

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WORLD ASTHMA DAY 2000

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, May 3, 2000 is World Asthma Day. Many of my Colleagues and I are strong supporters of federal, state, and local efforts to create and enhance awareness of asthma and to improve asthma care throughout this country and indeed throughout the world. I would also like to extend sincere thanks to the many thousands of Americans and others who work day after day to try to improve the way asthma is diagnosed and treated.

In the last 15 years, the prevalence of asthma has doubled throughout the world. More than 10 percent of children have asthma symptoms, and in some countries, as many as 30 percent are affected. In this country, asthma ranks among the most common chronic conditions, affecting more than 15 million Americans, including 4 million children, and causing more than 1.5 million emergency department visits, approximately 500,000 hospitalizations, and more than 5,500 deaths. The estimated direct and indirect monetary costs for this disease totaled \$11.3 billion in 1998, in the United States alone.

World Asthma Day 2000 is being marked by more than 80 countries throughout the world. It is a partnership between health care groups and asthma educators organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA), which is a collaboration between the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health and the World Health Organization. On this day, thousands of people throughout the world will work together to create greater awareness of the need for every person with asthma to obtain a timely diagnosis, receive appropriate treatment, learn to manage their asthma in partnership with a health professional, and reduce exposure to environmental factors that make their asthma worse.

Among those participating in World Asthma Day, via a special World Asthma Day Internet site (www.Webvention.org), will be Dr. David Satcher, Surgeon General of the U.S., and Mr. Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa and currently Chairman of the South African National Asthma Campaign. Ministers of Health from Japan, Turkey, Malaysia and other countries will also be available on the Internet to answer questions about how the implementation of international asthma treatment guidelines can benefit patients and reduce health care costs.

In the U.S., local World Asthma Day activities are being coordinated by the NHLBI's National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) and are listed on its Web site (www.nhlbi.nih.gov). These activities range from local press conferences to school poster contests, and health fairs to science museum education programs.

The NAEPP, along with the National Library of Medicine (NLM), Howard University, the Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the American Lung Association of the District of Columbia, and the D.C. public school system, will hold the official U.S. press conference to report on the state of asthma in the U.S. and what is being done to combat the problem. Invited guests include members of Congress; Olympians who have achieved their titles despite their asthma; Washington, D.C. elementary school students who have asthma; and representatives of selected community-based asthma coalitions from across the country. The press conference will be Webcast and shown on the World Asthma Day Web site.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that our colleagues will join in paying tribute to World Asthma Day and to those who suffer from this condition and those who are working to help them. It is hoped that with the continued support of the Congress, additional progress can be made in the efforts to prevent asthma, as well as to improve its diagnosis and treatment.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS NATIONAL FOOD DRIVE DAY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. Gilman. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly commend the National Association of Letter Carriers [NALC] for the good work they are doing nationwide and grant them well-deserved recognition and appreciation for their genuine humanitarian acts and for their good will.

As Americans, we enjoy one of the highest living standards in the world. Nevertheless, many people within our borders do not benefit from our Nation's great prosperity. In fact, many more Americans are hungry and malnourished than most people realize. Hunger is a serious problem that deserves national attention.

The NALC has undertaken a tremendous amount of initiative in solving this problem by planning their eighth annual national food drive day on May 13, 2000, which will be the largest one-day food drive in the country. Last year more than 1,500 NALC branches in all fifty states and U.S. jurisdictions collected 58.4 million pounds of food, and we are hopeful this record will be exceeded in the year 2000.

I considered it a privilege to have had the opportunity to participate in the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive kickoff. The NALC branches in Westchester, Newburgh and Middletown honored me with the opportunity to assist them in their efforts to improve the lives of less fortunate individuals. Both NALC branches appear to be well on their way to another record-breaking food drive and I wish them success and the best of luck.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend the NALC on their continued generosity and good

will. Their kind spirit and genuine care for less privileged individuals embody the values of brotherhood upon which this great nation was founded. I urge them to stay motivated and my best wishes are with them in all of their future endeavors.

I urge my colleagues to encourage people and organizations within their respective districts to follow the lead of the NALC and support those people who take personal initiative in making America a better place in which to live.

TRIBUTE TO M. DAVID COHEN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. Sherman. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to M. David Cohen, one of the most dedicated and committed individuals in our country for his humanitarian service throughout the world. Mr. Cohen's vision, expertise and active participation to serve those in need is legendary.

David's father, Hyman Louis Cohen, emigrated to the United States from Russia in 1923, settled in Chelsea, Massachusetts, and graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1936. His mother, Jean Goldberg Cohen, was born in Boston; his parents married in 1941. They were among the most active in their community, setting the example David was to emulate. At the age of 12, when David's mother suffered a massive heart attack and stroke, he stepped into her role and became chairperson of the Everett Leukemia Fund Drive. He organized youth groups, schools, churches, synagogues and public and private sector employees to raise the most money ever raised by that city in any charity drive.

David served in the United States Air Force as an Acting Jewish Chaplain in France, Spain, Morocco and Libya. He organized programs on and off base for the military and civilian population and served as a coordinator with the Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, resettling displaced persons from behind the Iron Curtain. He created a food service gathering and distribution program for the Little Sisters of the Poor which has continued successfully since 1962, and was a basis for what we now know as the "meals on wheels" programs. Upon being honorably discharged, he returned to Boston College to complete his studies.

Serving on many boards of directors of charitable and community organizations, Mr. Cohen's 44 years of volunteer work include International Special Olympics, Adam Walsh Child Resource Centers (missing and exploited children), American Youth Soccer (ATSO), Lokrantz School (M.O.V.E.), Presidents' Summit on America's Future, Jewish Home for the Aging and Elizabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation. Current service includes the

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University of Judaism, King Solomon Education Foundation (tuition reduction), Healing Hands Project (reconstructive surgery), Club SODA (after school safe haven for middle and high school students), Shomrei Torah Synagogue, Blue Eagle Foundation (community sports and education facility), St. Joseph Center and General Colin Powell's America's Promise. In addition, David is very proud of his many years of imaginative pro-bono support of and active participation with the Stephen S. Wise Temple and its Schools, the largest Reform Jewish Temple in the United States. He created and now chairs the first Stephen S. Wise Temple Corporate Resources Division.

David is frequently heard commenting, "My greatest accomplishment is my daughter, Danielle Elizabeth, who at 13 has learned, embraced and implements every day the very best of what concerned citizenship is all about. I know that as my parents set the example for me, Danielle will lead her generation and those who follow to make a significant difference in our community, our country and the world. As she always says, 'One can count'".

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Mr. M. David Cohen as he continues his extraordinary commitment to the community and our country. He has earned and deserves our recognition, praise and respect.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent yesterday, Tuesday, May 2, 2000, and as a result, missed rollcall votes 131 and 132. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on roll call vote 131 and "yes" on rollcall vote 132.

IN HONOR OF AYHAN HASSAN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Ayhan Hassan who will be honored by the Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington at its Annual Spring Gala on May 7th.

Ayhan Hassan truly exemplifies a person who has achieved the American dream. He was born in the Turkish portion of Cyprus, and became a citizen of the United States in 1982. During that year, Mr. Hassan opened Shish Kabab, one of the most successful restaurants in Port Washington and on Long Island. In 1995, Mr. Hassan's Fish Kebab restaurant debuted across the street and in 1995 he created a third successful business in downtown Port Washington, the Mediterranean Market-place.

In addition to being a prominent restaurateur, Mr. Hassan has been a major contributor to the beautification of downtown Port Washington. Ayhan Hassan has incorporated the beauty of the natural environment

within his restaurants by using the trees, shrubs and flowers of Port Washington into the decorum of these properties.

Mr. Hassan has invested his time and also has used his own money to restore many of the old buildings in downtown Port Washington to play host to his three businesses. He has consulted many times with the members of the Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington to inquire about how they would effectively make Port Washington a more enjoyable place to shop, eat and live. Ayhan Hassan is indeed a man dedicated to improving the quality of life for his community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me today in honoring Ayhan Hassan for his many years of active service to Port Washington and in wishing him many more to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, I was in North Carolina participating in my state's primary election and was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 131 and 132. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 131, and "yes" on rollcall vote 132.

HMONG VETERANS'
NATURALIZATION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 371, the Hmong Veterans Naturalization Act of 2000. I urge my colleagues to join in supporting this important legislation.

