminway was transformed by an environmental incident.

1984: A toxic cloud from a Middleport, Orleans County, chemical factory contaminates a nearby school, making Heminway an activist overnight. Co-founds COPE, Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment.

1985: Joins the statewide Toxics in Your Community Coalition (now Citizens' Environmental Coalition).

1990: Becomes CEC's western New York coordinator.

1992: Begins part-time health and safety training for United Steelworkers of America.

1995: Opens CEC office, Medina, Orleans County.

1996: Starts a groundwater education program for elementary schools.

November 1999: Resigns.

TRIBUTE TO COL. JAMES G. HART,
USMC

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the late Col. James G. Hart, who in his too-short life brought great honor to his country through distinguished service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

A native of Minnesota and Montana, Colonel Hart graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1964, and chose to join the Marines. After the basic school, he served three tours in Vietnam; as a rifle platoon commander with 1st Recon and later with 5th Recon. In February 1968, Colonel Hart entered flight school and graduated with distinction in March 1969. He was assigned to VMFA-314 at Chu Lai, Vietnam, where he flew the F-4B.

Colonel Hart's many tours in the corps included assignments as a flight instructor, an aide to the commanding general 1st MAW, a test pilot at China Lake, CA, and designation as a USMC space shuttle pilot. He also served as F/A-18 Hornet project officer at Headquarters Marine Corps, with MAG-11 at 3rd MAW, commanding officer of Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13, and commander of the Marine Aviation Detachment at Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD. For a time, I was honored to serve with Colonel Hart at Naval Air Station Miramar, CA. Colonel Hart retired from the Marine Corps in 1991 and began a very successful career in international business.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars with Combat V, the Purple Heart, Single Air Mission Air Medal, Air Medal with numeral nine, Combat Action Ribbon, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.

Born March 3, 1942, this great man and great American died May 23, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Martha Monagan-Hart, and sons Matt, Andy, and John.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that Colonel James G. Hart demonstrated throughout his life the greatest attributes of the United States of America, through honorable and distinguished service in the Marine Corps, in aviation, in private business, as a leader of men and women, and as a devoted husband and father. While he is departed from us on Earth, Colonel Hart is most certainly not forgotten. We remember him best by emulating the best of his character—in honor, loyalty, service, dedication, and the practice of excellence.

Semper Fidelis, Colonel.

HONORING THE FLAMING ARROW
MARCHING BAND

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, during our past winter holiday recess tens of thousands of

high school and college marching band members packed themselves on vans, buses, trains and planes around this country to travel to another city to appear at one of the many holiday bowl games. For many people who watched the games, the only effort was the apparent one of the performances they saw on the football field during a pre-game or a half-time show.

What we don't see at the game or on television begins during the hot summer with long hours of practice followed by interminable fund raising efforts. It's learning to perform as part of a team; it's creating pride in a group; it's learning perseverance in pursuing a goal; it's learning the importance of having a dream. And they aren't alone in their efforts. Their dedication is supported and encouraged by parents, relatives, friends, teachers, music directors and community leaders that culminate in that performance. It's not just the band that marches onto the football field, but all those who have worked to see that they could be there.

I rise today to offer special recognition for the Flaming Arrow Marching Band of the Strafford Missouri High School. Incidentally, I am proud to call Strafford home.

The 76 member band under the direction of Shane Harmon was one of ten bands invited to the inaugural edition of the Mobile Alabama Bowl. Besides providing pre-game and half-time performances, the band was involved in competition earning the coveted first place over-all award, as well as first place trophies in the solo, marching, jazz and color guard categories.

I know my colleagues in the Congress will join me in extending their congratulations to the Flaming Arrow Marching Band members, their families and their director, not only for the quality of their performance and awards, but for their dedication to achieving an important goal.

HONORING HARRY D. DONOHO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember the life of Harry Donoho who sadly passed away on January 4, 2000 in Dolan Springs, AZ.

Harry was born on March 26, 1923 in Texico, IL. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps on February 10, 1945. Harry was honorable discharged from the Marine Corps with a Purple Heart in 1946.

With assistance from the GI bill, Harry was able to attend college at the University of Illinois, where he received a bachelor of science degree, and Western State College, where he received a masters degree in special education.

Harry and his family lived in Denver, Gunnison and Loma, CO. He started and ran his own business, Donoho Electric Service, until his wife's health complications forced him to retire.

Harry liked to spend time with his family and he also enjoyed fishing and trips to Lake Powell. He moved to Dolan Springs, Arizona where he met and married Betty Jeffery in 1997. Harry will be missed by all those who knew him.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Harry Donoho. He was truly a great American who loved his family and his country.

HONORING ELDER PAULINE
WILLIAMS GRIFFIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like you to join me in paying tribute to Pastor Pauline Williams Griffin. A leader in the Church of God in Christ Jesus, an educator, a counselor, community leader, professional woman, wife and mother.

Born in Angier, North Carolina, she attended Grammar and High School in Lillington, North Carolina, where she received part of her high school education. Her family moved to New York City in 1944 and her high school education was continued and completed at Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, New York. She attended business school at Adelphi College where she majored in Business Administration. She attended Pace University, Bank Street College and the College for Human Services.

She was appointed Elder of the Church of God in Christ Jesus, N.D. in 1965 by her bishop, D. W.H. Amos, Chief apostle of the Church of God in Christ Jesus, N.D. Inc. Elder Griffin moved rapidly within her natural setting, for she became the State Mother of the Church of God in Christ Jesus, N.D. for New York State and is currently the General Mother.

Elder Pauline Williams Griffin is currently a Board Member of the Bank Street College Community Day Care Action Coalition, director of the Church of God in Christ Jesus Day Care Center and executive director of the after school program at P.S. 81 Brooklyn, member of Community Planning Board No. 3, and director of a comprehensive program for youth which includes personal and health counseling. Elder Griffin is directly responsible for the enrollment of 60 students in the program of College for Human Services. Further, she is Vice President of the Movement for Meaningful Involvement in Child Care: she serves as vice President of the United Minorities, Inc., she is a member of the New York State citizens Coalition for Children Inc. and the Chairperson of the Concerned Foster and Adoptive Parents Support Group, Inc. and she belongs to a host of professional organizations.

She is married to Elder Clifton Griffin and is blessed with two lovely daughters, two sons and a beautiful granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker Elder Pauline Williams Griffin is indeed unique. She is truly a leader in the Church—a herald and teacher of the word of God. She is indeed a remarkable woman who has masterfully and successfully combined this calling—this all encompassing work with community activities, day care tutoring, educating, counseling, wifely, parenting, and other professional responsibilities. I ask that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle join me in paying tribute to this truly remarkable woman.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF
LAWNDALE

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Lawndale, California. Lawndale is celebrating its 40th year as an incorporated city.

The City of Lawndale was originally part of a land grant known as Rancho Sausal-Redondo. Following the treaty of Guadalupe-Hildago in 1848, the land was auctioned to Robert Burnett, a Scottish nobleman. Burnett, in turn, leased the land to ranchers Daniel and Catherine Freeman.

Freeman Ranch was eventually subdivided with the establishment of a rail line between Los Angeles and Redondo Beach. Soon thereafter, the area officially appeared as Lawndale on local maps.

Lawndale's population continued to grow throughout the years. Eventually, in an effort to stem annexation by surrounding communities, Lawndale community leaders stepped up the drive for independence, and on December 38, 1959, the City of Lawndale was incorporated.

Lawndale is a culturally diverse community and an ideal place to raise a family and live the American Dream. Many of its residents are homeowners and small business entrepreneurs.

Lawndale has thrived over the last 40 years, and as we enter the 21st century, Lawndale will continue to stand out as a small, unique town; the "Heart of the South Bay." I congratulate the City of Lawndale and its 30,000 residents on this milestone.

HONORING DR. SHELBY M. ELLIOTT, D.C. FOR A DECADE OF SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Shelby M. Elliott, D.C. for his outstanding contributions as President of Texas Chiropractic College for the past decade.

Throughout his ten years of leadership at Texas Chiropractic College (TCC), Dr. Elliott has dedicated himself to the preservation, protection, improvement and advancement of the chiropractic profession for the benefit of patients. TCC which is located in the 25th Congressional District, has been a vibrant asset to the Pasadena community. Under Dr. Elliott's steady hand, the campus has experienced rapid expansion, particularly over the past four years, including the construction of three new buildings—a Student Services & Administration Building, a student clinic, and a new lab sciences building. The latest expansion project is a new Outpatient Clinic—also located on campus—that will serve the needs of both patients and students. Dr. Elliott's guiding principle is to provide students of the college with hands-on clinical experience as early as their second trimester, allowing them to observe the

various aspects of patient examination, diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Elliott's focus has been on fostering increased professionalism among the student body and sharpening interest in academic preparation.

As President of TCC, Dr. Elliott has helped thousands of students develop the skills necessary for total patient management including consultation, physical diagnosis, neurological and orthopedic diagnosis, and application of adjunctive therapy and/or interprofessional co-management. His passion has translated into a lifetime of political activism. Dr. Elliott has held every elective position in local, state and national chiropractic associations, always driven by his interest in serving the needs of his patients. He served as president of the Board of Governors for the American Chiropractic Association for an unprecedented five years. He served nine years on the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, having been appointed by two Texas Governors.

The recent understanding of the healthful benefits of chiropractic care as alternative medicine has been due in large part because of the work Dr. Elliott did as a chiropractor for 38 years. Among his many honors, he was named Doctor of the Year by the American Chiropractic Association in 1990 and received the Lifetime Chiropractic Achievement Award in 1988.

Dr. Elliott is truly a unique and respected individual, known for his open-door policy encouraging students of the College to visit with him anytime. His wife Connie is also a revered member of the TCC family. A popular speaker at any occasion, Dr. Elliott lends his time and expertise to addressing professional meetings throughout the year, and has given presentations to the American Chiropractic Association, the World Chiropractic Health Organization, the International Chiropractors Association and the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research, among many others.

Not only has Dr. Elliott made significant strides on behalf of his colleagues in the profession, he has also demonstrated a proven commitment to give back to the community through civic endeavors. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce in 1996, currently serves on the board of directors of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, and is past president of the Southeast Economic Development, Inc. He has served as President of the Dayton, Texas Rotary Club; fifteen years as the Commander of American Legion Post #512; Health Director for the Boy Scouts of America; past President of the Baytown Community Orchestra Committee and Liberty County Crippled Children's Society, and sponsor and supporter of Pee Wee Baseball and the Valley Players Theatre Group.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Elliott on his decade of leadership as President of Texas Chiropractic College. His achievements are an inspiration to those in the chiropractic profession who work tirelessly to strengthen our health care options and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CROCKETT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 50
YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in recognition of a school that has been devoted to achievement since 1949—Crockett Elementary School.

Going into their next half of a century, the elementary school in the Bryan Independent School District of Texas has quite a list of accomplishments. In 1993, Crockett Elementary received recognition by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association for their Inclusion Program. The school piloted the program in 1991, which received the "Exemplary Innovative Practices for Special Needs Students" award, to incorporate their philosophy that all children even those with special needs can learn in a regular education classroom. Also, one of their high achievements is the National Exemplary Award winning H.O.S.T.S. program, which has been on campus for five years. The Helping One Student to Succeed program consists of 200 community members coming in weekly to read with children.

Evident in their quantity and quality of awards, the Crockett faculty and staff act jointly to make their initiatives successful. They also have a very active Parent Teacher Organization. As the only inclusion school in Bryan ISD, parents and teachers have spoken at local and national conferences. In effect parents and teachers from all over Texas come to witness the Inclusion Program in action and model their own after Crockett's example.

The Texas A&M University College of Education designated Crockett as a Professional Development School in their program—they are the first elementary school designated. In promoting higher education, The Janell Gallion Scholarship Fund, which is funded by student and faculty support, is given annually to a Bryan High School graduate that attended Crockett Elementary. The scholarship was named after the school's dedicated librarian who, as they describe it, "fought cancer to the very end and never let it affect her work with students."

Mr. Speaker, I commend the faculty, staff, parents, and students for making Crockett Elementary such a landmark of achievement in the State of Texas. They have set an example for all schools and communities to recognize, and I hope make applicable to their own systems.

TRIBUTE TO ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Cecilia School, which has nobly served the community in Clare, Michigan, for 50 wonderful years.

During its 50 year history this school has endured many challenges, but through the love of the surrounding community it has sur-

vived, growing from a one-room church in the 1900's to a magnificent building where not only the youth of Clare but also much of the Catholic community are educated.

It is clear that St. Cecilia's has been a strong pillar of the community and its services have reached above the dreams and ideals of its founders. It has given back to Clare citizens starting with the very first week it opened in 1950. Teachers and staff have continued excellent service throughout the years, providing an active learning environment that has produced successful, well-rounded students who have continually scored in the highest percentiles on standardized tests.

I commend the St. Cecilia School for its 50 years of excellent service. The teachers, staff and parents have shown students how to integrate academics with Christian values, and have paved the way for successful citizens and an enlightened town, leaving behind a highly respected reputation embedded in each member of the community.

I wish them the very best as they embark on their second half-century.

HONORING FORMER COLORADO
CONGRESSMAN, BYRON L. JOHNSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember a former U.S. Congressman from Colorado who recently passed away at the age of 82.

Byron Johnson was born on October 12, 1917 in Chicago, IL. He moved with his family to Wisconsin at the age of 10. He earned a bachelor, masters, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. From 1942 to 1947, Byron worked in Washington, DC in the Budget Bureau and the Social Security Administration.

In 1947, Byron and his wife, Kay, moved to Denver, CO so that Byron could pursue a teaching position at the University of Denver.

Byron served in the 86th Congress of the United States. He later served 12 years as a CU Regent and two years on the Regional Transportation District board of directors.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Byron Johnson, a man who loved his country and his State. Byron gave immeasurably to the State of Colorado and for that he will long be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND FRED
L. SHUTTLESWORTH, A GREAT
LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, a community leader who will be honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 4, 2000, by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. He was selected for his outstanding community service, business and

civic accomplishments, awareness of the needs of others, and achievements that have brought favorable attention to the Cincinnati area.

A native of Alabama, Rev. Shuttlesworth moved to the Cincinnati area in 1961 to pastor at the Revelation Baptist Church. In 1966, he founded the Greater New Light Baptist Church in Avondale where he continues to lead worship. He has four children.

Rev. Shuttlesworth earned a bachelor's degree in science from Alabama State University in 1951. He went on to do graduate work at Alabama State and then received seminary training at Cedar Grove Academy and Selma University.

The Rev. Shuttlesworth is perhaps best known for his heroic work as a civil rights leader. Many place him among the "big three" in the civil rights movement—next to Dr. Martin Luther King and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Willing to risk his life for freedom and equality, the Rev. Shuttlesworth was nearly killed three times, jailed more than 25 times, and endured more than 36 criminal and civil actions. Words such as bravery do little to capture the conviction and heroism that Rev. Shuttlesworth exhibits.

A sampling of Rev. Shuttlesworth's accomplishments include the organization of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights in 1956, which was founded in response to Alabama politicians outlawing of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1957, he was one of five organizers of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference where he still serves as a member of its National Board. In addition, he served for several years as a member of the National Advisory Board of Congress on Racial Equality. But he has also been actively involved in our community and I have seen firsthand his good works. In 1988, Rev. Shuttlesworth established The Shuttlesworth Housing Foundation to help needy families afford down payments for the purchase of homes. As of November 1999, Rev. Shuttlesworth helped over 460 low-income families become homeowners.

In June of 1988, the City of Birmingham renamed Huntsville Road "F.L. Shuttlesworth Drive," and on November 14, 1992, Birmingham dedicated an 8-foot statue of Rev. Shuttlesworth at the opening of its Civil Rights Institute. In 1998, the City of Cincinnati renamed North and South Crescent Avenues as "Fred Shuttlesworth Circle."

Rev. Shuttlesworth says that he has done "little" and he professes to do "more and . . . all I can until I leave here." Cincinnati is blessed by the Rev. Shuttlesworth's leadership and good will. We are most fortunate for his service and commitment to our nation and local community.

REGARDING ROY AND JOANN MITTE

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and pay tribute to two Brownsville

benefactors, Roy and JoAnn Mitte. Roy, who grew up in the city of Brownsville, moved away, but returns to pay a debt of gratitude by donating \$3 million dollars toward the renovation of Dean Porter Park, a park he remembers from his youth.

Like so many citizens of Brownsville, Roy has very fond memories of the park, a park many also know as Ringgold Park. After 30 years, Brownsville citizens are getting together to renovate, restore and recreate the park to serve as a central retreat for all to enjoy. A plan has been designed to better meet the needs of our growing community for future generations to come.

When Roy used to play in the park, he was a beneficiary of the benevolence of the Sams Memorial Foundation, named after a family who were the first benefactors to enhance the then Ringgold Park; now as an adult he is contributing to the first big renovation since 1960.

Almost anyone you talk to who has grown up in Brownsville has a story about their experiences at Ringgold Park. In years past, it was the central meeting place to play at the playground, swim at the largest pool in town and attend social functions at the pavilion, a popular meeting place at the park.

It is also the location of the Camille Lightner Playhouse, the city's only theater which is still active in presenting dramatic plays. Now, many years later, it is in serious need of renovation and repair. It is my privilege to pay tribute and express gratitude to the Mittes for their generous contribution which will go a long way toward refurbishing a park that is loved by so many.

I would also like to commend the efforts of the Dean Porter Park Renovation Committee for their initiation of this project and their ongoing efforts to revitalize this park which means so much to so many people. Our lives, and the lives of those who follow us here in Brownsville, will truly be enriched by the efforts of the Mittes and their generosity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for one vote today, Thursday, January 27, missing rollcall 1 on which I would have voted "present".

NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY MONTH

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Biotechnology Month. Biotechnology is revolutionizing the quality of life for millions of people around the world. The United States, and Washington State in particular, is home to some of the leading biotechnology companies in the world.

Biotechnology is revolutionizing every facet of medicine, from diagnosis to treatment of all diseases, not just bacterial infections. It is detailing life at the molecular level and someday will take much of the guesswork out of disease management and treatment. The implications for health care are greater than any milestone in medical history.

