

the 24.4 cent per gallon federal tax on diesel fuel.

This step is necessary because the price of diesel has almost doubled in the past six months. This steep rise is bringing ruin to America's truckers, carriers, shippers, farmers, and adversely affecting all consumers. While the U.S. Congress cannot force OPEC to increase production, we must initiate a federal investigation into possible manipulation and price gauging by OPEC members and other oil producers. Clearly there is no shortage of oil. What we see today is intentional manipulation of production to ensure the highest prices for oil producers.

In addition to launching a federal investigation, Congress should pass my legislation which is designed to provide immediate, albeit temporary, relief for the American consumer and so many small businesses which depend on diesel fuel. The average independent trucker and small farmer cannot continue to operate their businesses with the cost of diesel at almost \$2 per gallon! Let's help them out by repealing the federal tax on diesel at the same time that we work the diplomatic and legal channels to bring pressure on oil producers. Please cosponsor this bill.

RECOGNIZING DR. HILARY
KOPROWSKI

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the outstanding achievements of Dr. Hilary Koprowski—a man who has changed America, and the world, for the better.

Dr. Koprowski is one of the most distinguished and respected biomedical researchers in American history. On February 27, 2000 we marked the 50th anniversary of the first application of his oral polio vaccine—one of Dr. Koprowski's most notable achievements. Truly one of the outstanding scientists of our time, Dr. Koprowski, along with co-workers, engineered a new rabies vaccine that is more effective and less painful than the traditional Pasteur technique. In addition, Dr. Koprowski has pioneered the development of monoclonal antibodies for the detection and treatment of cancer. Dr. Koprowski is known for being a creative scientist. His other contributions include a blood test for early detection of cancer, and a serum for effective therapy against cancer of the bowel. He found a connection between viral infection and diseases of the nervous system. Dr. Koprowski's other research focused on the toxic effect of free radicals on lesions caused by viral disease.

Today, Dr. Koprowski is the author of more than 850 scientific papers and a member of many learned societies. He has received honorary degrees from numerous universities and is the recipient of more than eighteen major honors, including the Order of the Lion, awarded by the King of Belgium, the Legion of Honor of France and the Nicolaus Copernicus Medal of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Philadelphia Award, the Scott Award, and the Legion of Honor.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Dr. Hilary Koprowski was faced with a choice between a

career in music or in science. He received a degree in piano from the Warsaw Conservatory as well as the Santa Cecilia Academy of Music in Rome. In 1939, Dr. Koprowski obtained his M.D. degree and adopted scientific research as his life's work. Music remains a significant part of Dr. Koprowski's life. His compositions are published and are currently being played by various orchestras. Dr. Koprowski often compared science to music when he said, "A well-done experiment gives the same sense of satisfaction that a composer feels after composing a sonata."

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hilary Koprowski is a hero. He has been a world leader in scientific research for over 50 years. His expertise and leadership have contributed greatly to the field of science, and he has helped save countless lives. I know the House will join me in paying tribute to this outstanding scientist on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his polio vaccine discovery.

IN HONOR OF DR. LIFSHITZ

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding physician, Dr. Aliza Lifshitz.

Many know her as Doctor Aliza, a doctor who has spent the past two decades working in the Latino communities in Los Angeles and across the country, to improve the health of Latino citizens.

Dr. Lifshitz grew up in Mexico, the daughter of a Russian immigrant father and New York-born mother. Dr. Lifshitz attended the prestigious Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. She also studied at Tulane University and at UC San Diego.

During her medical career, Dr. Lifshitz has become known as a primary source of health information to the Latino community. She reports on *Primer Impacto*, the highest-rated Spanish language news magazine television series on the air. She is also the health columnist for *La Opinion*, the largest Spanish-language daily newspaper in America.

Dr. Lifshitz' most recent accomplishment is a book, "Mama Sana, Bebe Sano—Healthy Mother, Healthy Baby," a pregnancy guide written in Spanish and English. The bilingual book is the first published that addresses pregnancy and infant care simultaneously in the same book.

Dr. Lifshitz' stellar career is a testament to dedication. She has concentrated her efforts in administering care to the under-served segment of the population—the indigent, teens in crisis, the elderly and the many who have fallen between the cracks of our society. She has also become a role model for millions of young women striving to better themselves and the world they live in. Throughout her career, Dr. Lifshitz has shared her considerable talent and gift of healing with everyone. Her role is not only as a physician, but as a "friend."

Colleagues, please join with me today as we honor Dr. Lifshitz, a caring physician who is committed to her profession and to the well-being of those in her care.

HONORING DAN KLOSTER,
SNOWMASS VILLAGE ROTARY
CLUB BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL
PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Rotary Club of Snowmass Village Business/Professional Person of the Year. Dan Kloster is a businessman who knows how important it is to give back to the community.

The Person of the Year award is given each year to the person who best exemplifies the principles of the club. Candidates for the award are nominated by either Rotarians or by a member of the community. This is the first time the award has been presented to an active member of the club. Dan is a charter member of the Snowmass Club and has served as the club's president in the past.

Rotary clubs across the world have dedicated their mission to serving their local community as well as those areas of the world that are in need of humanitarian efforts. The club from Snowmass has been committed to serving the international community. Dan has served on the International Committee which focuses on projects like going to Africa to immunize young people against polio.

In addition to deeds, Rotary members like Dan try to implement the philosophy of the four-way test. This test is to be applied to everything in the life of a member. The test is comprised of four questions: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it benefit all concerned? Dan tries to be an example when it comes to the four-way test not only in the business world, but in his personal life.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute in honor to Dan Kloster. His efforts to make his community, country and world a better place deserve our thanks and praise.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. LITA HORNICK

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. Gilman. Mr. Speaker, I regret to call to the attention of our colleagues the recent death of Dr. Lita Hornick, a truly remarkable woman, and a former resident of my constituency in Rockland County, New York.

Dr. Hornick was a prominent figure from the 1960's to the present day. Her efforts in the worlds of art and literature are legendary, encouraging the advancement of the avant-garde and "beat" poets, who struggled for recognition, but survived with the dedication of Dr. Hornick. She spoke her mind, and she never hesitated in furthering the ideals in which she so fondly believed. Additionally, she founded the avant-garde publication *Kulcher Magazine*, published over forty-two art-illustrated manuscripts of poetry and writing, and she became known as the "Kulcher Queen," the title of her 1977 autobiography.

During her life, Dr. Hornick collected several fine pieces of 60's art and selflessly gave