This legislation is long overdue. For too many years, the contributions made by our courageous Hmong allies during the Vietnam war went largely unrecognized. As we commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ignoble end to the Vietnam war, it is befitting that this bill has come to the House floor for consideration.

The Hmong veterans were an invaluable, staunch ally to the U.S. war effort in Southeast Asia. Throughout the Vietnam conflict, Hmong guerrilla units, operating out of their native Laos, collected vital intelligence, protected key American installations in remote mountain locations, and rescued downed American pilots. In a statement submitted to the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims in the 105th Congress, a former CIA intelligence officer estimated that Hmong operations out of Laos tied down 50,000 North Vietnamese troops in that country.

It is important to note that the Hmong veterans performed their invaluable guerrilla role at great peril to themselves and to their families. Moreover, many of them suffered dearly at the hands of the Communist North Vietnamese and Laotian forces after the U.S. withdrawal from Southeast Asia in 1972.

H.R. 371 provides special relief and consideration for those Hmong veterans who have sought to emigrate to the United States. It recognizes the fact that many of the Hmong face unique language problems that would normally disqualify them for U.S. citizenship. These problems stem from the Natural Cultural Barriers that exist between Asian and Western societies, as well as the distinct issue of an underdeveloped and underutilized Hmong written language.

H.R. 371 addresses this unique problem by waiving the English language requirement and provides special consideration for the civics requirement associated with naturalization. The bill was amended in subcommittee to address concerns over the potential for fraud by clearly outlining steps that needed to be taken to determine a veteran's eligibility, and limiting the total number of potential beneficiaries to 45,000.

Mr. Speaker, I reiterate that this legislation is long overdue. I visited Hmong Commanding General Vang-Pao at his field headquarters in Central Laos in 1973. At that time, I was deeply impressed at how these people were willing to place their own lives and welfare on the line to not only fight for their freedom, but also to assist our American war effort and to save American lives. To paraphrase the author of this legislation, their actions during the Vietnam war demonstrates that the Hmong have already passed the most important test of all, risking their lives to defend freedom and save American personnel.

Accordingly, for this, we owe them our gratitude. This legislation corrects a long overdue problem, and is a significant step on the road to repaying the debt we as a Nation owe the Hmong veterans.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID RICHARD
PRESTON

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Dr. David Richard Preston, an educator and management consultant who founded the Department of Organizational Behavior at Phillips Graduate Institute. In his capacity as Executive Director of this master's degree program, Dr. Preston teaches and guides the research of professional students who are learning how to make organizations more successful and humane.

Albert Einstein once wrote, "Try not to become a man of success, but rather a man of value." David Preston has spearheaded programs designed to promote personal, professional and organizational values for the past fifteen years. His efforts began as a high school student, when he developed and implemented events in which student leaders and public officials engaged in dialogue about policy, to the benefit of disabled students. Dr. Preston has maintained his ties to public education, through training teachers at UCLA and by volunteering in such programs as Students Run Los Angeles, in which he participated in the Los Angeles Marathon alongside students from Haddon Avenue Elementary School in Pacoima, California.

Dr. Preston's teaching expertise has been recognized locally and nationally. Over the

past seven years, his courses at UCLA have received praise from students and colleagues. He is sought after by professional associations and corporations for his expertise on topics such as team building, time management, leadership and motivation. Dr. Preston's first book, *Time for Success*, has helped many of his students and clients achieve their goals.

Two years ago, Dr. Preston was asked to create an academic program that would help professionals deal with the human issues that create challenges in organizations.

Phillips Graduate Institute invited Dr. Preston to write the curriculum, hire adjunct faculty, recruit students and create business alliances for what would eventually become the Department of Organizational Behavior. Today, the department serves approximately twenty students in each class. In addition to the basic skills needed in the business environment, each student takes courses such as Ethics, Conflict Resolution, and Organizational Change. Students are taught adult learning styles, how satisfaction is linked to performance, and how organizational values can lead to success beyond mere profit.

Dr. Preston's students are as ethnically and professionally diverse as the organizations they serve. In a recent class, a workgroup included an entrepreneur, a financial planner, a human resources specialist, and the CEO of a hospital. The common thread that weaves students together is that they work with people and have the desire to create and maintain successful long-term working relationships. By teaching management strategies that emphasize values such as honesty, loyalty, and teamwork, Dr. Preston is giving these students the tools that can change the face of business.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. David Richard Preston for his service both as Executive Director at Phillips Graduate Institute, and for his continual efforts to foster action on behalf of education in the business community. He is a role model for educators and business leaders who want to improve performance within their organizations, and together improve cooperation and corporate citizenship as a society.

IN RECOGNITION OF MASON LANKFORD FIRE SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT PAUL BOECKER

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and congratulate a true leader in fire safety and emergency preparedness with whom the people of the 13th District of Illinois have the distinct pleasure of living.

Tonight, that leadership will be honored at the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner held by the Congressional Fire Services Institute. There, Paul Boecker, Fire Chief Emeritus of the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District, will receive the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award.

As my colleagues are no doubt aware, this award was established in 1998 in honor of the late Mason Lankford, who was a strong advocate of all first responders. Lankford was also

instrumental in the formation of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and the Congressional Fire Services Institutes.

Paul Boecker is a worthy successor to this legacy.

It's hard to know where to begin to list Paul's accomplishments. Perhaps it is simplest to say that, when he retired on July 2, 1994, he had made the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District one of the finest in the world.

But that might not fully capture what he did. During his 23 years as fire chief, he took a volunteer fire department of part-time firefighters and two stations that responded to 454 calls to one that now responds annually to more than 4,800 calls with 100 full-time firefighters at five stations.

In 1993, the district became the first fire protection district and one of only 15 fire departments in the nation to achieve the ISO Class 1 rating.

Paul's accomplishments aren't limited to the local level. For 14 years, he served as chairman of the Emergency Management Committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He is the author of the "Common Sense Disaster Management—Think Big!" program that is presented at numerous state fire schools.

His list of awards is so long as to make a full accounting here impossible. However, anyone who has been named citizen of the year in so many different places has clearly had an impact.

Beyond his own personal accomplishments, Paul was instrumental in encouraging his personnel—from firefighters to administrators to fire chaplains—to contribute to the growth of the national fire service. From his staff came ideas, encouraged by Paul, that led to the Federation of Fire Chaplains and the Illinois Fire Chiefs' Secretary Association.

Paul is a man devoted to his profession, his family, and his friends. He exemplifies the spirit and dedication of the men and women in the fire service.

I congratulate Paul Boecker for winning the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award. It is an honor to represent him in Congress and an honor to recognize his achievements here today.

COMMENDING CALHOUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend a school in my District—Calhoun Elementary School, located in McLean County, Kentucky. The school was honored on May 2 as a Distinguished Title I School by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of State Title I Directors (NASTID) at an awards luncheon in conjunction with the annual meeting of the International Reading Association. Each Distinguished School is nominated by its state.

The Title I program provides critical help to schools with students from low-income families. Title I funds are targeted at boosting poor achievement and improving basic skills. The purpose of the Distinguished Title I Schools award is to honor the successes of these

schools and provide valuable information so other schools may learn what has made these schools so effective.

Calhoun Elementary School is made up of students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Programs at Calhoun Elementary include a computer lab which is incorporated into the science, social studies, reading, and math curriculums. Calhoun Elementary has increased parental involvement by over 100%. The Family Reading Night has tripled in size since its inception last year. Other activities involving parents include parent and child computer night, sweatshirt decorating, and speakers on topics of interest to parents, all of which are planned by the Title I Parent Liaison. Calhoun students participate in a keyboard lab to learn music, history, notes and background. This has enabled students to become more proficient in science and math. Calhoun students have improved achievement scores by at least 16 points.

Title I has enabled the school to adopt extensive programmatic and systematic changes to help ensure the success of their students. New teaching strategies have incorporated tasks which require higher order thinking skills used in critical problem solving. Teachers engage students in challenging activities which capture the students' interests. Teachers have also focused attention on addressing the needs of a student body with multiple intelligences and diverse learning capabilities.

The students, teachers, administrators, and parents at Calhoun Elementary School should be proud of their extraordinary achievement. Their determination and community-based solutions set an outstanding example for other schools to follow.