Take cancer, for example. The first biotechnology medicines have been used in conjunction with surgery, chemotherapy and radiation to enhance their effectiveness, lessen adverse side effects and reduce the chances of cancer recurrence. Future biotech cancer drugs, however, such as vaccines that prevent abnormal cell growth, may make traditional treatments obsolete.

In cardiovascular diseases, biotech drugs that either dissolve or prevent blood clots in the treatment of heart attacks are being applied to cases of ischemic stroke, reducing brain damage and hospital recovery time. Another biotech medicine is proving successful in late-stage clinical trials for angina and may represent the first new class of drugs to treat that condition since introduction of calcium channel blockers in the 1970's.

Advancements in research on inflammatory diseases also have yielded first-of-a-kind drugs to treat multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Other medicines in late-stage clinical trials block the start of the molecular cascade that triggers inflammation's tissue damaging effects in numerous disease states.

In treatment of infectious diseases, biotechnology is leading the attack on the alarming problem of drug-resistant bacteria, creating antibiotics to take the place of those no longer effective. It also has revealed the genetic composition of bacteria and viruses, making the search for new remedies more efficient. Most biotech drugs are designed to treat our most devastating and intractable illnesses. In many cases these medicines would be the first ever therapies for those diseases.

In my home of Washington State, there are 116 biotechnology companies that employ over 7,000 people. Employment in Washington State biotechnology and medical technology industry is projected to increase to nearly 20,000 workers by 2005. Thousands of patient lives have been improved or saved by the relatively new products produced by Washington biotechnology companies. These products include Enbrel for rheumatoid arthritis, Leukine for cancer, and TOBI for cystic fibrosis. This number is expected to grow exponentially as more products are approved for market.

It is vital that Congress and the administration take into account the developments and advancements in this industry and work to encourage the massive amount of private capital being invested in these medical breakthroughs. Congress can help by fully supporting federal investments in math and science education, research performed at public universities and the National Institutes of Health. Congress should work with the Administration to modernize the drug approval process and to make sure that the Medicare system takes advantage of the potential cost savings brought forth by developments in the biotechnology industry.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of National Biotechnology Month and look forward to the next great news in the newspapers of tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBIE STERNE, A
GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Bobbie Sterne, a community leader who will be honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 4, 2000, by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. She was selected for her outstanding community service, business and civic accomplishments, awareness of the needs of others, and achievements that have brought favorable attention to the Cincinnati area.

Mrs. Sterne grew up in Moran, Ohio, and currently resides in North Avondale. She graduated from Akron City Hospital School of Nursing and attended both the University of Akron and the University of Cincinnati. She and her husband, the late Dr. Eugene Sterne, have two daughters. During World War II, she served at the rank of first lieutenant with the 25th General Hospital Unit in Europe.

Mrs. Sterne has made a difference in the community of Cincinnati—particularly through her 25 years of service as an elected official. She served on the Cincinnati City Council from 1971 to 1985 and then from 1987 to 1998 and in 1976, she became the first woman mayor of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Sterne has received numerous awards and honors, including the Citizen's committee on Youth's Most Valuable Citizen Award; Council of Jewish Women Hannah G. Solomon Award; Ohio Woman of the Year; Inquirer Woman of the Year; Ohio Woman Hall of Fame; YMCA's Career Women of Achievement; the Salvation Army's "Other" Award; the Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame; the Lighthouse Youth Services Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award; and the Alcoholism Council Tracy Bissell Memorial Award, among others.

Mrs. Sterne still actively serves the community on numerous boards, including the Charter Committee; Government Relations Committee of the Community Chest; Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Woman Sports Association Board; the Ohio United Way Board; the Hamilton County Department of Human Services Planning Committee; the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati; the Fountain Square Fund Restoration Committee; and Chair of the Emergency Service Coalition.

Mrs. Sterne's commitment to community service was instilled at an early age. In her family, one was brought up to "leave the world a better place than you found it." Mrs. Sterne has certainly succeeded in doing so in our community. Cincinnati is grateful for her leadership, service, and commitment.

REGARDING SAN ANTONIO INS
OFFICE

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great team of public servants in San Antonio, Texas, at the San Antonio District Office of the Immigration and Naturaliza-

tion (INS) Service, who were the recipients of three separate national awards for excellence bestowed by INS this year.

Each year, the Commissioner of INS confers national awards for excellence honoring employees for their outstanding performance.

The employees of the Citizenship/Naturalization Unit were honored with the Commissioner's Challenge Award for Immigration Services for reducing the waiting times for all citizenship/naturalization applications and for demonstrating an overall commitment to quality.

The same unit was honored with Vice President GORE's "Hammer Award" in June of last year for their innovative program to reach out to military applicants who often face transfer overseas or a deadline to reach citizenship before re-enlistment. Getting the waiting time for applications down is a minor miracle. The wait for those wishing to process documents with the INS has been 18 months or more for the past few years.

Port Director Ramon T. Juarez was honored with the Commissioner's Challenge Award for Border Facilitation, for his outstanding efforts in managing the Laredo Port of Entry. The Port reduced the waiting time for applicants for admission to 20 minutes or less.

San Antonio Investigative Assistant Jerome Bass was honored as Employee of the Year in the Administrative/Technological category. His peers say Bass has an "unselfish attitude and willingness to lend a hand." His dedication to the job brought him national attention.

These three awards are indicative of the dedication of the 432 employees in the San Antonio office. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending them for providing the best in government services.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM J. BROWN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of William J. Brown, former Ohio Attorney General, who passed away last week. He was a man who had the ability to bring true integrity and a human quality to politics.

Born as a natural leader, Brown perfected the ability to get his point across in as little time as possible and still maintain context that was regarded as "true genius". He had the natural ability to motivate those around him with his focus and drive. Although he always had his heart and his mind focused on his goals, he refused to give in to the negativity of his work and kept the working environment free from strain and strife.

William Brown had strong feelings and was dedicated to "Ending the Political Pollution in Ohio". It was through this issue that Brown was able to embrace the environment, soon after the first Earth Day was held in 1970. His career was colorful, successful and he was known for having strong views and the ability to back them up. Brown was a talented agent for public service. He selflessly gave of his time and support to many issues and was a strong supporter of team work.

It is with a heavy heart that I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in remembering William J. Brown. His memory will truly endure in the hearts of all that he was able to touch.

HONORING MICHAEL F. MARKO

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues a fire-fighting legend, Michael F. Marko, who was honored by family and friends on January 4 as he celebrated his retirement as assistant fire chief for the 30th Space Wing that is located in my congressional district.

Michael Marko faithfully served the 30th Space Wing for 33 years. He participated in and commanded the safe mitigation of more than 12,800 fire emergencies during his years of service. Michael has also been an integral member of the Vandenberg Professional Firefighters Local F-116 since 1971 and has been instrumental in working for the rights union members now enjoy. In honor of his many years of service to the union, Michael was awarded by his colleagues a lifetime membership. Through his actions, he saved numerous lives and billions of dollars in Defense Department assets. Michael also personally supervised the launch of countless Delta, Titan, and Peacekeeping rockets, enhancing America's national security. We have Michael Marko to thank for ensuring a permanent American presence in space that will continue to grow in this new century.

Mr. Speaker, as impressive as any complete accounting of Michael's accomplishments would be, it would not do justice to the long lasting and immeasurable contributions he has made to the 30th Space Wing. I am truly honored to represent Mr. Marko in Washington. I send my most heartfelt appreciation on behalf of the 30th Space Wing, the community of Vandenberg, and the people of Santa Barbara County for his hard work and dedicated service. I know that Michael's leadership will be missed by the 30th Space Wing of Santa Barbara County.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES MECHEM,
JR., A GREAT LIVING CIN-
CINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles Mechem, Jr., a dear friend and community leader who will be honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 4, 2000, by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. He was selected for this honor because of his outstanding business accomplishments, awareness of the needs of others, community service, civic accomplishments and contributions that have increased the quality of life in Cincinnati and Southwest Ohio.

Mr. Mechem grew up in Nelsonville, Ohio, and currently lives in Clifton with his wife, Marilyn. They have three children. A graduate of Miami University and Yale Law School, Mr. Mechem has had a most distinguished career, bringing business and entertainment to the Greater Cincinnati area. Mr. Mechem likes to say he has enjoyed four careers: as a partner

at Taft, Stettinius & Hollister; as CEO of Taft Broadcasting; as commissioner of the Ladies Professional Golf Association; and in his own words, "life after that"—which includes serving as Chairman of the Board at Convergys and as the personal business adviser to golf legend Arnold Palmer.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Mechem has focused on bringing entertainment opportunities to the Cincinnati area. As he puts it, he "was motivated . . . to do things that made this community a fun place to live in." Mr. Mechem was instrumental in bringing the Cincinnati Bengals franchise to town; spearheading the vision and construction of Kings Island; and helping to provide the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra a new home at Riverbend by donating the site adjacent to Coney Island. Nationally, Mr. Mechem worked tirelessly for five years with the LPGA to lead a national resurgence of interest in the game.

In the business community, Mr. Mechem served Cincinnati as President of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce in 1977 and Co-Chaired the Chamber's Blue Chip Campaign from 1979–86. His other leadership roles include: National Chairman, Miami University Goals for Enrichment Campaign; President, Family Service; Co-Chair, Cincinnati Business Committee; and Founder/President of the Greater Cincinnati Sports & Events Commission. In addition to being the Chairman of the Board at Convergys, Mr. Mechem also serves on the Board of Directors at Mead Corp., Ohio National Life Insurance, Arnold Palmer Golf Co., The J.M. Smucker Co. and Myers Y. Cooper Company.

All of us in Cincinnati are grateful to him for his full devotion and service to community.

REGARDING ALBERTO GALVAN

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the lifetime of service of Alberto Galvan, the district manager for the Brownsville-Harlingen area for the Social Security Administration (SSA). Alberto has served the Federal Government for 35 years, retiring just last month.

A son of South Texas, born in Harlingen, Alberto was in the United States Air Force (USAF) prior to his service to the Federal Government. In the Air Force, he attended USAF Russian Language School and served in electronic intelligence during his duty in Japan. That would have been impressive duty in those days, our forward listening post to spy on the communists in the Soviet Union.

This man who loves his country began working for the Social Security Administration in 1970, where he has worked ever since, winning the SSA Commissioner's Citation, the SSA Regional Commissioner's Citation (twice), and the Outstanding Officer Award (four times).

Aside from his many awards, Mr. Galvan has a great deal of contact with my Brownsville district office. As all of you know, the success of our district offices rises and falls on the relationship they have with individuals within the SSA. Thanks to Alberto Galvan, and the wonderful people in my district office, that relationship is strong indeed. The SSA man-

ages the nation's social insurance program, consisting of retirement, survivors, and disability insurance programs; so, the ties that bind our interests are quite strong.

I want to thank Alberto today for being a really nice man and always being responsive to our inquiries. He takes calls from my office himself and has been largely responsible for training my staff members who deal with Social Security issues. He oversees all of Cameron and Willacy counties in the lower Rio Grande Valley but is primarily responsible for the Brownsville area up to Rancho Viejo, Texas.

Since he left the Air Force, Alberto has found another way to put the Russian he learned there to good use. Today, he is the only Russian translator in the Dallas Region of the SSA and is often sent documents to translate, usually birth certificates.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending this outstanding patriot who has made a career serving our great country, first in uniform, and for the last 30 years, administering the Federal social insurance program in South Texas.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IDEA FULL FUNDING ACT OF 2000

HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the IDEA Full Funding Act of 2000. This legislation provides an additional \$2 billion a year for ten years to reach full funding of IDEA by 2010.

In 1972, two landmark cases, *PARC v. State of Pennsylvania* and *Mills v. Board of Education* found that children with disabilities are guaranteed an equal opportunity to an education under the 14th amendment. In response to these cases, Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, the predecessor of today's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), to assist state and local governments in meeting their responsibility to these children by agreeing to pay up to 40 percent of the cost of educating children with disabilities. However, to date, the federal government has never contributed more than 12.6 percent. States and school districts make up the difference.

For instance, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) currently spends approximately \$891 million to educate 81,000 disabled students. While the district receives approximately \$500 million from the state and \$42 million from the federal government for that purpose, it must tap into funds intended for other education programs to make up the \$300 million shortfall. School districts all across the nation face similar dilemmas. Therefore, I am introducing this legislation to put us on a course for full funding by 2010.

As we move into the 21st Century, we must make critical decisions about the priorities of this nation. In countries like Japan and China, education is a top priority, above even defense. This year alone, the U.S. Department of Defense will ask for \$11 billion in new spending and according to OMB's most recent estimates, we can expect an \$80 billion budget surplus for FY 2000. Surely we can spare an

additional \$2 billion a year to ensure a brighter future for all Americans.

CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REGULATORY INFORMATION ACT OF 2000

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 2000," a bill to aid Congress in analyzing Federal regulations and to ensure the public's understanding of the legal effect of agency guidance documents. To accomplish the former, the bill requires an analytic report to Congress by the General Accounting Office (GAO) on selected important agency proposed and final rules. To accomplish the latter, the bill requires the agencies to include a notice of nonbinding effect on each agency guidance document without any general applicability or future effect.

On May 22, 1997, Representative SUE KELLY introduced H.R. 1704, the "Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act." On March 11, 1998, the House Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, which I chair, held a hearing on this bill. Rep. KELLY testified at the hearing that the analytic function will "help Congress deal with an increasingly complex and burdensome regulatory system. It will give Congress the resources it needs to oversee the regulations that the Executive Branch issues on a regular basis and facilitate use of the Congressional Review Act." She also stated that it "would provide a second opinion" of the agency's analysis of the impact of a rule. On March 13, 1998, the House Committee on the Judiciary reported an amended version of the bill and issued a report (H. Rept. 105-441, Part I). On June 3, 1998, the House Government Reform Committee reported a further amended version of the bill and issued a report (H. Rept. 105-441, Part II). There was no further action on the bill during 1998 and 1999.

The "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 2000" is introduced to respond to some criticisms of the earlier bill, especially about the creation of a new Congressional agency. Instead, the "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 2000" places the analytical function within GAO, which, since March 1996, has been charged with certain related functions under the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

Congress has delegated to the agencies the responsibility of writing regulations. However, regulations need to be carefully analyzed before they are issued. Under the CRA, Congress has the responsibility to review regulations and ensure that they achieve their goals in the most efficient and effective way. But, Congress has been unable to fully carry out its responsibility because it has neither all of the information it needs to carefully evaluate regulations nor sufficient staff for this function. Under my bill, GAO will be tasked with reviewing agency cost-benefit analyses and alternative approaches to the agencies' chosen regulatory alternatives.

The "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 2000" has a companion bill on the Senate side, S. 1198, the "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 1999." This bill was introduced by Senators SHELBY, BOND, and LOTT on June 9, 1999 and then renamed and reported by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee as the "Truth in Regulating Act of 1999" on December 7, 1999. The House and Senate bills are both intended to promote effective Congressional oversight of important regulatory decisions.

In addition, the House version includes a provision to ensure that public's understanding of the effect of agency guidance documents (such as guidance, guidelines, manuals, and handbooks). It requires agencies to include a notice on the first page of each agency guidance document to make clear that, if the document has no general applicability or future effect, it is not legally binding. Under the CRA, "rules" subject to Congressional review are broadly defined to include not only regulatory actions subject to statutory notice and comment but also other agency actions that contain statements of general applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy. Unfortunately, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), despite a 1999 Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act directive to do so, has still not issued adequate guidance to the agencies on the requirement to submit to Congress any noncodified guidance document with any general applicability or future effect.

As a consequence, on October 8, 1999, the Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs began an investigation of the agencies' use of noncodified documents, including the specific explanations within each of these documents regarding their legal effect. I asked the General Counsels of the Departments of Labor (DOL) and Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to submit their noncodified documents issued since the March 1996 enactment of the CRA and to indicate which were submitted to Congress under the CRA. DOL and DOT asked that I narrow my request; as a consequence, I asked for only those documents issued by DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Both DOL and DOT admitted that none of their 1,641 and 1,225 guidance documents respectively, had any legal effect and none was submitted to Congress for review under the CRA. Now, nearly four months later, EPA has still not completely produced its guidance documents. The investigation also revealed that the absence of any legal effect was not clear to the public. In fact, only 11 percent of OSHA's guidance documents included any discussion of legal effect and only 7 percent had this discussion at the beginning of the document. On February 15, 2000, I will be holding a hearing to examine DOL's use of guidance documents as a possible backdoor approach to regulating the public.

Let me conclude by thanking Representative SUE KELLY of New York, Chairwoman of the Small Business Committee's Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, for her leadership in this area in 1997 and 1998.

TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP DANIEL E. PILARCZYK

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to rise in tribute to Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop.

During his forty years in the priesthood, Archbishop Pilarczyk has compiled an impressive and distinguished history of service to the church and the community. After eight years of service as Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, he became Archbishop in 1982. He is the spiritual leader of 550,000 Catholics in more than 200 parishes, and he manages close to 7,500 workers in Ohio. In addition, he has served as president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as chairman of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy.

Archbishop Pilarczyk is a strong believer in education and has made it one of his top priorities during his time at the helm of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which is the ninth largest Catholic school system in the country. He has served our community in so many other ways including serving on the boards of St. Rita's School for the Deaf, the Pontifical College Josephinum, Catholic University of America and the coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati.

He holds a masters degree from Xavier University and a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati, as well as seven honorary degrees. In addition, he has authored 18 books as well as numerous articles.

Daniel Pilarczyk is a Southwest Ohio native and he has given so much back to our community. I've had the chance to work with him in his role as founding board member of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati where he made an important contribution as a thoughtful and dedicated board member and a person with a sincere interest in our youth and their future.

All of us in Southwest Ohio wish Archbishop Pilarczyk the very best on the 25th anniversary of his ordination as bishop. We are proud to count him as one of our true religious, spiritual, and community leaders.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIVATE RELIEF BILL

HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a private relief bill for Gui Di Chen which will allow her to adjust status to permanent resident as an immediate relative of a U.S. citizen. Ms. Chen's husband, Robert Lem, died before the immigration and naturalization service could approve his wife's petition to become a permanent resident.

Under our immigration law, the INS cannot adjudicate Gui Di Chen's petition because she was married less than two years to Robert Lem before he passed away. The fact that Ms. Chen lived with Mr. Lem for three years does not matter under the eyes of the law. Without

the enactment of this private relief bill, Ms. Chen faces a dire and uncertain future in China, a country she hasn't been to in nearly ten years.

There is, moreover, ample precedent for such relief. For instance, the 105th Congress passed and the President signed into law at least two private relief bills, H.R. 1794 (Private Law 105-7) and H.R. 1834 (Private Law 105-8), that allowed the widowed alien spouses of Americans to adjust status to permanent resident. In both of these cases, the alien spouses were married less than two years to their U.S. citizen spouses.

Mr. Speaker, Gui Di Chen's case is compounded by a tale of woe and misfortune that rivals a Greek tragedy. In less than eight years, Ms. Chen has lost two husbands who died suddenly and before her immigrant petitions could be processed. In 1990, Ms. Chen and her son joined her husband, Zheng-Ming Wu, in the United States. Mr. Wu was completing a graduate degree at the time. Mr. Wu was fortunate enough to find an employer who filed an employer-based immigrant petition on his behalf. However, on September 6, 1991, just five days before Gui Di Chen, her son and husband were scheduled for an INS immigrant interview, Mr. Wu was killed in a car accident.

According to the police report that was filed, Mr. Wu was driving on the San Bernardino Freeway and developed car trouble. His car was stopped in an H.O.V. lane when he was rear-ended by an 18-year-old who was driving on a suspended license and without insurance. Ms. Chen received no compensation for her husband's death. In addition, the INS told Ms. Chen and her son that their application for permanent resident status was denied due to the death of Mr. Wu.

After the tragic loss of her first husband, Gui Di Chen was fortunate enough to fall in love again. Mr. Lem and Ms. Chen were married on March 31, 1997. Tragedy would strike once again when Mr. Lem died of a heart attack on June 16, 1998. Not only did Ms. Chen lose her husband, she also lost the opportunity to become a permanent resident.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that Gui Di Chen is not victimized once again by the vagaries of fate and is allowed to finally adjust to permanent resident status. She deserves nothing less.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, SPANGLER, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, on December 17, 1999, the Holy Cross Parish celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Church of the Holy Cross, Spangler, Pennsylvania.

Throughout our area and our Nation, we find such churches as the centers of our community, the fabric of our community spirit, and the strength of families. The Church of the Holy Cross has celebrated 2,735 baptisms, 622 weddings. It has held 1,332 funerals to send its faithful home. These events chronicle the history of the families in the region.

Plans for the present church structure were drawn by architect William East and built by John S. Drumm at a cost of \$4,800 according to the contract signed on July 8, 1899. On December 17th of that year, the Rt. Reverend Leander Scherr, O.S.B., Archabbott, St. Vincent Archabbey of Latrobe, dedicated the church. It was served by the Benedictine Fathers of St. Vincent Archabbey until 1984 and since then by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

The strength of our great nation comes not from decisions made in Washington, but from the enduring community strength, family commitments and individual ideals to which our house of worship provided the central underpinnings. The Church of the Holy Cross has been a part of that national strength for one hundred years; an integral factor in the growth of our nation and our region of Pennsylvania.

It is an honor for me to recognize the continuing role of the Church of the Holy Cross, of the church's twenty-fifth pastor, Father David J. Arseneault, and the individuals in the Parish that have made the Church of the Holy Cross endure for 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL (RETIRED) LAVERN E. WEBER

HON. ERNEST J. ISTOOK, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a great American, former Adjutant General of Oklahoma, previous Director of the Army National Guard, prior Chief of the National Guard Bureau and past Executive Director of the National Guard Association of the United States.

Lieutenant General Weber, a native of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma, was the first Three-Star General to head the National Guard Bureau. He held that post from August 1974 until August

1982. He continued his service at United States Forces Command until his retirement on June 30, 1984, which concluded 42 years of military service with the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps Reserve and the Army National Guard.

Lieutenant General Weber served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. After the war, he joined the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th infantry division. His unit was called to active duty September 1950 and then Captain Weber was soon serving as a Company Commander, and later the Operations and Training Officer. During a combat tour in Korea, he was promoted to the rank of Major a month before his release from active duty in June 1952 when he returned to National Guard Status in the Oklahoma National Guard.

He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in December 1955 and was assigned as assistant intelligence officer, 45th Infantry Division. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on May 15, 1959, and in April 1961 was assigned as Chief of Personnel, 45th Infantry Division, and served in that position until November 1964. He became Chief of Staff, 45th Infantry Division with his promotion to Colonel on November 18, 1964.

On March 8, 1965, he was promoted to Major General, concurrent with his appointment as the Adjutant General of Oklahoma. He served in that position until his appointment as Director of the Army National Guard, in October 1971.

On June 29, 1979, the Chief of Staff U.S. Army promoted him to Lieutenant General, the grade at which he would retire in 1984. He was appointed as the full-time Executive Director of NGAUS effective July 1, 1984. In the past few years, he had been a consultant on national defense matters.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—Lieutenant General Lavern Weber.

SALUTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER JOHN MCGUIRE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues today to join me in recognizing the public service record of one of our own—a recently-retired employee of the House of Representatives, a member of my staff, John McGuire.

Although John has left public service and gone on to another stage in life in which he now focuses his energy entirely on family and friendly pursuits, he has left behind a record of admirable service.

Over the course of his professional career, and in addition to his time on my staff, he has brought great credit to the federal government. He has helped me understand the importance of our debt to veterans and he has excelled at constituent service in general.

A combat U.S. Marine veteran, John was indeed a very special liaison for me with the community of veterans who live in Central New York. But his camaraderie with those who have served our nation never limited his reach. For many Central New Yorkers, John has been the federal government's helping hand.

We who count ourselves among his friends are proud of his natural tendency to open his door to others in hours of need. His empathy has been matched only by his skills, his concern matched only by his optimism, and his value as an employee matched only by the good he does for others who are his friends.

The United States of America, the greatest country on earth, is strengthened by patriots and civil servants like John McGuire. Thank God for that. I join others of his admirers in recognizing his contributions and thanking him for his selfless dedication to principle and public service.

Rights, we should convert all of the tax deductions to credits, so that those who seek to use these tax incentives are all on a level playing field, and so that the Treasury's scarce resources go to those most in need of help.

The following is data from a March, 1999 report to HHS prepared by LifePlans, Inc., entitled, "A Descriptive Analysis of Patterns of Informal and Formal Caregiving among Privately Insured and Non-Privately Insured Disabled Elders Living in the Community." The data shows how LTC insurance is disproportionately held by those in the upper incomes and with the most assets—and how deductions will help those people far more than they will help the lower income. A credit would be a far fairer tool to help encourage the purchase of LTC insurance.

Socio-demographic characteristics	All privately-insured home care claimants (in percent)	All elders age 65 and over (in percent) ^{1,2}
Race:		
White (not Hispanic)	97	85
Non-White	3	15
Living arrangement:	(n=694)	
Alone	34	34
With spouse	44	53
With relative	11	13
Other	11	
Total income:	(n=492)	
≤\$30,000	52	65
>\$30,000	48	35
Total income:	(n=432)	
Less than \$10,500	7	319
\$10,501—\$19,999	22	28
\$20,000—\$30,000	28	19
\$30,001—\$39,999	13	11
\$40,000—\$49,999	9	8
\$50,000—\$74,999	11	8
≥75,000	10	8
Estimated current value of home:	(n=431)	
Less than \$50,000	7	425
\$50,000—\$99,999	28	37
\$100,000—\$149,999	19	18
\$150,000—\$199,999	13	10
\$200,000—\$249,999	11	4
≥\$250,000	22	7

¹ AOA (1998). *Prolife of Older Americans*. Washington, D.C.

² LifePlans, Inc. analysis of 1995 survey of 1,000 randomly selected individuals age 65 and over.

³ Money Income in the United States: 1997 Current Population Reports, Consumer Income. Note that data from census table is interpolated to assure comparability of intervals. Also note that among claimants, 15% of the respondents who were willing to indicate whether their income was greater or less than \$30,000 were not willing to answer the more detailed income questions. That is why there is a difference between the estimate for the proportion reporting incomes less than or equal to \$30,000 (52%) and the estimate derived when summing answers for those answering the detailed income question.

⁴ American Housing Survey for the U.S. in 1995. U.S. Census Bureau.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE LOIS
DEICKE

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Lois Deicke, a long-time resident of Broward County, Florida, who passed away this past New Year's Eve at the age of 82. Lois will undoubtedly be remembered as one of the most prominent and generous philanthropists in South Florida.

A native of Houston, Texas, Lois moved to Illinois where she met her husband Edwin. Together, they moved to Plantation, Florida, around 1960 after a successful career as an insurance executive. Their impact was felt immediately in the South Florida community, as the Deickes exhibited an overwhelming generosity in donating to a variety of civic, philanthropic, and humanitarian causes.

Throughout her time in South Florida, Lois and her husband both contributed to nonprofit

agencies and projects throughout the community, patronizing the arts, cultural programming, and even research to benefit the disabled. Lois originally began her charitable work by giving to the West Broward Symphony Guild and the Plantation Community Church. She also made a substantial contribution to the city's community center, now commonly referred to as Deicke Auditorium.

Indeed, many organizations have benefitted from their relationship to Lois Deicke throughout the years. She actively supported the Broward Public Library Foundation, the Broward County Cultural Affairs Council, Holy Cross Hospital, and Nova Southeastern University, where she built the Deicke Dorm at the Ralph Baudhuin Oral School. It is also interesting to note that, though Lois was very proud of her residency in Plantation, by no means did her charity stop at South Florida's borders. She also gave to Midwestern universities and charities, founding the Deicke Center for Nursing Education at Elmhurst College in Illinois.

Particularly gratifying is the fact that Lois and her husband both showed a strong interest in programs for the deaf and blind. This interest was undoubtedly rooted in personal struggles: both she and her husband, who passed away in 1984, suffered from hearing loss. Her personal experiences led Lois to form a strong bond with the Fort Lauderdale Lighthouse for the Blind. In 1994, the Lighthouse formally recognized the extraordinary efforts she made in remodeling their facilities, another example of Lois Deicke freely giving of herself for the betterment of others.

Mr. Speaker, Lois Deicke's life can be characterized by her selfless devotion to others and, for that especially, we all owe her a debt of gratitude. Though the South Florida community is undoubtedly saddened by her passing, we should all rejoice in Lois' accomplishments and thank her for her tireless work improving the community around her.

COLORADO'S 2000 TEACHER OF THE
YEAR, CRAIG COSWELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Craig Coswell, who was recently named Colorado's 2000 Teacher of the Year.

Craig's innovative teaching methods are what likely earned him this wonderful award. In Craig's class, the textbooks stay closed. Instead, for instance, he charges his students with finding out who fired the first shot of the Revolutionary War by passing out eyewitness testimony of some of the British and Colonial soldiers who fought the famous Battle of Lexington. Innovative approaches like this have made Craig a wonderful asset to his school and our community.

Additionally, Craig does not test the same way as other teachers; instead, he gives "quests". These are a combination of tests and quizzes that measure if students are getting the major points of the material, rather than quoting memorization.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Craig Coswell for his dedication to the

education of our youth and congratulations on receiving the Colorado 2000 Teacher of the Year. His commitment to the future of this great nation is deeply commendable and highly admirable. We are all grateful for his passionate service.

IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S "IRELAND'S 32" MILLENNIUM HONOREE, MR. ROCCO COVIELLO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Rocco Coviello of Bayonne, NJ, on being named one of this year's "Ireland's 32" Millennium honorees.

Using his success as a businessman and a proprietor, Mr. Coviello is recognized as a community leader and activist. Perhaps his most prided project, Mr. Coviello has tirelessly promoted the ideals and goals of the Milestones Program, an organization that treats developmentally impaired children. This early intervention program is a full service program, which affords families a resource center, as well as in-home treatment for children suffering from disabilities.

Through Mr. Coviello's efforts, the Milestones Program recently financed a building of its own in Bayonne to house the facility, resource center, and treatment areas. In September 1999, the building was dedicated as Chandelier House, in honor of Mr. Coviello's work.

In addition to the Milestones Program, Mr. Coviello has spearheaded the Chandelier Charity Golf Committee and has raised funds for charities, such as the Scoliosis National Foundation, the D.A.R.E Program, the Bayonne Police Vest Fund, and the Hudson County Hospice.

Mr. Coviello is an active member of the Bayonne Chapter of the Unico Club, as well as the local Rotary Club. He also serves as a board member of the Bayonne Hospital Foundation and is a member of the Bayonne Parking Authority.

Born in Summit, Mr. Coviello attended Summit High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University at Madison. He now lives in Bayonne with his wife, Janet, and their two children, Raquel and Rocky.

For his unyielding commitment to the Bayonne community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Rocco Coviello. His remarkable generosity on behalf of his community is truly inspiring.

LET'S STOP KILLING PATIENTS:
THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE
MAJOR SURGERIES TO BE DONE
IN HIGH VOLUME FACILITIES

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced legislation for Medicare to encourage patients to use certain hospitals that provide better outcomes for sophisticated surgical operations—

i.e., fewer people die in surgery or in recovery. In exchange for saving lives, and giving certain hospitals higher volume of patients, the hospitals will give Medicare, the taxpayer, and the beneficiary some savings. It is truly a win-win proposal.

But some—mostly those who stand to lose business—oppose the idea. To be blunt, that puts them on the side of killing people in order to help their bottom line. It is, Mr. Speaker, a truly immoral position for so-called health care providers to take.

And don't take my word for it. Following is a memo from a physician on my staff that reviews some of the academic literature on the subject:

IS QUALITY OF CARE AFFECTED BY HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIAN VOLUMES?

It is a mark of the advancement of medicine that we have come to nearly take for granted the availability of highly specialized and technical diagnostic investigations, medical therapies, and surgical interventions. However, when we individually confront health problems we justifiably want to know that our physician or hospital has adequate experience to make an accurate diagnosis, to make the most informed decision about what should be done and to carry out sophisticated surgical procedures. The question is, do high volume centers really have superior outcomes?

Fortunately, a large body of medical literature exists on the relationship between hospital volume, physician volume and outcomes. Optimal results clearly require physicians with specialized expertise and well-trained staff. High volume centers are more likely to offer a wider range of therapeutic options that result in more targeted therapy. For example, the patient with angina due to narrowing of the coronary arteries may be treated with medication alone, angioplasty, a stenting procedure or a coronary bypass and each of these options would be the optimal decision under the right conditions. The cardiologist or cardiovascular surgeon who has extensive experience with all of these options is likely to make the best therapeutic decision. Sophisticated surgical procedures demand highly-trained, close-working health teams drawing upon the expertise of many health professionals including anesthesiologists, nurses, rehabilitation therapists, respiratory therapists, and dietitians. Stable health care teams promote better collaboration, communication, and continuous quality improvement based upon experiential learning.

A massive study by Hughes and colleagues in 1987 analyzed 503,662 case records from 757 hospitals and demonstrated a statistically significant correlation between greater hospital volume and better patient outcome for 8 of 10 surgical procedures evaluated: coronary artery bypass graft, cardiac catheterization, appendectomy, hernia repair, hysterectomy intestinal operations, total hip replacement, and transurethral prostatectomy.

Twenty years ago (1979) in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Luft and colleagues reported that mortality following open-heart surgery, vascular surgery, and transurethral resection of the prostate, is reduced in high volume hospitals, with hospitals in which 200 or more of these operations performed annually having death rates 25-41 percent lower than low volume hospitals. Two decades ago, the authors concluded that the data supports the value of regionalization for these operations.

Numerous studies have specifically focused upon volume/outcome relationships in both medical and surgical interventions for car-

diac conditions: Jollis and colleagues (1994) evaluated 217,836 Medicare beneficiaries who underwent coronary angioplasty. Both in-hospital mortality and the rate of coronary bypass surgery following angioplasty were higher in low volume hospitals. These results indicated that if all study patients had received care in high volume hospitals, there would have been 381 fewer bypass operations and 300 fewer in-hospital deaths. These results were reproduced in papers by Cameron et al (1990) and Ellis et al (1997). Hannan and colleagues (1997) reported that both high hospital volume and high cardiologist volume were independently correlated with lower mortality following coronary angioplasty.

Showstack and colleagues (1987) analyzed the outcomes following 18,986 coronary bypass operations at 7 hospitals in California. They also found that higher volume hospitals had lower in-hospital mortality and concluded that the greatest improvement in average outcomes following bypass surgery would be achieved by closing low volume surgical units.

The significance of high physician volumes in determining outcome is highlighted by a series of papers examining patient outcomes following myocardial infarction: Jollis and colleagues (1996) examined mortality following MI for 220,535 Medicare patients and reported that patients treated by cardiologists were 12 percent less likely to die within one year than those treated by a primary care physician. Similarly, Casale and colleagues (1998) reported that following MI, treatment by a cardiologist resulted in a 17 percent reduction in hospital mortality. In addition, patients of all physicians who treated high volumes of patients with MI, had an 11 percent reduction in mortality. Nash and colleagues (1997) reported that not only mortality following MI was reduced by cardiologist's care, but also that these patients had a shorter length of hospital stay than those receiving care by primary care physicians. Both Thiemann et al and Chen et al in this year's *New England Journal of Medicine* also reported lower mortality following MI in higher volume hospitals or following admission to one of "America's Best Hospitals" for cardiology (as determined by U.S. News and World Report).

Children requiring surgical repair of congenital heart defects face a much lower risk of death when operated on in a hospital that performs more than 300 similar surgical procedures annually (Jenkins et al, 1995). Hannan and colleagues (1992) reported the identical relationship between hospital volume and mortality following abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery.