COMMENDING THE CITY OF MONTCLAIR IN THE WAR AGAINST HEART DISEASE

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the exciting work that is being done to combat heart disease in the City of Montclair, California.

Heart disease is the number one killer in this nation. To battle this deadly problem, the American Heart Association works with local cities to encourage education on the disease and to promote healthy lifestyles. This year, I am pleased to join the American Heart Association of the Inland Empire to recognize the City of Montclair in the war against heart disease.

You may be interested to know that the City of Montclair successfully competed for a grant from the California Department of Health Services Nutrition Network to promote healthy eating and lifestyles choices. This grant expands the city's Por La Vida program. This program trains Latino women to be health educators (consejeras) with a six-week series of ongoing cooking classes. In addition to healthy meal preparation, the classes include formal chef demonstrations and tours of a local farmer's market. To promote heart-healthy lifestyles throughout Montclair, the city council is also supportive of a cooking contest and a health promotion workshop that will be open to the entire community this summer.

I commend the City of Montclair for this innovative approach to educating and promoting heart-healthy lifestyles.

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA TUFARO

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a real hero from my District, Virginia Tufaro. As a life long resident of Long Island, Virginia has dedicated her life to helping others. For over 27 years, as a registered nurse and through her volunteer work as a member of the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Core, the New York Disaster Medical Assistance Team, and the Safe Kids Coalition—Virginia is truly one of our unsung heroes on Long Island.

In addition, Virginia can be found teaching junior volunteers, working at the first station at the Olympic Swim Team Trials, and at the local county fair's first aid station.

Virginia's daily heroism came into the public's eye on December 30, 1999, when Virginia saved Michael Geier's life. Michael had been riding at the North Shore Equestrian Center in Brookville, New York. When Michael's horse returned to the barn without Michael, Virginia jumped off her horse and into her jeep in search of Michael. She found him face down in the dirt. He was flaccid and unresponsive. He had a pulse, but his breathing was agony and it was clear the situation was desperate.

Fortunately, Virginia's expertise is in critical care and trauma, thus she was able to quickly assess her patient's condition and intervene to save his life. She stabilized Michael's airway and cervical spine and administered artificial respiration. Virginia then mobilized a helicopter rescue and were both airlifted to Nassau County Medical Center, a level one trauma center, where he was immediately incubated and placed on a ventilator. Michael slipped into a coma for about a week, but thankfully today Michael has regained consciousness and is doing great at St. Charles Rehabilitation Hospital.

As we begin to celebrate National Nurses Week, I want to thank Virginia for going above and beyond the call of duty for the people of Long Island.

HONORING DR. LEE AND KATHY BERMAN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to two exceptional people, Dr. Lee and Kathy Berman, as they receive this year's Spirit of Life Award from Temple Bat Yahm. Their dedication and commitment to their temple and community serves as an example to us all.

A practicing optometrist for the past 25 years, Lee Berman has a long history of distinguished service to the Jewish community and the greater community. His religious lead-

ership positions include Vice President of Membership and Treasurer at Temple Israel in Long Beach. At Temple Bat Yahm, Lee has also held various Vice Presidential positions, including Membership, Facilities, and Long Range Planning. Currently, he is serving his second term as President of the Temple Bat Yahm Board of Trustees. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Jewish National Fund. Lee's ongoing commitment to the Boy Scouts of America is evidenced by his service as a Cub Master and as an Assistant Scoutmaster for the past four years. Kathy Berman has also long been active in scouting, having served as a Cub Scout leader, Girl Scout leader, and Troop Organizer for the Greater Long Beach Girl Scout Council. Along with her husband, Kathy has dedicated herself to Temple Bat Yahm, where she served as Sisterhood Co-President for three years. She has also served as Scrip Chair, Gala Reservation Chair, Campership Chair, and as a singer in the Temple choir.

Together, Dr. Lee and Kathy Berman worked diligently to create a new expanded campus and Torah learning center at Temple Bat Yahm. Their dedication to the realization of this goal has not gone unnoticed and, through their leadership, their dream will soon become a reality. In recognition of their invaluable service, Kathy and Lee will receive the distinguished Spirit of Life Award from Temple Bat Yahm at its annual Gala Dinner Dance, Vision 2000. This honor represents the exemplary dedication of Lee and Kathy to improve both Temple Bat Yahm and our community.

Mr. Speaker, may we ask our distinguished colleagues to join me in extending our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Lee and Kathy Berman for their dedicated service to our community.

HONORING THE 2000 BEST OF RESTON AWARD WINNERS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those residents of Reston, Virginia who have been awarded the Best of Reston Community Service Award, which is presented annually by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith to honor businesses and individuals that have gone above the norm in their service to others in the Reston community.

Dan Amato and the Hyatt Regency Reston—for their strong work ethic, invaluable customer service and commitment to the community. Both Dan Amato and the staff of the Hyatt Regency Reston have taken enormous strides to host a quality facility in Reston. Throughout their years in the Reston Town Center, they have been more than willing to donate time, resources and money to the many organizations that patronize their hotel. Whether it has been hosting an event for the Reston 2000 Task Force, donating gift certificates for countless charities and community organizations, or supporting the Greater Reston Arts Center's (GRACE) gallery and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Dan Amato and the Hyatt have made continuous strides to be involved in every aspect of the

community. Many charities and organizations have benefited from their generosity. Their services—whether it is as host for a meeting or sponsor of an event—are highlighted by their quality of work and impressive work ethic.

Willie Bush—for his desire to help the less fortunate. Willie Bush is a well known figure within the family of Reston's Martin Luther King Christian Church. As Chairman of the Church Outreach Center, he has spent 14 years providing holiday food baskets, serving as a member of Reston Interfaith, the Reston Jaycees and the Church Bible Study/Choir/Deacon Board, and serving as a member of the "Works Sunday Project," an outreach activity in support of the homeless, abused women and senior citizens. Throughout his long history of providing assistance to others, he has exemplified his Christian living by working for the poor, visiting the sick and feeding the hungry. Whether a member has needed food or clothing, money to pay utility bills or simply support, Willie Bush has given of himself and worked for the betterment of the Reston community.

Nancy Burke—for her tireless efforts and support of athletics in the community. Nancy Burke currently serves as a Health and Physical Education, Sports Medicine and Driver's Education teacher at South Lakes High School. As the school's head athletic trainer, she oversees medical assistance to athletes and trains student assistants to administer help. As a teacher, she has gone above the call of duty by working to improve the school's athletic training facility and taking her students on numerous trips to learn about sports medicine. Outside of the classroom, she continues her role by volunteering with the Reston youth football and softball teams and donating her time and efforts to help students with counseling and advice. Nancy Burke has had a positive influence on the lives of the countless students she has known during her years at South Lakes, whether it is through athletics or her role as a teacher and friend.

Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE)—for promoting the importance of arts and enriching individual and community life in Reston. For 25 years, GRACE has strived to foster and promote excellence in contemporary visual arts. GRACE has worked directly with the youth of Reston in many ways, including providing arts experiences through its volunteers for more than 15,000 students in more than 30 area elementary schools; offering free Saturday workshop for area children; hosting a summer art program; and awarding scholarships to students to pursue post-graduate arts education. GRACE also produces gallery exhibits at the Town Center gallery and present a series of exhibitions of contemporary art at Market Street Bar & Grill. GRACE's key event of the year is its Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, which brings nationally known fine artists and craftspeople for a weekend of art and music. Now in its ninth year, more than 70,000 people attend the festival. GRACE plays a large role in the lives of Reston's citizens and contributes to the quality of life.

Michael Guthrie—for his inner drive to make Reston the best possible place to live and to raise a family. Michael Guthrie is an active member of the Reston community in every way. Whether as a representative on the Reston 2000 Task Force, a supporter of the American Cancer Society, a coach in the

Reston Youth Athlete Association or a member of the Reston Rail Scope of Work, he has given his all to ensure success. Along with his work as office manager of the Long & Foster Wiehle Avenue Office, Michael Guthrie has wasted no time supporting many organizations in Reston. He has volunteered to serve on numerous committees and has always taken a leadership role. From spearheading the public relations campaign for the 2000 Martin Luther King Celebration, to arranging for motivational speakers for students at Langston Hughes Middle School and South Lakes High School, to creating an opportunity for realtors to donate to Reston Interfaith through a deduction on commission checks and many more, Michael has put his heart into support of all walks of life in Reston. His energy and enthusiasm for Reston has not gone unnoticed by his co-workers and fellow citizens, who are often inspired to serve along with him. Michael Guthrie has gone beyond what is expected of any citizen and continues to make a contribution to the community.

Joe and Marcia Stowers—for their continued work to improve transportation in Reston. Joe and Marcia Stowers have been involved in almost every land use and transportation projects in Reston. Through their service on the Reston Community Association Planning and Zoning Committee, Reston on Foot, Reston 2000 and more, the Stowers have shared their expertise to benefit every resident and transient, worker, bicyclist, and pedestrian. The Stowers have had a hand in countless transportation issues in Reston, including creating the Reston Transportation Committee, assisting in the formation of LINK, advocating for HOV lanes on the Dulles Toll Road, and more recently, supporting rail to Dulles. The Stowers arrived among the first settlers in Reston in 1965 and have both lived and worked—now at Sydec Inc., a transportation consulting firm—around the Lake Anne Village Center. After 30 years of community service, they have succeeded in encouraging a new generation to become active in Reston civic affairs and to play roles as emerging community leaders.

Vicky Wingert—for her steadfast effort as a community volunteer. Vicky Wingert has gone well beyond her role as Executive Vice President of Reston Association (RA) in working for a better Reston, where her personal contributions go far beyond her job related duties. She uses her talent in firm-making to maximize the visual image of Reston for residents, visitors and employers. She has volunteered her services in the production of The Difference is Reston; Reston Interfaith's 25 Anniversary celebration, a presentation that stressed the importance of its program; and Pals, the Movie, a firm created for PALS, Reston's early learning center, to assist parents in selecting a quality care facility. Vicky also volunteers for countless other programs, including the Reston Festival, Character Counts! Coalition of Reston, the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and more. Throughout her 23 years of community service, her volunteer efforts have been to the advantage of the entire community and have affected thousands. She is a strong advocate for the community and seeks to provide the leadership necessary to further implement the goals on which Reston was founded. She is a wonderful steward and acts from the conviction that Reston, on her watch, will be an extraordinary community.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring the Best of Reston award winners for all of their hard work in making their community a better place to live.

BUSINESS CHECKING MODERNIZATION ACT

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives yesterday passed H.R. 4067, the "Business Checking Modernization Act" by voice vote. As this legislation goes to the Senate and possible to a conference, I would like to urge my House colleagues who will be conferees to insist on the inclusion of two important provisions in any conference report. One key provision currently not part of this legislation is language that would allow the Federal Reserve to pay interest on "sterile reserves." The last time the House of Representatives passed similar legislation on October 9, 1998, such language was included. This language is still needed. The measure that passed yesterday will impose new costs on banks, according to the Federal Reserve, without any provision for offsetting these costs. The Federal Reserve has expressed its support for the payment of interest on sterile reserves to offset these costs, and I understand that House Banking Committee Chairman Leach has indicated that he supports the provision as well. I would urge my colleagues to include that language in any conference report prepared on this bill.

One other provision that I would urge the House conferees to retain is language providing a three-year transition period before the payment of interest on commercial checking accounts becomes effective. This transition period is shorter by half than the transition period included in the legislation adopted by the House in 1998, and yet it is still the case that banks will be required to unwind and restructure long-standing relationships with their customers. Due to the current prohibition against the payment of interest on commercial checking accounts, many banks have developed a menu of other services that they provide to their customers. These will need to be restructured. With yesterday's vote the House has already reduced the transition period available to banks from the earlier 1998 legislation. It is very important that this transition period of three years not be reduced further. I would urge the House conferees to maintain the House position of a three-year transition period in any conference report on H.R. 4067.

TRIBUTE TO THE NORTHEAST REBELS CHEERLEADERS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and pay tribute to the Northeast Rebels Cheerleaders for their efforts and contributions in the USACF National Competition held at the Charlotte Coliseum, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Northeast Rebels is a self-supported league and has four cheerleading teams, averaging approximately 300 children, from the ages of 7–15 years of age. Cheerleaders try-out for the team based on their age group, with a maximum of 20 girls per squad. Each year all four divisions of cheerleading squads compete against other county leagues in the same classification for the NBFL Cheerleading Competition. They also compete in the Broward County Fair Competition and in 1999, all four teams won 1st place in their division.

In particular I would like to recognize their accomplishments of the A&B Team in the Junior Recreation Division and the C-Team in the Youth Recreation Division at the USACF National Competition held at the Charlotte Coliseum, Charlotte North Carolina on April 1 and 2. The A&B Team placed 2nd in the Junior Recreation Division and the C Team won the National Championship in the Youth Recreation Division.

To prepare for competition, the managers and coaches spend many hours making up dances, cheers, formations, stunts & choreography. They volunteer not only for community hours, but they also have the satisfaction that they have inspired and impacted the girls they coach. The admiration of the cheerleaders for their coaches, is evident in their performances.

I know the House will join me in paying tribute to this outstanding team of people and wish them continued success in their endeavors: Lori Thompson, Stacy Guy, Shannon Troyer, Amanda Nutter, Gina Mariatti, Katie Birge, Rachel Maggi, Paige Becerra, Angelina DiCandia, Melanie Dhaveloose, Stephanie Ely, Heidi Friedman, Samantha Gasperic, Melanie Gent, Joanne Maglorie, Julie McGaha, Jamie McMillan, Lauren Mitchell, Elizabeth Montero, Lexy Spellacy, and Samantha Tomaro.

NATIONAL READING PANEL SUPPORTS PHONICS

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, a parent in Indiana shared with me this touching story, "When my son was in first grade, he used to say, 'I hate school, how old do you have to be to quit.' He was so frustrated because he couldn't read. The school did not 'believe' in phonics. When my son learned the Direct Approach, he got the 'tools' he needed to read. The logical approach made sense to him. He started reading on his own instead of me reading to him. With only one year of the smart chart, in second grade, he scored 4th grade reading equivalency on the Stanford Achievement test. Pretty amazing!"

This success story could be repeated again and again if schools took the initiative this caring parent took to help her child learn to read by teaching him phonics. Unfortunately, many elementary schools do not teach phonics and more than a few teacher colleges do not teach teachers this instruction technique.

Recently, however, I became optimistic that many more schools will choose to adopt phonics. My optimism stems from the release of the National Reading Panel's report on successful reading strategies. On April 13, 2000, the Congressionally mandated National Reading Panel released its findings which support

the teaching of phonics, word sounds, and giving feedback on oral reading as the most effective way to teach reading.

The Panel, selected by the Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in consultation with the U.S. Secretary of Education, was composed of 14 individuals including leading scientists in reading research, representatives of colleges of education, reading teachers, educational administrators, and parents. During the past two years, members reviewed thirty years of reading research studies.

The panel found that for children to read well, they must be taught phonemic awareness—the ability to manipulate the sounds that make up spoken language and phonics skills—an understanding of the relationship between words and sounds.

The panel concluded that research literature provides hard evidence that phonics provides significant benefits to children from kindergarten through the 6th grade and to children with learning difficulties. The panel recommends systematic phonics instruction which provides the greatest improvements. Systematic phonics consists of teaching a planned sequence of phonics elements, rather than highlighting elements as they happen to appear in a text.

The importance of these findings cannot be overstated. America suffers from a reading deficit. The 1998 National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) has found that 69% of 4th grade students are reading below the proficient level. Minority children have been particularly hard hit by reading difficulties. According to NAEP, 90 percent of African American, 86 percent of Hispanic, 63 Percent of Asian students were reading below the proficient level.

The cost to those who never learn to read adequately is much higher than that. Job prospects for those who cannot read are few. Americans who cannot read are cut off from the rich opportunities this nation has to offer. And the tragedy is that students who can't read often end up in juvenile hall, or on the street susceptible to drugs, or school drop outs.

Many students will not get a second chance. Andrea Neal, the Chief Editorial Writer for the Indianapolis Star who has been closely following this issue puts it this way, "It is reasonable and necessary to require elementary teachers be trained in the most effective phonetic programs. To do otherwise is to commit educational malpractice on our children."

The National Reading Panel's report provides teachers and teacher colleges information to prevent instructional malpractice. As the most comprehensive evidenced-based review ever conducted of research on how children learn reading, this report can be a powerful tool in fight against ineffective reading instruction and illiteracy, if we choose to use it.