Cancer surgery frequently involves complex procedures which require special expertise. Accordingly, a number of studies have examined volume-outcome relationships following complex surgical oncologic procedures. Begg and colleagues (1998) analyzed the case reports of 5013 patients in the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER)-Medicare linked database including patients who underwent pancreatectomy, esophagectomy, pneumonectomy, liver resection or pelvic exenteration for cancers of the pancreas, esophagus, lung, colon, rectum and genitourinary tract. Higher hospital volume was associated with lower mortality for all surgical procedures except for pneumonectomy. The most striking results were for esophagectomy and for pancreatectomy where operative mortality rose from 3.4% to 17.3% and 5.8% to 12.9% respectively in low-volume vs. high-volume hospitals. The pancreatectomy results were reproduced this year by Simunovic et al. (1999).

It has been suggested that national referral centers be developed for pancreaticoduodenectomy, also known as the Whipple pro-

cedure. Hospital volume was found to strongly influence both perioperative risk and long-term survival following the Whipple procedure as reported by Birkmeyer and colleagues (1999). The relationship between hospital volume and outcome of hepatic resection for hepatocellular carcinoma were analyzed by Choti et al (1998) and Glasgow et al (1999). The mortality rate rose from 1.5% to 7.9% in procedures performed in high volume vs. low volume hospitals. Moreover, Glasgow reported that three quarters of patients with liver cancer were treated at low volume hospitals with a record of 3 or fewer hepatic resections per year.

The identical volume-outcome relationships have been reported for renal diseases. The Agency of Health Care Policy and Research recently sponsored a study regarding referrals and specialty care within the Medicare system. Avon (1999), reported that when patients with renal failure received late referral to a kidney specialist (nephrologist), their risk of death was 33% higher. Pediatric renal transplantation has also been scrutinized for volume-outcome relationships. Schurman and colleagues (1999) reported superior survival of the transplanted kidney in high volume centers performing more than 100 transplants annually.

Research supporting a strong relationship between high hospital/physician volumes and improved patient outcomes spans two decades and multiple medical specialties. Both medical and surgical care at institutions with lower levels of experience clearly increases the risk of poorer outcomes including death, in a diverse range of medical conditions. A review of the literature demonstrates that there is strong evidence to support the development and implementation of Centers of Excellence for a range of medical and surgical conditions.

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IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BOB GROSS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bob Gross, who passed away early last December at the age of 41. I am one of many who are saddened by this tremendous loss: South Florida has lost an outstanding community leader and activist.

Bob Gross is well known in Broward county as an energetic leader who was a strong presence at political club events and civic activities throughout South Florida. Demonstrating his large influence on politics in the State of Florida, Bob was president of the Young Democrats of Broward County. As President of the Broward Young Democrats (BYD), Bob's main responsibilities were membership recruitment, campaign training, candidate development, and event planning. In this vital position, he worked tirelessly to motivate the county party to become involved in many aspects of local, state, and national politics.

Bob was somewhat unique in the sense that he fully realized the importance of activism in society at large. Through his involvement in the BYD, he successfully promoted service to other young people. Because of Bob's hard work and dedication, the BYDs have formed an exemplary organization that fosters volunteerism and activities such as serving on local community boards, registering voters, and hosting social outreach events.

It is important to note that Bob Gross did not simply focus all of his attention on political matters. A resident of Hollywood, Florida, who attended Pincrest High School, Bob worked as Program Planner for the Broward Employment and Training Administration (BETA). Indeed, his tremendous leadership undoubtedly benefitted BETA, as Bob held numerous important posts in the organization through the years such as Executive Vice President, Vice President for Political Affairs, and Treasurer.

Most importantly, however, Bob Gross was a devoted husband to his wife, Cindy Sherr. An attorney and the statewide president of the Young Democrats, I am confident that Cindy will carry on Bob's ongoing work in promoting service and activism within the South Florida community.

Mr. Speaker, while Bob Gross' passing is a tremendous loss for Broward County, I can say without hesitation that his memory will live on through the work of the many organizations to which he dedicated his life. There can be no doubt that we will all dearly miss Bob, but I would like to thank and praise him for his hard work and leadership in improving the community around him.

LEONARD HORN FEDERAL RANGE LIVESTOCKMAN OF THE YEAR, THE IRBY FAMILY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Leonard Horn Federal Range Livestockman of the Year Award winner, the Irby family of Gunnison, Colorado.

This award is presented by the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and recognizes individuals who graze livestock on Federal land and practice exceptional range, soil, water and wildlife management. James Dawson, District Ranger with the U.S. Forest Service, commended the Irby's for their cooperation in maintaining and improving range areas.

The Irby family includes: Bob and Irene Irby, Stan and Bonnie Irby, and Dale and Wendy Irby.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to extend my congratulations to the Irby family and thank them for their hard work.

IN HONOR OF MARTHA AND ANDRES SANDOVAL ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martha Tafoya Sandoval and Andres Lopez Sandoval on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. This remarkable milestone is truly a reflection of the devotion these extraordinary individuals share for one another.

On December 16, 1949, Martha and Andres married and began their life together. Through the years, the Sandoval's have used the love they have for each other to reach out to those in need. Together, they have been active civic leaders and successful business people, dedicating their time and resources to the League of United Latin American Citizens and the St. Joseph's Church in Bakersfield, California. However, their greatest accomplishment has been their incredible family.

This loving couple has been a wonderful example for their four children: Andrew, Rosalie, Alexander, and Vicki Ann; their children's spouses, Judy, Arnie, and Louisa; their nine grandchildren, Valerie, Kristian, Lisa, Andrea, Ernest, Evette, Alicia, Vanessa, and Joel; and their six great-grandchildren, Autumn, Eric, Marissa, Jessica, John, and Samuel. The dedication, patience, and wisdom they have demonstrated every day has provided a firm foundation on which all family members have developed and flourished.

For their unyielding strength and unparalleled inspiration, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Sandoval on five decades of love, commitment, and perseverance. You both are truly wonderful role models for all of us. I wish you continued health and happiness.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB, YOU SURE WE CAN'T LOWER DRUG PRICES WITHOUT HURTING R&D?

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the pharmaceutical industry constantly tells us they need every dollar for R&D, so they can invent wonderful new drugs, and that Congress must not do anything to question how they price drugs.

A doctor sent me the following invitation he got from Bristol-Myers Squibb. As the doctor wrote:

Since the enclosed invitation to a dinner plus \$100 certificate continues to be commonplace, it makes me wonder how many go without needed medications that could be funded with these solicitations. I'm not sure whether it's the pharmaceutical executives or the physicians who are doing the soliciting . . . just like on the street.

Bristol-Myers Squibb: why not put the money you spend in these solicitations into R&D—or lower drug prices?

The U.S. pharmaceutical industry spends far more on marketing and overhead than it spends on R&D—despite what Flo and her front group friends say. This letter is just one small example of how the industry could, indeed, save money for R&D and/or lower prices.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB

You are cordially invited to Participate in a dinner discussion on "Treatment Modalities Throughout the Lifecycle of the Type 2 Diabetic Patient: A Focus on Monotherapy Approaches," on, Monday, November 29, 1999, Mr. Stox restaurant, 1105 East Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92805, at 6:30 p.m.

The program will last approximately one hour and a half. Each attendee will receive a certificate worth up to \$100 towards the purchase of medically relevant items. Reservations are taken on a first come first serve basis.

To make a reservation, please call 1-800-366-9034.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BILL
HORVITZ

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of William "Bill" Horvitz, who passed away early last December at the age of 73. It is with a tremendous feeling of sadness that I speak in his honor: the South Florida community has lost an outstanding philanthropist who may never be replaced.

There can be no doubt that Bill's personal history is an extraordinary one. One of three sons of Cleveland real estate businessman Samuel A. Horvitz, Bill Horvitz and his brothers continued his father's real estate ventures after his passing. Moving to the Fort Lauderdale area in 1953 to take over his father's real estate interests in the Hollywood, Florida, he became the proprietor of countless acres within Broward County. Indeed, Bill's stewardship of this property was instrumental in Broward's transition from a quaint bedroom community to a bustling economic powerhouse.

Developing much of his Broward County real estate, Bill established such properties as Hollywood Hills, Emerald Hills, Hollywood Mall, the Venture Corporate Center, South Florida Industrial Park, and various other communities, both residential and commercial. In 1985, Bill also sold more than 1,200 acres of land to the state and county—this valuable tract of land later became West Lake Park and North Beach Park.

Bill is perhaps best known for his commitment to the South Florida community. Throughout his lifetime, Bill was a tremendous supporter of charitable causes. He was involved with a myriad of organizations throughout his life in South Florida: these organizations included the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the East Seals Society, the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, the Boys and Girls Club of Broward, the Salvation Army, and the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

It is well documented that he contributed regularly to his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated from the Wharton School in 1947. Additionally, he made an effort to lend his financial support to various organizations struggling to survive economically. For example, in 1992, Bill was instrumental in helping the Greater Hollywood YMCA to survive by renegotiating its \$1.6 million debt. Such efforts led to much recognition for Bill and his wife. Even as late as December 2, 1999, Bill was honored with the President's Community Award from Nova Southeastern University, a school where the administration building bears his name.

Mr. Speaker, while William Horvitz passing is a tremendous loss for the South Florida community, I can say without hesitation that his memory will live on through the work of the many organizations to which he dedicated his life. Though we will all miss Bill's presence, I would like to thank and praise him for his hard work and leadership in improving the world at large.

WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND
PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR, DON
BROWN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Don Brown. He is a man that has shown his loyalty and bravery to this great country. Mr. Brown served in the Armed Forces during World War II and was aboard the U.S.S. *West Virginia* when Pearl Harbor was attacked on that fateful day in December of 1941.

Mr. Brown was in the first division compartment when the first torpedoes and bombs hit the battleship. He tried to move onto the deck, but was prohibited because of the attack. Don was injured and transported to the U.S.S. *Solacc* for recovery.

Don's family, however did not know that he was transported for recovery. Don's parents knew the ship had sunk, and that they had not heard from their son in 19 days. On December 26, however, they received the best late Christmas present they could have ever hoped for, the knowledge that Don was alive.

Years later, Don and his wife, Skie, moved back to Grand Junction after spending time in Las Vegas. Mr. Brown served as Mesa County planning director between 1963 and 1966.

Don is part of a generation that many think saved civilization as it is known today through their efforts in World War II—what some have called the greatest generation.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Don Brown for his display of loyalty to his country and bravery in the face of war to preserve the freedom that we all enjoy today. He is a great American that deserves our highest regard, thanks and praise.

IN HONOR OF MRS. ELEANOR
TIEFENWERTH, ONE OF THIS
YEAR'S RICHARD A. RUTKOWSKI
ASSOCIATION HONOREES FOR
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
CITY OF BAYONNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Eleanor Tiefenwerth of Bayonne, New Jersey. The Richard A. Rutkowski Association has selected Mrs. Tiefenwerth as one of this year's honorees, acknowledging her accomplishments and her dedication in making Bayonne a better community.

Since its 1965 inception, Mrs. Tiefenwerth has been an instrumental leader of the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation [BEOF]. Accepting the role of executive director in 1981, Mrs. Tiefenwerth has remained the driving force behind and the embodiment of the BEOF's logo, "People Helping People."

During her administration, Mrs. Tiefenwerth spearheaded vital programs, including a cross-town transportation service for seniors and disabled individuals and a variety of food service programs. Mrs. Tiefenwerth also implemented Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for those individuals spending the holidays alone.

In addition to her work with the BEOF, Mrs. Tiefenwerth served as a commissioner of the Bayonne Housing Authority and is a member of the Community Education Advisory Council. Presently, she is serving on one of the cities redevelopment committees and has joined the Census Committee in an effort to ensure the fair and unencumbered counting of the 2000 Census.

The recipient of many honors, Mrs. Tiefenwerth's unyielding commitment to community service has not gone unrecognized. The honors include: the Hudson County Golden Recognition Award; the Senior Citizen Today Award; the Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement; the Hudson County Director of Human Services Distinguished and Caring Service Award; the Hudson County Girl Scout Community Service Award; and the Boy Scout Endowment Committee Medallion for Volunteer Work.

Mrs. Tiefenwerth, wife of the late Mr. William Tiefenwerth, both Bayonne natives, attended the Horace Mann School, Bayonne High School, and Jersey City State. She is a registered certified social worker and a HUD certified housing counselor.

For her continued efforts on behalf of the Bayonne community and the State of New Jersey, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Eleanor Tiefenwerth. Her far-reaching accomplishments in the area of community service have undoubtedly made the city of Bayonne a better community in which to live.

SCHOOL-TO-WORK PARTNERSHIP
WITH JOBLINK

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to rise today and submit for the RECORD the initiative that my own Cabarrus County in North Carolina has taken to promote the School-to-Work partnership with JobLink.

I am thrilled that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce has developed these innovative strategies to better our community. The benefits that our neighbors, friends, and families will gain from the Workforce Development Week 2000 will be life long.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2000

Whereas, Workforce Development issues impact every facet of our community and are at the forefront of American Society in the new millennium; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work Partnership of Cabarrus County and the Cabarrus County Job Link Center work together, with and through a medley of agencies to provide opportunities for the future and present workforce; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work initiative is a partnership between Cabarrus County Schools, Kannapolis City Schools and the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the Workforce Development Steering Committee of the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce promotes dialogue between the Chamber and top administrators from the school systems and colleges, as well as implements community wide workforce development initiatives; and

Whereas, businesses, jobseekers, and others will be supported by employment and training services, information in a customer friendly manner, and staff who are caring professionals from various assisting agencies, and

Whereas, on January 29, 2000 the Cabarrus Career Fair 2000 will be held at the Carolina Mall in Concord from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and will provide students and citizens of all ages positive interactions with over 50 different careers in the Cabarrus Region; and

Whereas, on February 2, 2000 the Cabarrus Region will team with the National Groundhog Job Shadow Day initiative to place students during the month of February with a mentor in the "World of Work"; therefore, students are able to experience the importance of academics, communication skills and teamwork; and

Whereas, on February 3, 2000, the Cabarrus County JobLink Center, which was presented a charter on October 19, 1999 from the Centralina Workforce Development Board, will host an Open House Celebration from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 2275 Kannapolis Highway, Concord; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work Partnership and the JobLink Center will provide Cabarrus County with training, information and services vital to a competitive workforce that will be successful in a global economy.

Now therefore, be it resolved, That the Week beginning Saturday January 29, 2000 to Friday February 4, 2000 is hereby proclaimed as "Workforce Development Week 2000" in the Cabarrus Region, and urge our citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the School-to-Work Partnership and JobLink Systems in our community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ENDRE A.
BALAZS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great scientist and entrepreneur on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Dr. Endre A. Balazs, who now lives in Fort Lee, NJ, was born in Hungary on January 10, 1920. He received his medical degree from the University of Budapest in 1943. During his studies in medical school D. Balazs began his life-long research into the medical uses of hyaluronan (HA)—a key molecular building block of the intercellular substances of the body.

As the world's foremost authority in the use of HA, Dr. Balazs started work on its medical application in the 1960's. His work on HA eventually led to the discovery of new therapeutic treatments that have made certain medical procedures safer and have accelerated post-operative healing periods. More recently, Dr. Balazs has introduced new methods to treat arthritis, an ailment that afflicts millions of Americans.

Soon after completing his studies at the University of Budapest in Hungary, Dr. Balazs traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, where he continued his research on the structure and biological function of sulfated polysaccharides and HA at the Karolinska Institute—the medical school of Stockholm. In 1951 he emigrated to the United States where he accepted a position in the Department of Ophthalmology at Harvard University.

In 1970 Dr. Balazs cofounded the Boston Biomedical Research Institute and became its first executive director. In 1975 he became the Malcolm P. Aldrich Research Professor of Ophthalmology at Columbia University in New York. He is the founder and for 25 years has served as editor in chief of Experimental Eye Research, the first international eye research journal ever published. He also is a founder and former president of the International Society for Eye Research.

In 1981 Dr. Balazs and his wife, Janet Denlinger, started Biomatrix, Inc., a firm involved in the development of hyluronan derivatives for medical applications and skin care. Today, Biomatrix is a publicly owned company that is based in Ridgefield, NJ.

Over the years, as both an educator and a businessman, Dr. Balazs has supported the research endeavors of many young scientists and physicians. In recognition of his efforts, the international ophthalmic research community has established the Endre A. Balazs Prize, an international award for outstanding research efforts by scientists.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that Dr. Endre A. Balazs is my constituent. I wish him and his family the very best as he continues to bring to his work the energy, devotion, and innovation that has made him such a successful individual.

HONORING BILL A. (B.A.) JONES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember a man we have lost. B.A. Jones was a man that many knew and loved. Mr. Jones passed away in Carrollton on November 6, 1999.

B.A. Jones was born on April 9, 1913, the second of ten children born to H.J. and Dixie Campbell-Jones. B.A. spent his school years in Monte Vista. During World War II, the Government called upon him to travel the country recruiting, supervising and building numerous war-related projects. After the war, B.A. began construction work and subsequently formed his own remodeling and construction firm. In the late 1960's, B.A. began the family owned and operated Paradise Swimming Pool Corporation, using his self-taught architectural abilities to design and create many pools that are still operational to this day.

Mr. Jones is survived by his loved wife of 60 years, (Annie) Frances Cone Jones and their three children.

B.A. Jones is someone who will be missed by all of us. Those who knew him will miss spending time with him. He was truly a great American.

IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S "IRELAND'S 32" MILLENNIUM HONOREE, MRS. DOROTHY HARRINGTON

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Dorothy Harrington of Bayonne, NJ, on being named one of this year's "Ireland 32" Millennium honorees.

Mrs. Harrington has had an exceptional career in the public arena. A longtime advocate for the education system in Bayonne, Mrs. Harrington was appointed to the Bayonne Board of Education from 1981 to 1986. Because of her vision and enthusiasm in this role, Mrs. Harrington became the first woman president of the Board.

Her success with the Board of Education and her desire to do more for the community led Mrs. Harrington to seek elected public office. In 1986, she was elected first ward council member and in 1990, she was elected council member-at-large. This election made Mrs. Harrington the first woman to be elected to the city council.

During her time with the council, Mrs. Harrington acted as liaison on the Kill Van Kull dredging project and was instrumental in the circulating of information regarding many transportation projects in the city. Most significantly, Mrs. Harrington led the efforts in Bayonne to improve cable television service, to obtain the local television channel for residents, and to create a modern production studio in Bayonne High School.