I urge my colleagues to read the report and disseminate its findings through their respective districts.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADELPHI UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, social workers are the people who translate their education and training into commitment to making a difference in all aspects of people's lives. They are everywhere: in the courts, healthcare settings, schools, public and private agencies, congressional offices and industry, just to name a few. Often the public decries social problems that they would like solved; these are the people who work on a daily basis with individuals affected by them.

In order for social workers to maintain their high standard of care, they need the knowledge and skills required to assess the biological, interpersonal, environmental, cultural, and organizational components of people's problems. Adelphi University's School of Social Work has spent the past five decades educating and training individuals for roles and careers in the social welfare system.

The School of Social Work first opened its doors in 1949 in response to the increased need for social and community services. Over the past 50 years, it has sent countless professional social workers into the world to facilitate social as well as individual change with families, groups communities, and individuals. Graduates of Adelphi's School of Social Work have become practitioners, executives, administrators, faculty members and deans of professional schools.

By recognizing the increased demand for social work education, Adelphi has created numerous programs over the 5 decades to accommodate the needs of its students. The list includes part-time study, weekend and evening classes. A curriculum continuum from undergraduate to graduate education was created in 1969, and a Doctorate of Social Welfare program was adopted in 1975.

The school's staff is widely published, and they continue to provide superior professional education to future generations of social workers. They have a history of concern for social policy and social welfare. This is reflected by the operation of Adelphi's social agency by faculty, students, community professionals and volunteers. Current programs include the Breast Cancer Support Program and Hotline, the Refugee Assistance Program (RAP), and the Long Island Coalition for Full Employment.

In 1949, the School of Social Work admitted 25 students, and in 1951 graduated 23. It now boasts four campuses with nearly 850 students enrolled in Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programs. As the Adelphi School of Social Work celebrates its 50th anniversary, I applaud its strong commitment to the ongoing enhancement of social work knowledge, values, and skills, and its successful preparation of countless professionals who continue to meet the needs of an ever-changing society.

TRIBUTE TO STAN SMITH

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to my friend Stan Smith, who is retiring after 25 years of distinguished service for San Francisco's working families as the Secretary Treasurer/Business Representative of the San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council.

Stan's lifelong commitment to organized labor began in 1955 when he entered the building trades as an apprentice glazier. He became a journeyman in 1958. His exceptional skills and devotion to assisting his fellow workers were recognized in his election as President of Glaziers Union Local #718 in 1958, an office he held until 1965. Stan's selfless dedication to the causes of organized labor was further demonstrated when he was elected Field Representative of Local #718 in 1965. In this position, he was tireless in the pursuit of justice, and he was masterful in settling grievances, bargaining, and resolving disputes arising during the collective bargaining process.

Mr. Speaker, Stan Smith's stellar career culminated in his election to the office of Secretary Treasurer/Business Representative of the San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. In this position, Stan has worked tirelessly to bring prosperity and security to Bay Area working families. He was an exceptionally able steward of all of San Francisco's construction unions, and in this position assured their full participation in the prosperity that we have enjoyed in the Bay Area.

Mr. Smith's credentials as a master tradesman are as stellar as his accomplishments in organized labor. He co-authored the first apprenticeship manual for the glazing trade, which is used throughout the United States and the world. His service on the Flat Glass Industry Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee was exemplary. He serves as an Executive Committee member of the California State Building Trades Council, and he is the past Vice President of the San Francisco Labor Council, as well as a co-founder of Labor and Neighbor. Stan is also an honorary member of the Elevator Constructors Local Union #8.

Mr. Speaker, Stan Smith's commitment to helping others is typified by his outstanding service as a leader in numerous organizations seeking to provide opportunities for disadvantaged youth, minorities and women in apprenticeship programs in the construction industries, including Young Community Developers, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee, Mission Bay Citizens Advisory Committee, Apprentice Opportunities Foundation, and the Youth Guidance Center Committee.

He has also held a number of leadership positions with community organizations, including service as a director of the Bayview Hunters Point Model Cities Program, and as a member of the community advisory group on the University of California at San Francisco's Long Range Development Plan, the San Francisco Open Space Committee, and the Booker

T. Washington Community Center. Stan is also San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown's appointee to the Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors.

A graduate of George Washington High School, Stan Smith also served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1966, initially on active duty and later in the reserves. He is the loving husband of Kathy Maas and the proud father of six children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I greatly admire Stan Smith's dedication and commitment to working people of San Francisco. I invite my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude and esteem for his lifetime of service and in wishing him a rich and rewarding retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to necessary medical treatment, I was not present for the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

APRIL 13, 2000

Rollcall vote 123, on approving the journal, I would have voted yea.

Rollcall vote 124, on agreeing to H. Res. 474, the Rule to the Conference Report for the FY 2001 Budget Resolution, I would have voted yea.

Rollcall vote 125, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H. Con. Res. 290, the FY 2001 Budget Resolution, I would have voted yea.

Rollcall vote 126, on the motion to recommend H.R. 4199, the Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act, I would have voted nay.

Rollcall vote 127, on passage of H.R. 4199, the Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act, I would have voted yea.

Rollcall vote 128, on passage of the H.R. 3615, the Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act, I would have voted yea.

Rollcall vote 129, on agreeing to the Barrett amendment to H.R. 3439, the Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act, I would have voted nay.

Rollcall vote 130, on passage of the H.R. 3439, the Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act, I would have voted yea.

RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS WEAVER, NEW YORK STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Programs' Lifetime Achievements Award recipient, Mr. Douglas Weaver of Hudson Falls, NY. Mr. Weaver received the award at the New York State Shooting Sports Recognition Banquet which was held at the 4-H Training Center in Ballston Spa, NY on April 28, 2000.

Mr. Weaver has been a 4-H leader in the 22nd Congressional District for the past 19

years. His leadership has been instrumental in starting and maintaining the popular Washington County Shooting Sports Program. Mr. Weaver's innovative approaches in the areas of youth development and environmental education distinguish the Washington County, NY program from all others. Local 4-H participants are fortunate to have a leader of his superior caliber.

Mr. Weaver actively participates in the New York State Shooting Sports program. He attended instructor classes at the national level and currently serves as an instructor for state and local level workshops. Mr. Weaver has held numerous leadership roles in the 4-H, including Chairperson of the 4-H Leaders Association. He is an excellent role model for youth and adults and always promotes teamwork and cooperation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Douglas Weaver on his receipt of the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Program Lifetime Achievement Award. He is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING REVEREND WILLIAM HARGRAVE OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Reverend William H. Hargrave, who retired last year as the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Englewood, NJ.

As the former mayor of Englewood, NJ, I was witness to some of the many wonderful ways in which Reverend Hargrave lifted the spirit of his congregation and his community over a career that spanned three decades.

During his tenure as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church from 1973 to 1999, Reverend Hargrave led his congregation with faith and great distinction. As an eyewitness to his work as a pastor, I want to make several observations about the Reverend's remarkable career.

As a pastor, Reverend Hargrave had the great talent to bring people together-together in prayer and together to help build the spiritual foundation of his church. From his work with the youngest member of his congregation to the oldest, Reverend Hargrave had a gift that is the mark of any truly successful leader; he used his God-given power to unify people. Whether he was working with a member of his Board of Deacons or with the youngest member of the youth choir, Reverend Hargrave was able to unify people in pursuing a common goal. And for Reverend Hargrave, that goal was always in keeping with what was best for his congregation and what would most benefit the people of Englewood.

I also want to convey my deep appreciation for the Reverend's foresight in paving the way for the future of Ebenezer Baptist Church. By being an integral part of the "mortgage burning" by helping oversee the purchase of the Hall House, and by acquiring a new church organ, the Reverend was moving to ensure that his church would prosper well into the 21st century.

For the parishioners of his church, for the residents of Englewood, and for the people of the State of New Jersey, Reverend Hargrave's

tenure at Ebenezer Baptist Church was indeed a fortunate and blessed time. A time of progress, a time of great faith, and an era where hope, spread by his good works, thrived.

I wish Reverend Hargrave every happiness on the occasion of his retirement.

RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANTHONY F. SABILIA, JR.

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, today I commend Anthony F. Sabilia, Jr. of New London, CT for 35 illustrious years as an educator in the New London Public School System. Mr. Sabilia's commitment to the education in New London will remain an influence for years to come.