A dedicated volunteer, Mrs. Harrington served as president of the Hudson County

School Board Association, president of both St. Andrew's Parish and its Sports Organization, vice president and treasurer of the Evening Division of the Bayonne Women's Club, and member of the Holocaust Committee. Mrs. Harrington continues to be involved in a variety of local volunteer and service organizations and is the current chair of the Bayonne Municipal Utilities Authority.

Mrs. Harrington's accomplishments in public service have not gone unrecognized. Recently, she received the Mary T. Norton Congressional Award for her outstanding community service record.

A Bayonne native, Mrs. Harrington lives in Bayonne with her husband, Mr. Dan Harrington. The couple has four children and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrington's tireless efforts on behalf of the citizens of Bayonne are truly remarkable. For her dedicated service and unparalleled volunteerism in the Bayonne community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Dorothy Harrington on receiving this honor.

HONORING SENATOR GWEN
MARGOLIS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Senator Gwen Margolis from Aventura, FL, who will be honored on March 4, 2000, by her synagogue, Both Torah Adath Yeshurun and by the North-east Dade community at-large.

Senator Margolis began her public service career in the Florida Legislature when elected to the House in 1974. She was subsequently re-elected to the House for three consecutive terms. Her career in the Florida Senate began in 1980 where she was appointed Chair of the Finance, Tax and Claims Committee and subsequently the Appropriations Committee where she assisted in leading the state out of recessions and budgetary crises.

On November 20, 1990, she was sworn in as President of the Florida State Senate, making her the first woman in the United States to serve as President of any Senate. She spearheaded the passage of landmark legislation touted as the toughest ethics legislation in the nation, as well as a constitutional amendment that opened all government records and meetings to the public.

She currently serves as Chairperson of the Miami-Dade County Commission, appointed by Mayor Alexander Penelas, and is the first woman to serve in this position. Senator Margolis also serves on the Board of Directors of the Holocaust Documentation Center at Florida International University. Her name appears in *Who's Who of Women in the World*, *Who's Who in Business and Industry*, and *Megatrend for Women*. In addition to her outstanding career in public service, which she devotes a full time schedule, Senator Margolis was also a successful Real Estate Developer and Business Executive in her private, professional business career.

She has received numerous awards for her leadership and dedication to the community in which she serves. She was named "Woman

of the Year" by the North Dade Regional Chamber and Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce. She has also received the Florida Chamber of Commerce "Legislator of the Year" award, and the Dade League of Cities "Good Government" award to name a few.

Although Senator Margolis and I were once opposing candidates, I am glad to call her my friend and colleague, and am equally delighted to share in this celebration in her honor.

COLUMBINE FOOTBALL
CONGRATULATIONS

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, seldom in America do we see a more joyous display of hope and heart than we saw on December 5, 1999 by the Columbine High School Football team as they played for their first state football championship. Less than a year after the community of Littleton, Colorado was thrust into the national spotlight by a tragedy unimaginable to any American, this suburban town was united behind a group of young men who battled football history, and the vivid memories of fallen teammates and classmates.

The headline in the local paper read, "This time, the tears of Columbine are tears of joy," (The Denver Rocky Mountain News, December 5, 1999) and how special those tears are for the parents, teachers, and students of this courageous high school.

The football team nobly dedicated their season to a fallen comrade, Matt Ketcher, who lost his life last April. Matt's younger brother, Adam, stood on the sideline as a sign of inspiration, wearing a Columbine letterman's jacket that was presented to him by the team, as they played for the state's top football prize.

What a way to end a special season.

Columbine won the game that Saturday by a score of 21-14, giving the school the state football championship, but more importantly, the team helped heal the souls of the school community.

I would like to congratulate the entire football team and their coaching staff for a season that meant more than they could ever have imagined. I hope that the entire nation can use them as motivation as we all do our part to ensure the healing of America continues.

HONORING NANCY HOFFMASTER,
POWER OF ONE HONOREE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to now honor Nancy Hoffmaster who has been awarded the Colorado Woman 2000 Power of One Honor in recognition of her service to her community and the State of Colorado. Nancy is a true heroine in her community and she deserves our highest thanks and praise.

Nancy, who is currently battling breast cancer, has been volunteering in the Jefferson County Public School District for twenty-five

years. She is the past president of the Jefferson County School's Parent Teacher Association and has served on the Jefferson Foundation.

Nancy founded the program "Serving Kids from the Inside Out." The program provides clothing for needy children in the district. She also coordinates the Jefferson County School's "Support for Homeless and At Risk People" (S.H.A.R.P.) program.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to honor Nancy Hoffmaster and thank her for all the outstanding efforts she has put into making her community a better place to live. She is a most deserving recipient of the Power of One Honor.

IN HONOR OF THE RIGHT REV-
EREND JOHN SHELBY SPONG,
D.D., BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF NEWARK, NEW JER-
SEY, ON HIS RETIREMENT AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRIST HOS-
PITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, NJ, on his retirement as chairman of the Christ Hospital Board of Trustees.

Born in Charlotte, NC, Bishop Spong began his religious and spiritual education in North Carolina and Virginia. After years of devoted study, he was consecrated as Bishop in 1976.

A noted author and scholar, as well as being hailed the most published member of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Bishop Spong fought for the integrity of Christ Hospital for more than 22 years. Under his direction, the hospital has grown and matured into the remarkable institution it is today.

In addition to his remarkable work for the hospital, Bishop Spong has served as president of the New Jersey Council of Churches and as theological consultant on a variety of diocesan committees and commissions. For all of his efforts, Bishop Spong was named "1999 Humanist of the Year."

Bishop Spong, married to Christine Spong, is the father of three and the grandfather of four.

For more than two decades of dedicated service to Christ Hospital and more than three decades of religious guidance, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Bishop Spong a happy and healthy retirement. His remarkable leadership and inspiring work ethic will be missed.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM
J. BRESNAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend, Mr. Bill Bresnan, who has been, over the past 40 years, a primary leader in the growth of the cable television industry, not only in my home town of

Bay City, MI, but throughout the Midwest, including Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kansas, and Illinois. Under his leadership, Bresnan Communications has also become known for its many educational programs, its emphasis on minority advancement, and for community relations initiatives that recognize the civic contributions of local citizens and seniors.

A native of Mankato, MN, Bill Bresnan began his career in 1958 when, at the age of 25, he designed and built his first cable system in Rochester, MN, for a group of local investors. That company was acquired by Jack Kent Cooke, Inc. in 1965, and Bill was appointed its vice president of engineering. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed to serve as its executive vice president.

From 1972 to 1982, Bill held various influential positions in the Teleprompter Corporation, which was then one of the largest cable organizations in the United States. These include president of Teleprompter's Cable Division, Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. In 1981, when Teleprompter was bought by Westinghouse Electric Corp., he was appointed chairman and chief executive officer of the resulting new company, Group W Cable, Inc.

During this time, Bill played a major role in helping advance cutting-edge technology in the burgeoning cable industry. He was instrumental in sending the first domestic satellite transmission using a Canadian ANIK satellite in 1973. Three years later he helped initiate the first commercial communications system in the United States to use optical fibers.

In 1984, Bill founded Bresnan Communications, which currently serves over 660,000 customers. The company's Midwestern market is not accidental, and is a good example of Bill's civic-minded business philosophy. Bill has made it a priority to invest in the small and medium sized communities in America's heartland, to make sure that cutting-edge technology does not bypass these hard-working Americans, in favor of large communities on the west or east coasts of the United States.

Bill has also made it a priority to invest in America's young adults. He was an early pioneer in the development and construction of interactive television networks for distant learning. Working with local school districts and colleges, Bill was a key motivator in connecting educational facilities via fiber and coaxial cable, enabling many schools to conduct fully interactive classes simultaneously across great distances.

The admiration and respect of Bresnan employees for their president is legendary within the industry. Bill is known as an extraordinarily generous person and a boss who sees all of his 1,400 employees as his equal. He allocates a significant percent of revenue to establishing and promoting community relations initiatives that recognize local senior citizens and minorities. Indeed, his commitment to advancing the interests of minorities—in their recruitment, placement and training—was recognized in September 1999 by the Walter Kaitz Foundation. Bill received the "Partnership in Diversity" award, one of the industry's highest honors.

I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that there are not many businessmen today who are as committed to the technological advancements of the future as Mr. Bill Bresnan. There are

not many who feel the necessity of bringing advancements to those who might not otherwise have access to them: Americans on the family farm in Michigan, or minorities, or school children in the Midwest. Bill Bresnan has many plans for the future, and I wish him much success in all his endeavors. I am positive, Mr. Speaker, that we in Michigan will be the grateful beneficiaries.

IN SUPPORT OF BROADENING THE
TYPES OF PROPERTY SUBJECT
TO CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE IN
ALIEN SMUGGLING CASES

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, my bill addresses the pernicious practice of alien smuggling. Alien smugglers are a huge problem in South Florida, especially those who bring passengers from Haiti and Cuba to South Florida, frequently in unsafe boats and under very dangerous conditions.

For example, in March of last year, an alien smuggler's boat sank off the coast of West Palm Beach, Florida and, depending upon whether the Coast Guard or press reports of this horrendous tragedy are to be believed, anywhere from 15 to 40 Haitian passengers drowned.

These heartless and inhumane alien smugglers are parasites who are making huge sums of money off of the suffering of Haitians and Cubans who seek any means, legal or otherwise, to come to the United States. We must provide law enforcement with all available remedies to assure that the smugglers cannot continue to exploit vulnerable communities such as the Haitians and the Cubans. Unfortunately, the existing civil asset forfeiture provisions for alien smuggling are far more limited than those available to address drug offenses.

Current law authorizes the forfeiture of vehicles, vessels and aircraft used to commit alien smuggling offenses. This has proven to be an essential law enforcement tool that the INS uses more than 12,000 times a year. But the law has some glaring loopholes. We know that other types of property besides vessels, vehicles and aircraft are also used to facilitate alien smuggling offenses, but these other types of property currently are not subject to civil asset forfeiture.

For example, alien smugglers use electronic gear to monitor law enforcement activity directed against alien smuggling. The smugglers also own warehouses where vehicles, vessels, and even human beings are stashed to avoid detection by the Coast Guard or the Border Patrol. Yet these other types of property currently are not subject to civil asset forfeiture.

Current law also does not permit the forfeiture of the proceeds of an alien smuggling offense. If a smuggler is paid \$100,000 to bring people into the United States in his fishing boat, law enforcement should not be limited to taking the boat while letting the smuggler keep the \$100,000. The smuggler should be required to surrender the cash as well.

My bill corrects these deficiencies by expanding the scope of permissible civil asset forfeiture in alien smuggling cases to make it

consistent with the standards used in drug cases. My bill provides that any property that constitutes, is derived from, or is traceable to the proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from alien smuggling, or is used to facilitate, or is intended to be used to facilitate alien smuggling, is subject to civil asset forfeiture.

Mr. Chairman, I don't fault those who would take extraordinary steps to try to come to the United States. Their efforts are totally understandable, even though unacceptable. I fault those who bring them to the United States outside of the law—the alien smugglers. Alien smugglers are a menace to society. As in drug cases, we should give law enforcement the full range of asset forfeiture remedies to deal with the serious problem of alien smuggling.

In civil asset forfeiture proceedings, law enforcement should have the ability to reach any property owned by the smugglers that is used to facilitate alien smuggling or that derives from or is traceable to such smuggling. There is no logical reason to limit the types of property subject to forfeiture in alien smuggling cases to vehicles, vessels and aircraft.

I urge my colleagues to support this common-sense bill.

TRIBUTE TO FRED KORZON OF
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Fred Korzon, supervisor of Bloomfield Township, Michigan, who resigned his post on December 20, 1999, after serving his community since 1967. Mr. Korzon has been an outstanding municipal leader and is a shining example of all that is right and good in public service. This man of honor and integrity has served on many State, county and local municipal boards and committees including but not limited to: chairperson of Southeast Michigan Council for Governments, Oakland County Parks and Recreation commissioner, and chairperson of Oakland County Association of Supervisors.

Fred Korzon's public service actually began on December 10, 1942, when he enlisted in the military. After leaving active duty he served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve until 1950. After leaving the military, he built his own home in Bloomfield Township, MI, and has remained a resident of the community since that time.

After graduating from the University of Michigan with a masters degree in history in 1966, Mr. Korzon taught at Pontiac Central High School and Lahser High School in Oakland County. He was first appointed to the Bloomfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals in 1967 and served for 1 year before being appointed to the board of trustees. He was appointed to the full-time treasurer's position in 1969 and ran successfully on the ballot until his appointment as township supervisor in 1982.

The residents of Bloomfield Township have been fortunate to have the services of Fred Korzon as our supervisor for 18 years. He has been rock solid for the residents and a faithful servant for our area. He and his outstanding team of public servants have helped make this

community one of the finest places to live anywhere in America. He has been a great friend of mine and I wish him all the best.

HONORING KATY TARTAKOFF,
POWER OF ONE HONOREE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to now honor Katy Tartakoff who has been awarded the Colorado Woman 2000 Power of One Honor in recognition of her service to her community and the State of Colorado. Katy is a true heroine in her community and she deserves our highest thanks and praise.

Katy published a journal in 1991 called "My Stupid Illness." The journal showed photographs of children suffering from cancer along with stories addressing how the children were dealing with the illness. She has since expanded her work to photograph and document children with other life-threatening illnesses. She presents these exhibits to schools to use as a tool to teach kids how to accept, understand and live with differences.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to both congratulate and thank Katy for all of her efforts to make her community a better place to live. I applaud Katy's efforts to educate children about diversity. She is a most deserving recipient of the Power of One Honor.

IN HONOR OF MR. GERALD NOWICKI, ONE OF THIS YEAR'S RICHARD A. RUTKOWSKI ASSOCIATION HONOREES FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BAYONNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Gerald Nowicki of Bayonne, NJ. Acknowledging the accomplishments of those rare individuals dedicated to making Bayonne a better community, the Richard A. Rutkowski Association has selected Mr. Nowicki as one of this year's honorees.

Joining the Bayonne Historical Society in 1991, Mr. Nowicki has been instrumental in working to preserve and foster the historical and artistic beauty of Bayonne. Knowing the importance of maintaining outdoor sculptures to prevent corrosion, Mr. Nowicki coordinated a Tender Loving Care workshop to teach volunteers the proper guidelines for outdoor sculpture upkeep at the public buildings in Bayonne.

In addition to maintenance, Mr. Nowicki emphasized the necessity of restoration efforts for public artwork in the community. By cochairing the "Save the Hiker" project, an effort to restore the Spanish-American War Monument in Stephen Gregg Bayonne Park, and chairing the restoration project for the Civil War Monument in the same park, Mr. Nowicki has helped bring arts awareness in Bayonne.

To continue his efforts for the arts, Mr. Nowicki spearheaded the fundraising campaign designed to bring both funds and attention to the arts field—two very significant components to achieving his goals. His campaign drives helped to restore oil paintings from the Brennan Fire Fighting Museum and the Bayonne Public Library, and restored the antique grandfather's clock, which stands in the lobby of the library.

Because of his vast experience in Bayonne history and culture, Mr. Nowicki served as editor and co-author of "Bayonne Landmarks." The book served as an instrumental local history guide, winning the acclaim of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.

Mr. Nowicki, born and raised in Bayonne, attended Assumption School Marist High School, and Jersey City State College.

For his continued efforts on behalf of the Bayonne community and the State of New Jersey, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Gerald Nowicki. His accomplishments in historical preservation and community service have undoubtedly made the city of Bayonne a better community in which to live.

INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, it was nearly 47 years ago, on January 26, 1953, that the World Customs Organization, formally known as the Customs Co-operation Council, held its first meeting in Brussels, Belgium. In recognition of this occasion, the Council observed January 26 as International Customs Day. This occasion also serves to recognize the role that customs services around the world play in facilitating trade while protecting national borders from economically and physically harmful importations.

I am proud of the contributions of the U.S. Customs Service to the Nation over the past 210 years. U.S. Customs responsibilities have increased with the growth of our great Nation—trade has increased exponentially and the threat of illegal importations, including illegal drugs is ever present. These are significant challenges that Customs faces on a daily basis, and Customs must continue its vigilance in facilitating trade while interdicting narcotics at our borders and preventing exportation of critical technology. I am pleased to say that Customs meets these challenges well, and I stand ready to continue my longstanding support of Customs in these efforts.

The U.S. Customs Service represents the United States at the World Customs Organization [WCO], a 150-member international organization founded to facilitate international trade and promote cooperation among governments on Customs matters. The WCO works to simplify and standardize legal instruments and rules of international customs. The WCO also renders technical assistance in areas such as customs tariffs, valuation, nomenclature, and law enforcement. Its objective is to obtain, in the interest of international trade, the best possible degree of uniformity among the customs systems of member nations. The United States became a member on November 5,

1970. All America benefits when both exporters and importers operate in an atmosphere of simple unambiguous customs operations around the world.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the World Customs Organization on its past accomplishments and wish it well in its ambitious new millennium goal of further harmonizing and simplifying the customs rules that affect international commerce. I also congratulate the U.S. Customs Service for its fine work both nationally and internationally.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM JEFFERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William Jefferson of Linden Plaza, in commemoration of his 100th birthday.

Mr. Jefferson was born in Columbia, South Carolina on January 2, 1900. At the age of thirteen, after earning his education in Ridgeway, South Carolina, he moved to New Jersey, and through working several odd jobs acquired skills in electrical work, plumbing, and house painting. In 1925 he moved to New York where he worked in these various trades until he found a permanent position with the American Window Shade Company.

While at this company, he met and married Mabel Stevens, and through this union was blessed with five daughters. Mr. Jefferson, known to many as a "Jack of all trades", devoted his time to his family, neighbors and anyone in the need of assistance. His wife passed away in 1998.

Since his retirement in 1977, Mr. Jefferson has enjoyed spending time with and passing wisdom to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He helped start and on occasion still works at the Neighborhood Garden. He still enjoys discussing candidates, and voting in every election. In his spare time, he continues to play his guitar and keyboard. Please join in celebrating the wonderful life of centenarian, William Jefferson.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES A. ALGIE

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James A. Algie, Chairman of the Board of the Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay. Jim Algie passed away last year, and he is dearly missed.

Jim Algie was committed to the progress and success of the Goodwill Industries. Jim was dedicated to helping others and proudly followed Goodwill's mission to serve the communities of Southern Los Angeles County by educating, training, and placing people with barriers to employment to help them achieve economic and personal independence.

Jim was tireless in his efforts to better Goodwill Industries and he has left a lasting impact. He even helped change the accounting and financial reporting systems making the

organization more efficient and cost productive.

People will remember Jim for his generosity and his great sense of humor, and for always being there for his friends and co-workers. Jim Algje touched the lives of many, and although he is missed, his legacy lives on. The Goodwill Industries is a better organization because of Jim Algje.

HONORING BECKY NEGRETTE,
POWER OF ONE HONOREE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to now honor Becky Negrette who has been awarded the Colorado Woman 2000 Power of One Honor in recognition of her service to her community and the State of Colorado. Becky is a true heroine in her community and she deserves our highest thanks and praise.

Becky is a Denver native who knows what it means for people to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. Becky grew up with five brothers and one sister. Her father, even though he worked every hard, barely made enough to support the large family. They could not afford a car, a television, or any of the luxuries that most of us take for granted. Becky's family was rich, however, with love and devotion that she still carries with her today.

Becky graduated from college and she now runs the bi-lingual reading program at Baker Middle School. She is a living example to her students, teaching them that life is what you make of it.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to both congratulate and thank Becky Negrette for all of her work and determination to be an inspiration to young people. She is a most deserving recipient of the Power of One Honor.

CLINTON'S SEATTLE STRADDLE

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, for those who might have missed it, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a piece by Robert B. Zoellick from the December 14, 1999, issue of the Washington Post.

Mr. Zoellick brings a unique, knowledgeable perspective to the discussion of the recent World Trade Organization fiasco in Seattle. He served in various positions in the Bush administration, including a stint as Under Secretary of State for Economic and Agricultural Affairs, where he was actively involved in developing the nation's NAFTA strategy. Recently, Mr. Zoellick was President and CEO of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

I commend Mr. Zoellick's thought-provoking article to my colleagues' attention.

[From the Washington Post, Dec. 14, 1999]

CLINTON'S SEATTLE STRADDLE

(By Robert B. Zoellick)

Unlike The Post and others who are grappling with the deeper meaning of the Seattle

protests and the World Trade Organization debacle, I think both the message and the results are straightforward: President Clinton, trying again to be all things to all people, is responsible for a failure that has paralyzed further free trade negotiations, whether globally or regionally.

Clinton wanted us to "listen" to the demonstrators. I did. It turns out that the protesters' arguments were contradictory: They wanted both to blow up the WTO and to have the WTO establish a host of global rules to dictate social, economic, political and environmental conditions around the world. They have managed, astonishingly, to combine the aims of unilateralists—who believe the United States can order everyone else in the world to do what we want—with those of globalists—who believe national governments are illegitimate and must be superseded by "wise" nongovernmental organizations.

Nevertheless, while the protesters' arguments were seriously flawed, their logic of action was clear: If they could overburden the process of negotiating more freedom for trade, the negotiations would break down. Then special interests would be successful in maintaining existing barriers and protections. Inefficient producers can now continue to avoid nasty competition and keep costs higher for consumers and other businesses.

The Post has suggested that "the truth [about Seattle] is more complicated" than critics contend. Apparently, it is not enough that President Clinton has been responsible for the confusion and backsliding in America's trade policy despite these times of extraordinary prosperity. It is not enough that Clinton is the first president in 50 years to fail to ensure that America leads the world trading system toward the liberalization that has created unprecedented world growth, openness, creativity and opportunity. No, according to The Post, Clinton was "right in principle . . . but probably wrong on the tactics."

Since the WTO is supposed to be about trade, it might be useful for The Post to recall what trade is about: Trade enables Americans to buy goods and services from other countries; trade liberalization seeks to remove the taxes and other barriers to this freedom of exchange. By expanding the freedom to buy and sell, trade lowers costs, expands opportunities and creates better-paid work—all adding to prosperity. Prosperity, especially for developing countries, is the key to better conditions for workers and to more resources for, and interest in, a clean environment.

Do fortunate Americans really think that parents in poorer countries prefer to have their children work instead of stay in school? Do they really think poor foreigners want to live in polluted cities? Or might these Americans recognize that the rules that wealthy nations want to impose on poorer nations will be ignored until poor countries have the means to improve their livelihoods?

The WTO is not a global government with the power to order new environmental or labor laws—or, for that matter, better tax regimes, pension plans, health programs, civilian control of militaries or a host of other meritorious outcomes. The WTO is a forum where governments can negotiate to reduce barriers to trade and agree to rules to try to resolve disputes. We cannot make the WTO into the organization that will deal with all the problems that elected, national governments struggle with every day.

Let's be honest: Once again, Clinton straddled and stumbled, and others have gotten hurt. Clinton likes to talk about free trade, because he knows open markets and competition contribute to prosperity. But Clin-

ton also wants everyone to like him, especially if the people are his political constituencies. So he chose to host a major international negotiating meeting on trade without laying the political groundwork globally and without developing a negotiating strategy.

In a negotiation where the United States needed to work with developing countries to open markets for farmers, Clinton scared off the developing world to placate domestic interests. He even sabotaged his own negotiating team by proposing new trade sanctions at a meeting that was supposed to reduce barriers, not add to them. When asked why, according to The Post, a White House aide said, "He was just talking off the top of his head."

The Post, seeking to be broad-minded, finds the truth to be "complicated." I think the truth is simple: After following through in 1993-94 on a free trade agenda left by his predecessor—an agenda he could not abandon without looking isolationist—Clinton, through his intellectual waffling and lack of commitment, severely set back the cause of free trade.

HONORING DR. PERRY LINDSAY,
SR. AND MRS. MARY ELAYNE
LINDSAY ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR BIRTHDAYS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Perry Lindsay, Sr., Pastor of The Glorious Church of God in Christ, as he celebrates his 80th birthday; and Ms. Mary Elayne Lindsay, as she celebrates her 70th birthday. The church, located on Halsey Street, has a great heritage and a tradition of strong family ties.

The members of his church are thankful that Dr. Lindsay survived a serious car accident on September 1, 1999, in Maryland, while driving to the 79th General Assembly of The Glorious Church of God in Christ, being held in Roanoke, Virginia. In this accident, he suffered a mild heart attack, a slight concussion, and several other minor injuries; but is once again able to drive.

In addition to his many achievements, Pastor Lindsay is also known as the first successful, African American, owner of a construction company in the state of New York. Mrs. Lindsay is equally well known for her generous spirit and her contributions toward the development of The Glorious Church of God in Christ. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Mary Elayne Lindsay and Dr. Perry Lindsay as they celebrate their birthdays this month.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
DIANE HEMINWAY: COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding environmental crusader in my district: Diane

Heminway, former Western New York coordinator of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition [CEC]. I commend Diane on her decade of effective, energetic leadership as a community environmental activist on behalf of the people of Orleans County, NY.

In 1984, an accident at a local chemical plant adjacent to her children's school propelled Heminway from homemaker and mother to leader in the grassroots environmental movement in New York State. Overnight, she formed COPE, Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment, to fight toxic pollution and other environmental hazards in her community. In 1990, she broadened the scope of her work, taking the reins of the CEC in Western New York, fighting for clean drinking water, restoration of the Great Lakes, remediation of brownfields and Superfund sites, and greater corporate accountability.

Recently, Diane Heminway resigned her position with the CEC to embark on a new endeavor as a health and safety trainer for the United Steelworkers of America. Though she has left the CEC, Diane will continue to be a tireless advocate for eradicating exposure to toxic chemicals—this time on behalf of America's workers.

I include in the RECORD an article that appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on January 10, 1999, detailing Diane's many accomplishments. On behalf of the residents of Western New York, I extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Diane Heminway for her long and continuing commitment to making our community, State, and Nation a cleaner, healthier, and safer place for all of us.

ACTIVIST DEPARTS, BUT LEAVES LEGACY
EVEN HER FOES RESPECT ENVIRONMENTAL
WORK OF ORLEANS WATCHDOG WHO TARGETED
KODAK

(By Corydon Ireland)

With the new year comes a new look for area environmental advocates.

Diane Heminway, the Orleans County activist who for years was the chief critic of Eastman Kodak's environmental policies, has resigned her paid role to pursue an interest in workers' rights. For nearly a decade, Heminway was western New York coordinator of the Citizen's Environmental Coalition, a statewide group. The sudden absence of a figure many regard as the godmother of area activists will not leave a void in environmental causes, but it does leave a hole. "I wish her well in any new endeavor," said Judy Braiman, who sought Heminway's help in 1987 when she organized Rochesterians Against the Misuse of Pesticides. "But in reality, I want her to come back."

As of December, Heminway became a full-time health and safety trainer for the United Steelworkers of America, which will require frequent national trips away from her Lyndonville, Orleans County, home. "Workers are the most exposed group to toxic chemicals—and worker-exposure laws are truly inadequate," said Heminway. The one-time homemaker and 4-H leader was propelled into action by a 1984 chemical accident, which sent a toxic cloud over the school her children were attending. Noted Braiman: "She started out like any activist. She was protecting her children." "I was just this domestic kid who won the apple pie contest—who thought that was going to be the high point of her life," said Heminway.

Leaders in the grass-roots environmental movement, she said, often share the same profile. They're women, most often mothers, who have to overcome shyness and mild manners to confront polluting industries,

wrestle with arcane regulations and challenge an indifferent public. Among her heroes, said Heminway, are "the most frustrated people I know." They're the scientists and policymakers who regularly tipped her to abuses from within the state and federal agencies designed to protect human health and the environment. "We all want to be moral people, we all want to do the right things," said Heminway. But those impulses are often submerged by the fear of losing a job, offending a friend or bucking the system, she said. While on the job as a paid coalition staffer—and for six years before that—Heminway studied issues and organized citizen protests over environmental hazards in dozens of counties. The hazards ranged from aging dumps in the industrial heart of Niagara Falls to a massive new glass plant in Geneva, Ontario County—which tightened its air standards after the protests.

Heminway's last official act was to co-author a 90-page coalition report on industry-related pollution in the Great Lakes. Even her antagonists note her parting.

"I found her to be a worthy ally, rather than an extremist to be shunned," said John Hicks, regional administrator of the state Department of Environment Conservation. His branch of the DEC, in Avon, Livingston County, was a frequent target of Heminway's criticism. "She was a determined and passionate advocate for environmental improvement," said Kodak spokesman James E. Blamphin, who often locked horns with Heminway. "Despite her impassioned rhetoric, I think Diane Heminway wants the same thing Kodak people want—a sustainable and healthy future for ourselves and our children."

Heminway said going after Kodak was a David-and-Goliath story. The photo giant, she said, was not too big to hit, as many local activists feared. It was too big to miss. "I insisted on calling her our fearless leader," said Helen "Gilly" Burlingham, who worked with Heminway on a three-year Kodak task force of local activists. Burlingham, co-chairwoman of the Sierra Club Rochester Regional Group, is still active on the task force. "Diane was the main person, the point person, the hardest worker." Indeed, among area activists, Heminway's departure prompts enough praise to fill a hymnal.

"New York state is a cleaner place because of Diane," said Judy Robinson, who now oversees the coalition's Buffalo-based office. She pointed to Heminway's work on issues as diverse as groundwater, incinerators, brownfields, corporate accountability and Superfund refinancing. "Diane provided the environmental movement with leadership, unsurpassed dedication, intellect and grace," said William J. Appel, organizer of Metro Justice of Rochester. "Her absence will be felt not only among her fellow activists, but in the halls of power as well."

THE MAKING OF AN ACTIVIST

Like many grass-roots activists, Diane Heminway was transformed by an environmental incident.

1984: A toxic cloud from a Middleport, Orleans County, chemical factory contaminates a nearby school, making Heminway an activist overnight. Co-founds COPE, Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment.

1985: Joins the statewide Toxics in Your Community Coalition (now Citizens' Environmental Coalition).

1990: Becomes CEC's western New York coordinator.

1992: Begins part-time health and safety training for United Steelworkers of America.

1995: Opens CEC office, Medina, Orleans County.

1996: Starts a groundwater education program for elementary schools.

November 1999: Resigns.

TRIBUTE TO COL. JAMES G. HART,
USMC

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the late Col. James G. Hart, who in his too-short life brought great honor to his country through distinguished service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

A native of Minnesota and Montana, Colonel Hart graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1964, and chose to join the Marines. After the basic school, he served three tours in Vietnam; as a rifle platoon commander with 1st Recon and later with 5th Recon. In February 1968, Colonel Hart entered flight school and graduated with distinction in March 1969. He was assigned to VMFA-314 at Chu Lai, Vietnam, where he flew the F-4B.

Colonel Hart's many tours in the corps included assignments as a flight instructor, an aide to the commanding general 1st MAW, a test pilot at China Lake, CA, and designation as a USMC space shuttle pilot. He also served as F/A-18 Hornet project officer at Headquarters Marine Corps, with MAG-11 at 3rd MAW, commanding officer of Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13, and commander of the Marine Aviation Detachment at Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD. For a time, I was honored to serve with Colonel Hart at Naval Air Station Miramar, CA. Colonel Hart retired from the Marine Corps in 1991 and began a very successful career in international business.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars with Combat V, the Purple Heart, Single Air Mission Air Medal, Air Medal with numeral nine, Combat Action Ribbon, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.

Born March 3, 1942, this great man and great American died May 23, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Martha Monagan-Hart, and sons Matt, Andy, and John.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that Colonel James G. Hart demonstrated throughout his life the greatest attributes of the United States of America, through honorable and distinguished service in the Marine Corps, in aviation, in private business, as a leader of men and women, and as a devoted husband and father. While he is departed from us on Earth, Colonel Hart is most certainly not forgotten. We remember him best by emulating the best of his character—in honor, loyalty, service, dedication, and the practice of excellence.

Semper Fidelis, Colonel.

HONORING THE FLAMING ARROW
MARCHING BAND

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, during our past winter holiday recess tens of thousands of

high school and college marching band members packed themselves on vans, buses, trains and planes around this country to travel to another city to appear at one of the many holiday bowl games. For many people who watched the games, the only effort was the apparent one of the performances they saw on the football field during a pre-game or a half-time show.

What we don't see at the game or on television begins during the hot summer with long hours of practice followed by interminable fund raising efforts. It's learning to perform as part of a team; it's creating pride in a group; it's learning perseverance in pursuing a goal; it's learning the importance of having a dream. And they aren't alone in their efforts. Their dedication is supported and encouraged by parents, relatives, friends, teachers, music directors and community leaders that culminate in that performance. It's not just the band that marches onto the football field, but all those who have worked to see that they could be there.

I rise today to offer special recognition for the Flaming Arrow Marching Band of the Stratford Missouri High School. Incidentally, I am proud to call Stratford home.

The 76 member band under the direction of Shane Harmon was one of ten bands invited to the inaugural edition of the Mobile Alabama Bowl. Besides providing pre-game and half-time performances, the band was involved in competition earning the coveted first place over-all award, as well as first place trophies in the solo, marching, jazz and color guard categories.

I know my colleagues in the Congress will join me in extending their congratulations to the Flaming Arrow Marching Band members, their families and their director, not only for the quality of their performance and awards, but for their dedication to achieving an important goal.

HONORING HARRY D. DONOHO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember the life of Harry Donoho who sadly passed away on January 4, 2000 in Dolan Springs, AZ.

Harry was born on March 26, 1923 in Texico, IL. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps on February 10, 1945. Harry was honorable discharged from the Marine Corps with a Purple Heart in 1946.

With assistance from the GI bill, Harry was able to attend college at the University of Illinois, where he received a bachelor of science degree, and Western State College, where he received a masters degree in special education.

Harry and his family lived in Denver, Gunnison and Loma, CO. He started and ran his own business, Donoho Electric Service, until his wife's health complications forced him to retire.

Harry liked to spend time with his family and he also enjoyed fishing and trips to Lake Powell. He moved to Dolan Springs, Arizona where he met and married Betty Jeffery in 1997. Harry will be missed by all those who knew him.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Harry Donoho. He was truly a great American who loved his family and his country.

HONORING ELDER PAULINE
WILLIAMS GRIFFIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like you to join me in paying tribute to Pastor Pauline Williams Griffin. A leader in the Church of God in Christ Jesus, an educator, a counselor, community leader, professional woman, wife and mother.

Born in Angier, North Carolina, she attended Grammar and High School in Lillington, North Carolina, where she received part of her high school education. Her family moved to New York City in 1944 and her high school education was continued and completed at Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, New York. She attended business school at Adelphi College where she majored in Business Administration. She attended Pace University, Bank Street College and the College for Human Services.

She was appointed Elder of the Church of God in Christ Jesus, N.D. in 1965 by her bishop, D. W.H. Amos, Chief apostle of the Church of God in Christ Jesus, N.D. Inc. Elder Griffin moved rapidly within her natural setting, for she became the State Mother of the Church of God in Christ Jesus, N.D. for New York State and is currently the General Mother.

Elder Pauline Williams Griffin is currently a Board Member of the Bank Street College Community Day Care Action Coalition, director of the Church of God in Christ Jesus Day Care Center and executive director of the after school program at P.S. 81 Brooklyn, member of Community Planning Board No. 3, and director of a comprehensive program for youth which includes personal and health counseling. Elder Griffin is directly responsible for the enrollment of 60 students in the program of College for Human Services. Further, she is Vice President of the Movement for Meaningful Involvement in Child Care: she serves as vice President of the United Minorities, Inc., she is a member of the New York State citizens Coalition for Children Inc. and the Chairperson of the Concerned Foster and Adoptive Parents Support Group, Inc. and she belongs to a host of professional organizations.