Mr. Sabilia was born on November 19, 1943, the oldest child of Rose and Anthony Sabilia, Sr. Growing up in New London under the watchful eye of his maternal grandparents, Mr. Sabilia graduated New London High School in 1961 and went on to Providence College where he graduated in 1965. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Sabilia began a long career as a teacher at New London High School. He married Cleo Shea in 1966 and they are the proud parents of Anthony and Elizabeth.

Through a career which spanned more than three decades, Mr. Sabilia taught English, English as a Second Language, Citizenship, Basic Skills among other courses in the Adult Education Program. As a leader in this field, Mr. Sabilia served as President of the Connecticut Association of Adult and Continuing Education from 1985 to 1991 and President of the National Commission on Adult Basic Education in 1992, 1993, 1999 and 2000.

Mr. Speaker, after 35 years of commitment to New London schools and to adult learners across our state, Mr. Sabilia will soon retire from the position of Director of New London Adult Education. His leadership and inspiration will have a lasting influence in New London and across Connecticut for years to come. Today, I join citizens from New London in honoring Mr. Sabilia's accomplishments and in wishing him all the best in the future.

PROTECTING THE INTERNET FROM EXCESSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY TAXATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleagues Chairman HYDE, Chairman GEKAS, and Ranking Member CONYERS in introducing legislation to follow up on the work of the Advisory Commission of Electronic Commerce.

This legislation is not intended to be a final proposal, but rather to stimulate debate on a very important subject. I have no doubt the sponsors would find portions of this bill over which they would disagree, but we believe it is

necessary to initiate discussion, to have hearings during which all points of view can be considered, and determine what action might be appropriate.

It is in that spirit that I join my colleagues, and I look forward to working with my fellow members, the White House, state and local officials and the industry to form a fair rational approach to these complex but important issues.

FULL FUNDING FOR SPECIAL
EDUCATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4055, the IDEA Full Funding Act, which I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of.

This bill is a prudent investment in our children that will finally put us on track to fulfill the Federal government's share of special education. It sets a schedule to meet the 40% Federal commitment by FY 2010 by authorizing increases of \$2 billion each year to reach the level of funding we should have been providing all along.

I'm proud to have supported House Concurrent Resolution 84 last year which urged the Congress and the President to fully fund special education. But we can do more and we should, by passing this important bill.

Everyone agrees that a good education is critical to our children's future and their success, yet we are not providing the financial resources to make this possible. It's hard for local school districts to reduce class sizes, build needed schools, or hire new teachers while still providing for special education services, especially when the Federal government doesn't pay its fair share.

School districts are struggling with how to provide the best education possible for all children within tightly constrained budgets. California has over 600,000 students who receive special education and related services at a reported cost of \$3.4 billion. Without Federal assistance, local school districts are forced to use their general funds to the detriment of other programs.

In a speech I gave almost one year ago in support of House Concurrent Resolution 84, I called upon Congress to fulfill its pledge for full funding of IDEA. I'm pleased that the leadership of the House heard my call and that of my colleagues to make good on the Federal government's obligation to the school districts and our children across our country.

I thank the House leadership for bringing this important piece of legislation to the floor and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4055.

THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COM-
MUNITY DEVELOPMENT INAUGU-
RAL CONVENTION: MAY 1-3,
2000

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of its Inaugural Convention, The National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development should be commended for its important work.

The National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development [National CAPACD] was formed to address a significant issue. It is dedicated to meeting the housing and community development needs of the Asian Pacific American population.

For more than two decades, the founding member organizations of National CAPACD have been providing effective services to Asian Pacific Americans, immigrants, refugees, minority and impoverished populations. The formation of National CAPACD will help coordinate the diverse work of the non-profit organizations that serve the rapidly expanding Asian Pacific American (APA) population. National CAPACD's mission is to enhance the capacity and ability of community based organizations to conduct community development activities for the Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

National CAPACD seeks to accomplish this mission by: Creating an information sharing network to provide mutual support for established and emerging community development organizations, and to define advocacy issues; Establishing a presence and voice to raise awareness and impact community development policies on a local and national level; Increasing public and private resources to build community development capacity. Pursuing activities that promote unity, trust, support, mutual assistance, empowerment, and inclusion.

Through this important work, National CAPACD seeks to strengthen affordable housing development; economic development activities, such as workforce and business development; community empowerment and cultural preservation; and neighborhood revitalization.

National CAPACD will increase representation, participation, and resources in Asian Pacific American communities.

SUPPORT FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Charter Schools Week and the resolution which highlights the success of this important institution. National Charter Schools Week was declared to recognize the achievement of charter schools across America. It is supported by more than sixty grassroots organizations including the Indiana Charter School Association. Hundreds of schools, governors, and legislators are participating in activities to honor the involvement, dedication,

and academic success of students, parents, teachers, and administrators.

Declared "one of the most promising education innovations in recent years." by the Indianapolis Star charter schools are an essential institution in a state which wants to bring the community together for education and give students greater opportunities to succeed academically.

Charter schools are an important step in engaging "edupreneurs"—people who care deeply about education, are able to replicate successful practice because of their knowledge of how results-oriented systems work, and have the potential to bring enormous financial resources to the table for the betterment of their students' education.

Charter schools create "social capital" by greatly expanding the opportunities for entire communities—particularly parents—to become involved with the life of the school. Parents tend to be involved more in charter schools, both because they are welcomed, and in some cases required to participate, but also because people tend to develop a vested interest in situations where they have made a deliberate choice. Choice leads to ownership and responsibility.

Choice also stimulates innovation. Charter schools tend to provide smaller and more "family-like" environments which some children need to succeed. Charter schools serve diverse groups of students including those of lower income and those with disabilities. These customized environment can provide extra attention, tailored curricula, new learning innovations, and other benefits.

As I said, charter schools are essential to building a successful education system. Thirty-six states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have passed laws authorizing charter schools. It is my hope that Indiana will be the thirty-seventh. By adopting a strong charter school law, we will ensure that no child is left behind.

For these reasons, I am an original co-sponsor of this resolution and an enthusiastic supporter of National Charter Schools Week.

IN COMMEMORATION OF
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I commend Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, which memorializes the six million Jews murdered during World War II.

This somber anniversary is a tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, the heroism of those who fought back, and the strength of those who survived. A national holiday in Israel, Yom Hashoah is also commemorated in communities across this country.

I strongly believe that we must act on our promise to "never forget" by acting on our responsibility to teach future generations about the lessons of the Holocaust. As we prepare our children for a new century, we must instill in them the tolerance and compassion to prevent the greatest terror of the past century

from ever being repeated in the next. The legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust and of those who perished will only live on if we educate people about this history.

It was only last month that British Courts exonerated historian Deborah Lipstadt of the libel charges brought by a Holocaust denier. Although the decision reaffirmed that Holocaust denial is false history and Nazi sympathy, it is unfortunate that such attempts to distort and trivialize the Holocaust abound. The release of the Eichmann diaries as evidence used in the trial only further establishes the reality of the Holocaust and the dangers of those who seek to deny it.

Today is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to stand against anti-Semitism, discrimination, and intolerance in all forms, at home and abroad. We reflect upon the murder of 6 million innocent Jewish men, women and children, and the systematic destruction of families and vibrant communities. We reestablish our determination to confront the past, and our dedication to perpetuating the memory of those who suffered.

GREEN UP DAY

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute the citizens of Vermont who are celebrating the 30th anniversary of Green Up Day.

In the 1960s and 70s, Vermont was on the cutting edge in environmental sensitivity. As U.S. Senator George Aiken's remarks revealed in the May 5, 1971 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

"Mr. President, several times recently, I have advised the Senate of things going on in Vermont which have lent and can lend encouragement and inspiration to the other States. I now have to report another event which could have far-reaching results. Last Saturday, May 1, a successful demonstration occurred in my State. This demonstration—called Green Up Day—was put on largely by our young people and extended into every community throughout the length and breadth of Vermont. About 75,000 people collected virtually every glass bottle, every metal can, every scrap of paper which had been cast onto the roadsides by careless and unthinking people. The result was that by Saturday evening, Vermont was undoubtedly the cleanest State in the Nation."

Mr. Speaker, this May Day ritual continues to be an expression in the finest American tradition. People—young, old and in between—businessmen, farmers, workers, students, families, all working together to clean up the state. Vermont's clean up, the Vermont way, continues to inspire others, and it should serve as a model for dealing with litter nationwide.