She is married to Elder Clifton Griffin and is blessed with two lovely daughters, two sons and a beautiful granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker Elder Pauline Williams Griffin is indeed unique. She is truly a leader in the Church—a herald and teacher of the word of God. She is indeed a remarkable woman who has masterfully and successfully combined this calling—this all encompassing work with community activities, day care tutoring, educating, counseling, wifely, parenting, and other professional responsibilities. I ask that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle join me in paying tribute to this truly remarkable woman.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF
LAWNDALE

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Lawndale, California. Lawndale is celebrating its 40th year as an incorporated city.

The City of Lawndale was originally part of a land grant known as Rancho Sausal-Redondo. Following the treaty of Guadalupe-Hildago in 1848, the land was auctioned to Robert Burnett, a Scottish nobleman. Burnett, in turn, leased the land to ranchers Daniel and Catherine Freeman.

Freeman Ranch was eventually subdivided with the establishment of a rail line between Los Angeles and Redondo Beach. Soon thereafter, the area officially appeared as Lawndale on local maps.

Lawndale's population continued to grow throughout the years. Eventually, in an effort to stem annexation by surrounding communities, Lawndale community leaders stepped up the drive for independence, and on December 38, 1959, the City of Lawndale was incorporated.

Lawndale is a culturally diverse community and an ideal place to raise a family and live the American Dream. Many of its residents are homeowners and small business entrepreneurs.

Lawndale has thrived over the last 40 years, and as we enter the 21st century, Lawndale will continue to stand out as a small, unique town; the "Heart of the South Bay." I congratulate the City of Lawndale and its 30,000 residents on this milestone.

HONORING DR. SHELBY M. ELLIOTT, D.C. FOR A DECADE OF SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Shelby M. Elliott, D.C. for his outstanding contributions as President of Texas Chiropractic College for the past decade.

Throughout his ten years of leadership at Texas Chiropractic College (TCC), Dr. Elliott has dedicated himself to the preservation, protection, improvement and advancement of the chiropractic profession for the benefit of patients. TCC which is located in the 25th Congressional District, has been a vibrant asset to the Pasadena community. Under Dr. Elliott's steady hand, the campus has experienced rapid expansion, particularly over the past four years, including the construction of three new buildings—a Student Services & Administration Building, a student clinic, and a new lab sciences building. The latest expansion project is a new Outpatient Clinic—also located on campus—that will serve the needs of both patients and students. Dr. Elliott's guiding principle is to provide students of the college with hands-on clinical experience as early as their second trimester, allowing them to observe the

various aspects of patient examination, diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Elliott's focus has been on fostering increased professionalism among the student body and sharpening interest in academic preparation.

As President of TCC, Dr. Elliott has helped thousands of students develop the skills necessary for total patient management including consultation, physical diagnosis, neurological and orthopedic diagnosis, and application of adjunctive therapy and/or interprofessional co-management. His passion has translated into a lifetime of political activism. Dr. Elliott has held every elective position in local, state and national chiropractic associations, always driven by his interest in serving the needs of his patients. He served as president of the Board of Governors for the American Chiropractic Association for an unprecedented five years. He served nine years on the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, having been appointed by two Texas Governors.

The recent understanding of the healthful benefits of chiropractic care as alternative medicine has been due in large part because of the work Dr. Elliott did as a chiropractor for 38 years. Among his many honors, he was named Doctor of the Year by the American Chiropractic Association in 1990 and received the Lifetime Chiropractic Achievement Award in 1988.

Dr. Elliott is truly a unique and respected individual, known for his open-door policy encouraging students of the College to visit with him anytime. His wife Connie is also a revered member of the TCC family. A popular speaker at any occasion, Dr. Elliott lends his time and expertise to addressing professional meetings throughout the year, and has given presentations to the American Chiropractic Association, the World Chiropractic Health Organization, the International Chiropractors Association and the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research, among many others.

Not only has Dr. Elliott made significant strides on behalf of his colleagues in the profession, he has also demonstrated a proven commitment to give back to the community through civic endeavors. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce in 1996, currently serves on the board of directors of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, and is past president of the Southeast Economic Development, Inc. He has served as President of the Dayton, Texas Rotary Club; fifteen years as the Commander of American Legion Post #512; Health Director for the Boy Scouts of America; past President of the Baytown Community Orchestra Committee and Liberty County Crippled Children's Society, and sponsor and supporter of Pee Wee Baseball and the Valley Players Theatre Group.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Elliott on his decade of leadership as President of Texas Chiropractic College. His achievements are an inspiration to those in the chiropractic profession who work tirelessly to strengthen our health care options and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CROCKETT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 50
YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in recognition of a school that has been devoted to achievement since 1949—Crockett Elementary School.

Going into their next half of a century, the elementary school in the Bryan Independent School District of Texas has quite a list of accomplishments. In 1993, Crockett Elementary received recognition by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association for their Inclusion Program. The school piloted the program in 1991, which received the "Exemplary Innovative Practices for Special Needs Students" award, to incorporate their philosophy that all children even those with special needs can learn in a regular education classroom. Also, one of their high achievements is the National Exemplary Award winning H.O.S.T.S. program, which has been on campus for five years. The Helping One Student to Succeed program consists of 200 community members coming in weekly to read with children.

Evident in their quantity and quality of awards, the Crockett faculty and staff act jointly to make their initiatives successful. They also have a very active Parent Teacher Organization. As the only inclusion school in Bryan ISD, parents and teachers have spoken at local and national conferences. In effect parents and teachers from all over Texas come to witness the Inclusion Program in action and model their own after Crockett's example.

The Texas A&M University College of Education designated Crockett as a Professional Development School in their program—they are the first elementary school designated. In promoting higher education, The Janell Gallion Scholarship Fund, which is funded by student and faculty support, is given annually to a Bryan High School graduate that attended Crockett Elementary. The scholarship was named after the school's dedicated librarian who, as they describe it, "fought cancer to the very end and never let it affect her work with students."

Mr. Speaker, I commend the faculty, staff, parents, and students for making Crockett Elementary such a landmark of achievement in the State of Texas. They have set an example for all schools and communities to recognize, and I hope make applicable to their own systems.

TRIBUTE TO ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Cecilia School, which has nobly served the community in Clare, Michigan, for 50 wonderful years.

During its 50 year history this school has endured many challenges, but through the love of the surrounding community it has sur-

vived, growing from a one-room church in the 1900's to a magnificent building where not only the youth of Clare but also much of the Catholic community are educated.

It is clear that St. Cecilia's has been a strong pillar of the community and its services have reached above the dreams and ideals of its founders. It has given back to Clare citizens starting with the very first week it opened in 1950. Teachers and staff have continued excellent service throughout the years, providing an active learning environment that has produced successful, well-rounded students who have continually scored in the highest percentiles on standardized tests.

I commend the St. Cecilia School for its 50 years of excellent service. The teachers, staff and parents have shown students how to integrate academics with Christian values, and have paved the way for successful citizens and an enlightened town, leaving behind a highly respected reputation embedded in each member of the community.

I wish them the very best as they embark on their second half-century.

HONORING FORMER COLORADO
CONGRESSMAN, BYRON L. JOHNSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember a former U.S. Congressman from Colorado who recently passed away at the age of 82.

Byron Johnson was born on October 12, 1917 in Chicago, IL. He moved with his family to Wisconsin at the age of 10. He earned a bachelor, masters, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. From 1942 to 1947, Byron worked in Washington, DC in the Budget Bureau and the Social Security Administration.

In 1947, Byron and his wife, Kay, moved to Denver, CO so that Byron could pursue a teaching position at the University of Denver.

Byron served in the 86th Congress of the United States. He later served 12 years as a CU Regent and two years on the Regional Transportation District board of directors.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Byron Johnson, a man who loved his country and his State. Byron gave immeasurably to the State of Colorado and for that he will long be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND FRED
L. SHUTTLESWORTH, A GREAT
LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, a community leader who will be honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 4, 2000, by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. He was selected for his outstanding community service, business and

civic accomplishments, awareness of the needs of others, and achievements that have brought favorable attention to the Cincinnati area.

A native of Alabama, Rev. Shuttlesworth moved to the Cincinnati area in 1961 to pastor at the Revelation Baptist Church. In 1966, he founded the Greater New Light Baptist Church in Avondale where he continues to lead worship. He has four children.

Rev. Shuttlesworth earned a bachelor's degree in science from Alabama State University in 1951. He went on to do graduate work at Alabama State and then received seminary training at Cedar Grove Academy and Selma University.

The Rev. Shuttlesworth is perhaps best known for his heroic work as a civil rights leader. Many place him among the "big three" in the civil rights movement—next to Dr. Martin Luther King and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Willing to risk his life for freedom and equality, the Rev. Shuttlesworth was nearly killed three times, jailed more than 25 times, and endured more than 36 criminal and civil actions. Words such as bravery do little to capture the conviction and heroism that Rev. Shuttlesworth exhibits.

A sampling of Rev. Shuttlesworth's accomplishments include the organization of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights in 1956, which was founded in response to Alabama politicians outlawing of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1957, he was one of five organizers of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference where he still serves as a member of its National Board. In addition, he served for several years as a member of the National Advisory Board of Congress on Racial Equality. But he has also been actively involved in our community and I have seen firsthand his good works. In 1988, Rev. Shuttlesworth established The Shuttlesworth Housing Foundation to help needy families afford down payments for the purchase of homes. As of November 1999, Rev. Shuttlesworth helped over 460 low-income families become homeowners.

In June of 1988, the City of Birmingham renamed Huntsville Road "F.L. Shuttlesworth Drive," and on November 14, 1992, Birmingham dedicated an 8-foot statue of Rev. Shuttlesworth at the opening of its Civil Rights Institute. In 1998, the City of Cincinnati renamed North and South Crescent Avenues as "Fred Shuttlesworth Circle."

Rev. Shuttlesworth says that he has done "little" and he professes to do "more and . . . all I can until I leave here." Cincinnati is blessed by the Rev. Shuttlesworth's leadership and good will. We are most fortunate for his service and commitment to our nation and local community.

REGARDING ROY AND JOANN MITTE

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and pay tribute to two Brownsville

benefactors, Roy and JoAnn Mitte. Roy, who grew up in the city of Brownsville, moved away, but returns to pay a debt of gratitude by donating \$3 million dollars toward the renovation of Dean Porter Park, a park he remembers from his youth.

Like so many citizens of Brownsville, Roy has very fond memories of the park, a park many also know as Ringgold Park. After 30 years, Brownsville citizens are getting together to renovate, restore and recreate the park to serve as a central retreat for all to enjoy. A plan has been designed to better meet the needs of our growing community for future generations to come.

When Roy used to play in the park, he was a beneficiary of the benevolence of the Sams Memorial Foundation, named after a family who were the first benefactors to enhance the then Ringgold Park; now as an adult he is contributing to the first big renovation since 1960.

Almost anyone you talk to who has grown up in Brownsville has a story about their experiences at Ringgold Park. In years past, it was the central meeting place to play at the playground, swim at the largest pool in town and attend social functions at the pavilion, a popular meeting place at the park.

It is also the location of the Camille Lightner Playhouse, the city's only theater which is still active in presenting dramatic plays. Now, many years later, it is in serious need of renovation and repair. It is my privilege to pay tribute and express gratitude to the Mittes for their generous contribution which will go a long way toward refurbishing a park that is loved by so many.

I would also like to commend the efforts of the Dean Porter Park Renovation Committee for their initiation of this project and their ongoing efforts to revitalize this park which means so much to so many people. Our lives, and the lives of those who follow us here in Brownsville, will truly be enriched by the efforts of the Mittes and their generosity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for one vote today, Thursday, January 27, missing rollcall 1 on which I would have voted "present".

NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY MONTH

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Biotechnology Month. Biotechnology is revolutionizing the quality of life for millions of people around the world. The United States, and Washington State in particular, is home to some of the leading biotechnology companies in the world.

Biotechnology is revolutionizing every facet of medicine, from diagnosis to treatment of all diseases, not just bacterial infections. It is detailing life at the molecular level and someday will take much of the guesswork out of disease management and treatment. The implications for health care are greater than any milestone in medical history.

Take cancer, for example. The first biotechnology medicines have been used in conjunction with surgery, chemotherapy and radiation to enhance their effectiveness, lessen adverse side effects and reduce the chances of cancer recurrence. Future biotech cancer drugs, however, such as vaccines that prevent abnormal cell growth, may make traditional treatments obsolete.

In cardiovascular diseases, biotech drugs that either dissolve or prevent blood clots in the treatment of heart attacks are being applied to cases of ischemic stroke, reducing brain damage and hospital recovery time. Another biotech medicine is proving successful in late-stage clinical trials for angina and may represent the first new class of drugs to treat that condition since introduction of calcium channel blockers in the 1970's.

Advancements in research on inflammatory diseases also have yielded first-of-a-kind drugs to treat multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Other medicines in late-stage clinical trials block the start of the molecular cascade that triggers inflammation's tissue damaging effects in numerous disease states.

In treatment of infectious diseases, biotechnology is leading the attack on the alarming problem of drug-resistant bacteria, creating antibiotics to take the place of those no longer effective. It also has revealed the genetic composition of bacteria and viruses, making the search for new remedies more efficient. Most biotech drugs are designed to treat our most devastating and intractable illnesses. In many cases these medicines would be the first ever therapies for those diseases.

In my home of Washington State, there are 116 biotechnology companies that employ over 7,000 people. Employment in Washington State biotechnology and medical technology industry is projected to increase to nearly 20,000 workers by 2005. Thousands of patient lives have been improved or saved by the relatively new products produced by Washington biotechnology companies. These products include Enbrel for rheumatoid arthritis, Leukine for cancer, and TOBI for cystic fibrosis. This number is expected to grow exponentially as more products are approved for market.

It is vital that Congress and the administration take into account the developments and advancements in this industry and work to encourage the massive amount of private capital being invested in these medical breakthroughs. Congress can help by fully supporting federal investments in math and science education, research performed at public universities and the National Institutes of Health. Congress should work with the Administration to modernize the drug approval process and to make sure that the Medicare system takes advantage of the potential cost savings brought forth by developments in the biotechnology industry.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of National Biotechnology Month and look forward to the next great news in the newspapers of tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBIE STERNE, A
GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Bobbie Sterne, a community leader who will be honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 4, 2000, by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. She was selected for her outstanding community service, business and civic accomplishments, awareness of the needs of others, and achievements that have brought favorable attention to the Cincinnati area.

Mrs. Sterne grew up in Moran, Ohio, and currently resides in North Avondale. She graduated from Akron City Hospital School of Nursing and attended both the University of Akron and the University of Cincinnati. She and her husband, the late Dr. Eugene Sterne, have two daughters. During World War II, she served at the rank of first lieutenant with the 25th General Hospital Unit in Europe.

Mrs. Sterne has made a difference in the community of Cincinnati—particularly through her 25 years of service as an elected official. She served on the Cincinnati City Council from 1971 to 1985 and then from 1987 to 1998 and in 1976, she became the first woman mayor of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Sterne has received numerous awards and honors, including the Citizen's committee on Youth's Most Valuable Citizen Award; Council of Jewish Women Hannah G. Solomon Award; Ohio Woman of the Year; Inquirer Woman of the Year; Ohio Woman Hall of Fame; YMCA's Career Women of Achievement; the Salvation Army's "Other" Award; the Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame; the Lighthouse Youth Services Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award; and the Alcoholism Council Tracy Bissell Memorial Award, among others.

Mrs. Sterne still actively serves the community on numerous boards, including the Charter Committee; Government Relations Committee of the Community Chest; Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Woman Sports Association Board; the Ohio United Way Board; the Hamilton County Department of Human Services Planning Committee; the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati; the Fountain Square Fund Restoration Committee; and Chair of the Emergency Service Coalition.

Mrs. Sterne's commitment to community service was instilled at an early age. In her family, one was brought up to "leave the world a better place than you found it." Mrs. Sterne has certainly succeeded in doing so in our community. Cincinnati is grateful for her leadership, service, and commitment.

REGARDING SAN ANTONIO INS
OFFICE

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great team of public servants in San Antonio, Texas, at the San Antonio District Office of the Immigration and Naturaliza-

tion (INS) Service, who were the recipients of three separate national awards for excellence bestowed by INS this year.

Each year, the Commissioner of INS confers national awards for excellence honoring employees for their outstanding performance.

The employees of the Citizenship/Naturalization Unit were honored with the Commissioner's Challenge Award for Immigration Services for reducing the waiting times for all citizenship/naturalization applications and for demonstrating an overall commitment to quality.

The same unit was honored with Vice President GORE's "Hammer Award" in June of last year for their innovative program to reach out to military applicants who often face transfer overseas or a deadline to reach citizenship before re-enlistment. Getting the waiting time for applications down is a minor miracle. The wait for those wishing to process documents with the INS has been 18 months or more for the past few years.

Port Director Ramon T. Juarez was honored with the Commissioner's Challenge Award for Border Facilitation, for his outstanding efforts in managing the Laredo Port of Entry. The Port reduced the waiting time for applicants for admission to 20 minutes or less.

San Antonio Investigative Assistant Jerome Bass was honored as Employee of the Year in the Administrative/Technological category. His peers say Bass has an "unselfish attitude and willingness to lend a hand." His dedication to the job brought him national attention.

These three awards are indicative of the dedication of the 432 employees in the San Antonio office. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending them for providing the best in government services.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM J. BROWN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of William J. Brown, former Ohio Attorney General, who passed away last week. He was a man who had the ability to bring true integrity and a human quality to politics.

Born as a natural leader, Brown perfected the ability to get his point across in as little time as possible and still maintain context that was regarded as "true genius". He had the natural ability to motivate those around him with his focus and drive. Although he always had his heart and his mind focused on his goals, he refused to give in to the negativity of his work and kept the working environment free from strain and strife.

William Brown had strong feelings and was dedicated to "Ending the Political Pollution in Ohio". It was through this issue that Brown was able to embrace the environment, soon after the first Earth Day was held in 1970. His career was colorful, successful and he was known for having strong views and the ability to back them up. Brown was a talented agent for public service. He selflessly gave of his time and support to many issues and was a strong supporter of team work.

It is with a heavy heart that I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in remembering William J. Brown. His memory will truly endure in the hearts of all that he was able to touch.

HONORING MICHAEL F. MARKO

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues a fire-fighting legend, Michael F. Marko, who was honored by family and friends on January 4 as he celebrated his retirement as assistant fire chief for the 30th Space Wing that is located in my congressional district.

Michael Marko faithfully served the 30th Space Wing for 33 years. He participated in and commanded the safe mitigation of more than 12,800 fire emergencies during his years of service. Michael has also been an integral member of the Vandenberg Professional Firefighters Local F-116 since 1971 and has been instrumental in working for the rights union members now enjoy. In honor of his many years of service to the union, Michael was awarded by his colleagues a lifetime membership. Through his actions, he saved numerous lives and billions of dollars in Defense Department assets. Michael also personally supervised the launch of countless Delta, Titan, and Peacekeeping rockets, enhancing America's national security. We have Michael Marko to thank for ensuring a permanent American presence in space that will continue to grow in this new century.

Mr. Speaker, as impressive as any complete accounting of Michael's accomplishments would be, it would not do justice to the long lasting and immeasurable contributions he has made to the 30th Space Wing. I am truly honored to represent Mr. Marko in Washington. I send my most heartfelt appreciation on behalf of the 30th Space Wing, the community of Vandenberg, and the people of Santa Barbara County for his hard work and dedicated service. I know that Michael's leadership will be missed by the 30th Space Wing of Santa Barbara County.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES MECHEM,
JR., A GREAT LIVING CIN-
CINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles Mechem, Jr., a dear friend and community leader who will be honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 4, 2000, by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. He was selected for this honor because of his outstanding business accomplishments, awareness of the needs of others, community service, civic accomplishments and contributions that have increased the quality of life in Cincinnati and Southwest Ohio.

Mr. Mechem grew up in Nelsonville, Ohio, and currently lives in Clifton with his wife, Marilyn. They have three children. A graduate of Miami University and Yale Law School, Mr. Mechem has had a most distinguished career, bringing business and entertainment to the Greater Cincinnati area. Mr. Mechem likes to say he has enjoyed four careers: as a partner

at Taft, Stettinius & Hollister; as CEO of Taft Broadcasting; as commissioner of the Ladies Professional Golf Association; and in his own words, "life after that"—which includes serving as Chairman of the Board at Convergys and as the personal business adviser to golf legend Arnold Palmer.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Mechem has focused on bringing entertainment opportunities to the Cincinnati area. As he puts it, he "was motivated . . . to do things that made this community a fun place to live in." Mr. Mechem was instrumental in bringing the Cincinnati Bengals franchise to town; spearheading the vision and construction of Kings Island; and helping to provide the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra a new home at Riverbend by donating the site adjacent to Coney Island. Nationally, Mr. Mechem worked tirelessly for five years with the LPGA to lead a national resurgence of interest in the game.

In the business community, Mr. Mechem served Cincinnati as President of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce in 1977 and Co-Chaired the Chamber's Blue Chip Campaign from 1979–86. His other leadership roles include: National Chairman, Miami University Goals for Enrichment Campaign; President, Family Service; Co-Chair, Cincinnati Business Committee; and Founder/President of the Greater Cincinnati Sports & Events Commission. In addition to being the Chairman of the Board at Convergys, Mr. Mechem also serves on the Board of Directors at Mead Corp., Ohio National Life Insurance, Arnold Palmer Golf Co., The J.M. Smucker Co. and Myers Y. Cooper Company.

All of us in Cincinnati are grateful to him for his full devotion and service to community.

REGARDING ALBERTO GALVAN

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the lifetime of service of Alberto Galvan, the district manager for the Brownsville-Harlingen area for the Social Security Administration (SSA). Alberto has served the Federal Government for 35 years, retiring just last month.

A son of South Texas, born in Harlingen, Alberto was in the United States Air Force (USAF) prior to his service to the Federal Government. In the Air Force, he attended USAF Russian Language School and served in electronic intelligence during his duty in Japan. That would have been impressive duty in those days, our forward listening post to spy on the communists in the Soviet Union.

This man who loves his country began working for the Social Security Administration in 1970, where he has worked ever since, winning the SSA Commissioner's Citation, the SSA Regional Commissioner's Citation (twice), and the Outstanding Officer Award (four times).

Aside from his many awards, Mr. Galvan has a great deal of contact with my Brownsville district office. As all of you know, the success of our district offices rises and falls on the relationship they have with individuals within the SSA. Thanks to Alberto Galvan, and the wonderful people in my district office, that relationship is strong indeed. The SSA man-

ages the nation's social insurance program, consisting of retirement, survivors, and disability insurance programs; so, the ties that bind our interests are quite strong.

I want to thank Alberto today for being a really nice man and always being responsive to our inquiries. He takes calls from my office himself and has been largely responsible for training my staff members who deal with Social Security issues. He oversees all of Cameron and Willacy counties in the lower Rio Grande Valley but is primarily responsible for the Brownsville area up to Rancho Viejo, Texas.

Since he left the Air Force, Alberto has found another way to put the Russian he learned there to good use. Today, he is the only Russian translator in the Dallas Region of the SSA and is often sent documents to translate, usually birth certificates.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending this outstanding patriot who has made a career serving our great country, first in uniform, and for the last 30 years, administering the Federal social insurance program in South Texas.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IDEA FULL FUNDING ACT OF 2000

HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the IDEA Full Funding Act of 2000. This legislation provides an additional \$2 billion a year for ten years to reach full funding of IDEA by 2010.

In 1972, two landmark cases, *PARC v. State of Pennsylvania* and *Mills v. Board of Education* found that children with disabilities are guaranteed an equal opportunity to an education under the 14th amendment. In response to these cases, Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, the predecessor of today's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), to assist state and local governments in meeting their responsibility to these children by agreeing to pay up to 40 percent of the cost of educating children with disabilities. However, to date, the federal government has never contributed more than 12.6 percent. States and school districts make up the difference.

For instance, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) currently spends approximately \$891 million to educate 81,000 disabled students. While the district receives approximately \$500 million from the state and \$42 million from the federal government for that purpose, it must tap into funds intended for other education programs to make up the \$300 million shortfall. School districts all across the nation face similar dilemmas. Therefore, I am introducing this legislation to put us on a course for full funding by 2010.

As we move into the 21st Century, we must make critical decisions about the priorities of this nation. In countries like Japan and China, education is a top priority, above even defense. This year alone, the U.S. Department of Defense will ask for \$11 billion in new spending and according to OMB's most recent estimates, we can expect an \$80 billion budget surplus for FY 2000. Surely we can spare an

additional \$2 billion a year to ensure a brighter future for all Americans.

CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REGULATORY INFORMATION ACT OF 2000

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 2000," a bill to aid Congress in analyzing Federal regulations and to ensure the public's understanding of the legal effect of agency guidance documents. To accomplish the former, the bill requires an analytic report to Congress by the General Accounting Office (GAO) on selected important agency proposed and final rules. To accomplish the latter, the bill requires the agencies to include a notice of nonbinding effect on each agency guidance document without any general applicability or future effect.

On May 22, 1997, Representative SUE KELLY introduced H.R. 1704, the "Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act." On March 11, 1998, the House Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, which I chair, held a hearing on this bill. Rep. KELLY testified at the hearing that the analytic function will "help Congress deal with an increasingly complex and burdensome regulatory system. It will give Congress the resources it needs to oversee the regulations that the Executive Branch issues on a regular basis and facilitate use of the Congressional Review Act." She also stated that it "would provide a second opinion" of the agency's analysis of the impact of a rule. On March 13, 1998, the House Committee on the Judiciary reported an amended version of the bill and issued a report (H. Rept. 105-441, Part I). On June 3, 1998, the House Government Reform Committee reported a further amended version of the bill and issued a report (H. Rept. 105-441, Part II). There was no further action on the bill during 1998 and 1999.

The "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 2000" is introduced to respond to some criticisms of the earlier bill, especially about the creation of a new Congressional agency. Instead, the "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 2000" places the analytical function within GAO, which, since March 1996, has been charged with certain related functions under the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

Congress has delegated to the agencies the responsibility of writing regulations. However, regulations need to be carefully analyzed before they are issued. Under the CRA, Congress has the responsibility to review regulations and ensure that they achieve their goals in the most efficient and effective way. But, Congress has been unable to fully carry out its responsibility because it has neither all of the information it needs to carefully evaluate regulations nor sufficient staff for this function. Under my bill, GAO will be tasked with reviewing agency cost-benefit analyses and alternative approaches to the agencies' chosen regulatory alternatives.

The "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 2000" has a companion bill on the Senate side, S. 1198, the "Congressional Accountability for Regulatory Information Act of 1999." This bill was introduced by Senators SHELBY, BOND, and LOTT on June 9, 1999 and then renamed and reported by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee as the "Truth in Regulating Act of 1999" on December 7, 1999. The House and Senate bills are both intended to promote effective Congressional oversight of important regulatory decisions.

In addition, the House version includes a provision to ensure that public's understanding of the effect of agency guidance documents (such as guidance, guidelines, manuals, and handbooks). It requires agencies to include a notice on the first page of each agency guidance document to make clear that, if the document has no general applicability or future effect, it is not legally binding. Under the CRA, "rules" subject to Congressional review are broadly defined to include not only regulatory actions subject to statutory notice and comment but also other agency actions that contain statements of general applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy. Unfortunately, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), despite a 1999 Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act directive to do so, has still not issued adequate guidance to the agencies on the requirement to submit to Congress any noncodified guidance document with any general applicability or future effect.

As a consequence, on October 8, 1999, the Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs began an investigation of the agencies' use of noncodified documents, including the specific explanations within each of these documents regarding their legal effect. I asked the General Counsels of the Departments of Labor (DOL) and Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to submit their noncodified documents issued since the March 1996 enactment of the CRA and to indicate which were submitted to Congress under the CRA. DOL and DOT asked that I narrow my request; as a consequence, I asked for only those documents issued by DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Both DOL and DOT admitted that none of their 1,641 and 1,225 guidance documents respectively, had any legal effect and none was submitted to Congress for review under the CRA. Now, nearly four months later, EPA has still not completely produced its guidance documents. The investigation also revealed that the absence of any legal effect was not clear to the public. In fact, only 11 percent of OSHA's guidance documents included any discussion of legal effect and only 7 percent had this discussion at the beginning of the document. On February 15, 2000, I will be holding a hearing to examine DOL's use of guidance documents as a possible backdoor approach to regulating the public.

Let me conclude by thanking Representative SUE KELLY of New York, Chairwoman of the Small Business Committee's Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, for her leadership in this area in 1997 and 1998.

TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP DANIEL E. PILARCZYK

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to rise in tribute to Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop.

During his forty years in the priesthood, Archbishop Pilarczyk has compiled an impressive and distinguished history of service to the church and the community. After eight years of service as Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, he became Archbishop in 1982. He is the spiritual leader of 550,000 Catholics in more than 200 parishes, and he manages close to 7,500 workers in Ohio. In addition, he has served as president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as chairman of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy.

Archbishop Pilarczyk is a strong believer in education and has made it one of his top priorities during his time at the helm of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which is the ninth largest Catholic school system in the country. He has served our community in so many other ways including serving on the boards of St. Rita's School for the Deaf, the Pontifical College Josephinum, Catholic University of America and the coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati.

He holds a masters degree from Xavier University and a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati, as well as seven honorary degrees. In addition, he has authored 18 books as well as numerous articles.

Daniel Pilarczyk is a Southwest Ohio native and he has given so much back to our community. I've had the chance to work with him in his role as founding board member of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati where he made an important contribution as a thoughtful and dedicated board member and a person with a sincere interest in our youth and their future.

All of us in Southwest Ohio wish Archbishop Pilarczyk the very best on the 25th anniversary of his ordination as bishop. We are proud to count him as one of our true religious, spiritual, and community leaders.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIVATE RELIEF BILL

HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a private relief bill for Gui Di Chen which will allow her to adjust status to permanent resident as an immediate relative of a U.S. citizen. Ms. Chen's husband, Robert Lem, died before the immigration and naturalization service could approve his wife's petition to become a permanent resident.

Under our immigration law, the INS cannot adjudicate Gui Di Chen's petition because she was married less than two years to Robert Lem before he passed away. The fact that Ms. Chen lived with Mr. Lem for three years does not matter under the eyes of the law. Without

the enactment of this private relief bill, Ms. Chen faces a dire and uncertain future in China, a country she hasn't been to in nearly ten years.

There is, moreover, ample precedent for such relief. For instance, the 105th Congress passed and the President signed into law at least two private relief bills, H.R. 1794 (Private Law 105-7) and H.R. 1834 (Private Law 105-8), that allowed the widowed alien spouses of Americans to adjust status to permanent resident. In both of these cases, the alien spouses were married less than two years to their U.S. citizen spouses.

Mr. Speaker, Gui Di Chen's case is compounded by a tale of woe and misfortune that rivals a Greek tragedy. In less than eight years, Ms. Chen has lost two husbands who died suddenly and before her immigrant petitions could be processed. In 1990, Ms. Chen and her son joined her husband, Zheng-Ming Wu, in the United States. Mr. Wu was completing a graduate degree at the time. Mr. Wu was fortunate enough to find an employer who filed an employer-based immigrant petition on his behalf. However, on September 6, 1991, just five days before Gui Di Chen, her son and husband were scheduled for an INS immigrant interview, Mr. Wu was killed in a car accident.

According to the police report that was filed, Mr. Wu was driving on the San Bernardino Freeway and developed car trouble. His car was stopped in an H.O.V. lane when he was rear-ended by an 18-year-old who was driving on a suspended license and without insurance. Ms. Chen received no compensation for her husband's death. In addition, the INS told Ms. Chen and her son that their application for permanent resident status was denied due to the death of Mr. Wu.

After the tragic loss of her first husband, Gui Di Chen was fortunate enough to fall in love again. Mr. Lem and Ms. Chen were married on March 31, 1997. Tragedy would strike once again when Mr. Lem died of a heart attack on June 16, 1998. Not only did Ms. Chen lose her husband, she also lost the opportunity to become a permanent resident.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that Gui Di Chen is not victimized once again by the vagaries of fate and is allowed to finally adjust to permanent resident status. She deserves nothing less.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, SPANGLER, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, on December 17, 1999, the Holy Cross Parish celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Church of the Holy Cross, Spangler, Pennsylvania.

Throughout our area and our Nation, we find such churches as the centers of our community, the fabric of our community spirit, and the strength of families. The Church of the Holy Cross has celebrated 2,735 baptisms, 622 weddings. It has held 1,332 funerals to send its faithful home. These events chronicle the history of the families in the region.

Plans for the present church structure were drawn by architect William East and built by John S. Drumm at a cost of \$4,800 according to the contract signed on July 8, 1899. On December 17th of that year, the Rt. Reverend Leander Scherr, O.S.B., Archabbott, St. Vincent Archabbey of Latrobe, dedicated the church. It was served by the Benedictine Fathers of St. Vincent Archabbey until 1984 and since then by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

The strength of our great nation comes not from decisions made in Washington, but from the enduring community strength, family commitments and individual ideals to which our house of worship provided the central underpinnings. The Church of the Holy Cross has been a part of that national strength for one hundred years; an integral factor in the growth of our nation and our region of Pennsylvania.

It is an honor for me to recognize the continuing role of the Church of the Holy Cross, of the church's twenty-fifth pastor, Father David J. Arseneault, and the individuals in the Parish that have made the Church of the Holy Cross endure for 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL (RETIRED) LAVERN E. WEBER

HON. ERNEST J. ISTOOK, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a great American, former Adjutant General of Oklahoma, previous Director of the Army National Guard, prior Chief of the National Guard Bureau and past Executive Director of the National Guard Association of the United States.

Lieutenant General Weber, a native of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma, was the first Three-Star General to head the National Guard Bureau. He held that post from August 1974 until August

1982. He continued his service at United States Forces Command until his retirement on June 30, 1984, which concluded 42 years of military service with the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps Reserve and the Army National Guard.

Lieutenant General Weber served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. After the war, he joined the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th infantry division. His unit was called to active duty September 1950 and then Captain Weber was soon serving as a Company Commander, and later the Operations and Training Officer. During a combat tour in Korea, he was promoted to the rank of Major a month before his release from active duty in June 1952 when he returned to National Guard Status in the Oklahoma National Guard.

He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in December 1955 and was assigned as assistant intelligence officer, 45th Infantry Division. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on May 15, 1959, and in April 1961 was assigned as Chief of Personnel, 45th Infantry Division, and served in that position until November 1964. He became Chief of Staff, 45th Infantry Division with his promotion to Colonel on November 18, 1964.

On March 8, 1965, he was promoted to Major General, concurrent with his appointment as the Adjutant General of Oklahoma. He served in that position until his appointment as Director of the Army National Guard, in October 1971.

On June 29, 1979, the Chief of Staff U.S. Army promoted him to Lieutenant General, the grade at which he would retire in 1984. He was appointed as the full-time Executive Director of NGAUS effective July 1, 1984. In the past few years, he had been a consultant on national defense matters.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—Lieutenant General Lavern Weber.

SALUTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER JOHN MCGUIRE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues today to join me in recognizing the public service record of one of our own—a recently-retired employee of the House of Representatives, a member of my staff, John McGuire.

Although John has left public service and gone on to another stage in life in which he now focuses his energy entirely on family and friendly pursuits, he has left behind a record of admirable service.

Over the course of his professional career, and in addition to his time on my staff, he has brought great credit to the federal government. He has helped me understand the importance of our debt to veterans and he has excelled at constituent service in general.

A combat U.S. Marine veteran, John was indeed a very special liaison for me with the community of veterans who live in Central New York. But his camaraderie with those who have served our nation never limited his reach. For many Central New Yorkers, John has been the federal government's helping hand.

We who count ourselves among his friends are proud of his natural tendency to open his door to others in hours of need. His empathy has been matched only by his skills, his concern matched only by his optimism, and his value as an employee matched only by the good he does for others who are his friends.

The United States of America, the greatest country on earth, is strengthened by patriots and civil servants like John McGuire. Thank God for that. I join others of his admirers in recognizing his contributions and thanking him for his selfless dedication to principle and public service.