Though all other states address litter with "Adopt-A-Highway," and 21 states now designate a day for statewide cleaning, none matches Vermont's long-standing Green Up Day community tradition. I salute the citizens of Vermont for their commitment to the environment, to our state and to the tradition. Happy 30th anniversary Green Up Vermont.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE REED

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Wayne Reed of Harrisburg, Illinois on his 80th birthday. Wayne's birthday was two weeks ago on April 23, 2000. He has born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reed in Harrisburg, and has lived there all of his life. He has three sisters and two brothers still living. Wayne and his wife Jeanne, who sadly passed away last year, raised three wonderful sons: Ray, a firefighter in Dallas, Texas; Ron, a letter carrier and ordained minister who resides in Harrisburg; and Randy, a mortician and owner of Reed Funeral Chapel in Harrisburg.

The Reed family has a long tradition of military service. Wayne is a United States Army veteran of World War Two. Two of his brothers are also veterans of the United States Army and his son Ray is a Vietnam-era veteran. His grandfather, Lewis Reed of Hardin County, Illinois was a Civil War veteran. Wayne was also a volunteer fire fighter with the Harrisburg Fire Department for over thirty years. He is a carpenter by occupation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage all of my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to congratulate Wayne Reed on a happy eightieth birthday. I do not know Wayne personally, but I have met with his son Ray, and from his biography I can tell that Wayne is a proud American and a good father to his family. I hope he enjoys his birthday and I wish him God's Speed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather and the inability to arrive in Washington DC yesterday, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 131—Yes; rollcall No. 132—Yes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I apologize for my absence from the House of Representatives on May 2, 2000. I was unavoidably detained in Indiana for my Primary election, and unfortunately missed two recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" for both Rollcall votes 131 and 132.

LETTER CARRIERS WORK TO STAMP OUT HUNGER—A NATION-WIDE FOOD DRIVE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 13, 2000, the largest one-day food drive in the country will take place. Letter carriers from across the country will be collecting nonperishable food items from their customers and the food will then be taken to local food pantries for distribution. In Milwaukee, the Hunger Task Force feeds approximately 35,000 individuals each month through a network of more than 80 food pantries.

Sponsors of this worthwhile project are the National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, the AFL-CIO, United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to ask that my colleagues lend their support to the letter carriers' food drives in their hometowns and districts. To my fellow residents in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties, in order to meet the high demand for food over the summer, I ask that you consider buying a few extra canned goods and nonperishable items while doing the weekly grocery shopping. Let's make this year's food drive better than ever.

Our food pantries are counting on drives like this to help keep their shelves filled. Let's all try to do our part to stamp out hunger.

RECOGNIZING GUS McLEOD

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous explorer. On Monday, April 17, Gus McLeod, a former CIA agent, successfully flew his 1939 Boeing Stearman Biplane over the North Pole. Completing this journey, he became the first person to fly over the North Pole in an open-cockpit aircraft.

Mr. McLeod undertook this expedition for the sake of adventure. He wanted to help people truly appreciate the challenges that the earliest pioneers of aviation faced. And what challenges he faced!

Leaving Montgomery County Air Park in my district on April 5, Mr. McLeod flew his 60 year old aircraft, which has most recently been used as a crop duster, through freezing cold temperatures as low as 34 degrees below zero and winds as harsh as 100 miles per hour. At 6-foot-1, and 285 pounds, he had very little mobility in the cockpit of his old Army training plane. He wore a special electric suit to keep his body warm which left a burn the size of a silver dollar on his stomach which he didn't even notice at the time. He faced "white-outs" as he flew through snowy weather in Canada. At one point during the journey, the extreme cold caused the plastic engine gaskets to burst, causing his aircraft to leak oil and forcing a delay in his journey. But circling three times at the very top of the globe made him forget the cold and left only the feeling that all the hardships and challenges he endured were worthwhile.

This latest feat of the human spirit harkens to the accomplishments of the very earliest heroes of flight. Charles Lindberg crossing the Atlantic. Amelia Earhart crossing the Atlantic, the Pacific, and attempting to circumnavigate the globe at the equator. Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett making the first flight over the North Pole. And Gus McLeod repeating their journey in an open-cockpit bi-plane.

LUBBOCK AVALANCHE JOURNAL
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN PRINT

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal newspaper in Lubbock, Texas in celebration of their 100 year anniversary of publication on the South Plains. The A-J has served the people of the South Plains for an entire century, longer even than the official town of Lubbock itself, which was incorporated in 1909.

Over the years, like its home, the paper has grown tremendously. The A-J now boasts an impressive number of over 64,000 subscriptions in Lubbock and the surrounding area. Without fail, the A-J has printed the latest news every day and has been instrumental in helping our town grow from a rural, rustic town into the thriving city it is today. The A-J has also helped shape the history on the South Plains by providing essential information to our community.

With the advent of the Internet and the World Wide Web, the A-J online is now able to connect people from all over the world. Current, former and future Lubbockites are just a mouse-click away from getting the latest information on what's happening on the South Plains.

The A-J has helped build a bridge of communication on the South Plains and has made a century's worth of friendships. I extend my gratitude to all involved in its successful production—from the publisher and editors to the printing press operators and paper couriers. Your hard work and dedication has made a significant contribution to our community. Best wishes for at least another century of continued and devoted services.

HONORING RICHARD A. WATSON,
FROM THE 20TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, as a former high school teacher, today I commend a retiring teacher from the 20th District of Illinois, Mr. Richard A. Watson. For 31 years, Mr. Watson taught agricultural education and served as the FFA advisor at Lincolnwood High School in Raymond, IL.

Some teachers think that education is a 9 to 5 job, but not Mr. Watson. Besides teaching in the classroom, he spent countless hours coaching judging teams, public speakers, and parliamentary procedure teams. Mr. Watson

spent time after school assisting students with their Supervised Agricultural Experiences and other various community activities that the FFA Chapter set out to do.

Because of Mr. Watson's hard work, he was able to watch his students achieve their goals. Whether it was a State FFA Degree, Foundation Award or State FFA Office, he was an advocate and a motivator. More importantly, Mr. Watson was known for his famous phrase, "Keep your chin up," when things didn't go so well.

Mr. Watson has contributed to the betterment of the 20th District because he taught high school agricultural education to the person who advises me today on agricultural issues, Amy Matthews. I thank him for his 31 years of service and congratulate him for his outstanding teaching career.

But I also want to remind him, that our area won't let him slip away. Good teachers, good people are always needed and always welcome in our communities. While his official service may be ending, I know we can count on him to continue to make a difference in the lives of our children and therefore our collective futures.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FURNITURE FIRE SAFETY ACT OF 2000

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleagues, Representative ROB ANDREWS and Representative CURT WELDON, to introduce legislation that is long overdue. The United States has one of the highest fire death rates in the industrialized world. In the vast majority of home fire deaths, the killer is upholstered furniture, which is one of the most flammable items in the American home. Because of the seriousness of this problem, and the devastation it has caused countless American families (including those of Fire Fighters killed in the line of duty fighting home fires), we have introduced the Furniture Fire Safety Act of 2000.

This legislation would amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to immediately establish a performance standard that is equal to the successful California state standard—the only one of its kind in the nation. California Technical Bulletin 117 (TB 117) is a mandatory standard for all residential upholstered furniture for sale in California that has been in effect since 1975. It is both an open flame test and a smoldering cigarette test for the component materials that make up the upholstered furniture. While the fire death rates for furniture fires have dropped for both California and the entire nation, death rates in California have dropped by a larger percentage than the nation as a whole. In 1994, for example, the theoretical number of California fire deaths due to upholstered furniture based on actual national figures, would be 65.2. However, the actual number of furniture fire deaths in California in that year was 10.

Mr. Speaker, two people die each day as a result of residential furniture fires. CPSC data report that, on average, 55 people die per

month in fires where upholstered furniture is the first item ignited. Most of these fires are caused by cigarette ignitions, while a significant portion is caused by open-flames such as matches, lighters, and candles.

Upholstered furniture is one of the most flammable items in the American home. In just four short minutes, a sofa fire can engulf an entire living room in flames, filling the entire home with thick, dark smoke and toxic gases. Temperatures can exceed 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit in this short period of time, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Since 1994, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, the International Association of Fire Fighters, and many other fire safety and consumer groups have urged the CPSC to develop national standards to deter residential furniture fires. To date, there has been no significant progress on the part of CPSC. In lieu of national standards, the upholstered furniture industry is being asked to adhere on a voluntary basis to lax safety standards for home furniture sold in all states except California. The result has been that approximately 4,500 Americans have lost their lives in residential furniture fires since 1994.

What is even more disturbing is the simple fact that for a small 3–5% add-on cost to the manufacturers for flame-retardant measures (on average, the cost of three pizzas, \$20–\$30) a sofa can be made safe and potentially save lives. Even more telling is the fact that price studies have revealed that flame-resistant sofas purchased at retail outlets in California were priced equal to, or in some cases less, than identical, non-flame-resistant products purchased from that same furniture retailer at a location outside of California.

This legislation would save lives. The time has come to take action. We can not allow one more person to die unnecessarily from an upholstered furniture fire. I urge my colleagues to support this effort.

RETIREMENT OF McEACHERN
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RALPH
WILLIAMS

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration—and some sadness—that I honor Principal Ralph Williams, as he plans for his announced retirement from the Cobb County School system and McEachern High School. Principal Ralph Williams came to Cobb County from Tennessee in 1972, to serve as administrative assistant for Pebblebrook High School. He later served as an administrator for Pebblebrook, Wheeler and North Cobb, before accepting his current position as principal of McEachern High School in 1982. For the past 18 years he has served the students of McEachern with honor and integrity; tirelessly devoting himself to the west Cobb community and this outstanding school.

McEachern High School has an extensive history in the community. It was founded in 1908 as an Agricultural and Mechanical School, with financial support and donated land from John Newton McEachern, co-founder of the Life of Georgia Insurance Company. In 1933, when A & M schools were abandoned, the community opened the Macland

Consolidated School to continue to serve the educational needs of the community. In 1938 the school was renamed John McEachern Schools, providing educational opportunities to students from first through eleventh grade.

In 1980, McEachern became a comprehensive high school, and is widely recognized as one of the very top high schools in the entire state of Georgia. Enrollment now approaches 3,000 students. The presence of Principal Williams on campus of McEachern High School will be greatly missed. His dedication and commitment to educating the young people of his community has made a lasting impression on two decades of Cobb citizens. We will miss him greatly and wish him the best as he moves into this new phase of his life.

CONGRATULATING BRITTANY
HEATH OF THE 19TH DISTRICT
OF TEXAS

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, today, I congratulate a young lady from the 19th District of Texas who has earned national recognition for her outstanding volunteer service. Miss Brittany Heath, a 13-year-old student from Lubbock, has been named one of Texas' top two youth volunteers for the year 2000 in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, a national initiative honoring young people for exemplary acts of service.

Brittany, an eighth grade student at Evans Junior High School, initiated a chapter of "Suitcase for Kids" which collects, cleans, and distributes used suitcases to children in foster care. During her program's first year, more than 400 suitcases were given to children within the community. The Lubbock Children's Protective Services program and the Community Partnership Program Sponsored by Brittany by providing a storage facility for donations. Brittany set up a voice mailbox for donor calls, designed business cards, composed a brochure, and contacted the local newspaper. During the first two days of operation, more than 100 messages were received from individuals offering donations and assistance. Community support has been overwhelming, and Brittany plans to expand "Suitcases for Kids" to other counties around Luddock. She says as long as children are in foster care, there will be a need for this program.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created by The Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to encourage youth volunteers and emphasize the importance and value of their contributions. Brittany was nominated by Evans Junior High School and selected from more than 20,000 high school and middle school students. She has received \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. This program is the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service.

At a time when our nation has seen a lack of community involvement from our youth and violence in our schools, it is good to be reminded that many young people are actively contributing to our society and working to

make a difference where they live. We can learn a great deal from Brittany's exceptional act of volunteerism. We should all reflect upon how we, as individuals, can work together in our own communities to improve the lives of others and establish a brighter tomorrow.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. DONNA
OSBORN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Donna Osborn, who has worked in my office as an Albert Einstein fellow since July 1999. The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program offers elementary and secondary teachers with demonstrated excellence in teaching an opportunity to serve in the national public policy arena.

Since Donna's arrival in my office, she has handled all education issues—elementary, secondary, and higher education—as well as children's issues. She researches legislation, updates me on changing information, and answers constituent mail on these topics. Donna has also been invaluable in other areas of my office. I can guarantee you that she now knows more about steel manufacturing and bulletproof vests than she ever imagined she would. She is the first person to volunteer for any task, and greets every visitor with a warm welcome. Her enthusiasm is contagious.

Donna has not been a passive member of my staff, rather she has taken initiative and vigorously pursued projects that she believed would be valuable to my constituents. First, she organized and planned a grants workshop for all of the schools in Indiana's First Congressional District. Several Einstein Fellows and other individuals from Washington and Indiana provided educators with information on obtaining grants and other educational opportunities for students. She also reached out to our community, working with local businesses and organizations to include them in the event, and securing their place as stakeholders in the education of our children. This workshop was a very successful event, and would not have been possible without Donna's initiative and hard work.

Donna was also integral to the implementation of the Missing Child Alert Plan in Indiana's First Congressional District. The Missing Child Alert Plan gives detailed information about a missing child and the suspected abductor utilizing a joint police-media effort to alert the public when a child has been abducted. Donna worked closely with my staff and local police departments and media outlets, to get this program off to a successful start. The Missing Child Alert Plan has been successful in recovering missing children in other areas of the country. Thanks to Donna's hard work, Northwest Indiana is one of only 11 areas of the country with such a program. Activating the alert often receives considerable press attention, which increases the reach of the emergency announcement—enlisting hundreds of thousands of people in their search parties. Leads usually pour into police departments within hours. In addition to the Missing Child Alert Program, Donna saw to it that a

picture of a missing child from the First Congressional District appears on each of my office envelopes. The first set features five children, one each from Gary and Hebron, and three from Hammond.

The zeal that Donna brought to my office must be even more apparent to her classroom. Donna has taught mathematics in Lafayette School Corporation in Lafayette, Indiana since 1972, and is currently a mathematics teacher at Jefferson High School. She is a graduate from Anderson College, with a degree in mathematics. Her master's degree is from Purdue University. She was a Christa McAuliffe fellow in 1998 and a Tandy scholar in 1997. She won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching of Mathematics in 1996. She taught school in Billerica, England on a Fulbright scholarship in 1979–1980; at the International School of Paris in Paris, France in 1991–1992; and at the Hong Kong International School in the summer of 1997.

She served as the President of the Lafayette Education Association Board of the Indiana Council for the Teaching of Mathematics in 1996–1997, and on the Mathematics Department Advisory Council (Purdue, West Lafayette). Donna has received the Golden Apple award from the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus by the Purdue University-School of Science.

Donna has been a wonderful addition to my office, and I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for all of her hard work. She has touched the lives of countless young people throughout Indiana, the United States, and the world. Donna's passion for education and children, along with her indescribable enthusiasm, will surely be missed in my office.

TRIBUTE TO GIRL SCOUT GOLD
AWARD RECIPIENTS—2000

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute six outstanding young women who are being presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Vermont Girl Scout Council. They are:

Kellie Miner, 619 Basin Harbor Road, Vergennes, VT 05491, Cassie Charlebois, PO Box 323, Vergennes, VT 05491, Catherine McEnerney, 39 Boothwoods, Vergennes, VT 05491, Linnea Oosterman, 1074 Slatterly Road, Vergennes, VT 05491, Stephanie Leonard, 201 Sunset Drive, Morrisville, VT 05661, Rebecca Robare, 6 Giorgetti Blvd., Rutland, VT 05701.

They are being honored on May 16, 2000 for earning the highest achievement in U.S. Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14–17, or in grades 9–12. To receive the award, these Girl Scouts first earned four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge as well as designing and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project to

meet what they saw as a need in their community. A synopsis of Gold Award projects is provided here.

Kellie Miner, Vergennes, VT is a musician with a gift for teaching youth. Kellie developed an after school music program teaching guitar and keyboards at her local elementary school with another Senior Girl Scout from her community. Kellie knows that musical education enhances children's ability to focus, to practice numerical and language skills and to feel a sense of success. Kellie served children from Kindergarten through sixth grade. Though the age range was a bit broad, she enjoyed teaching something she loves. She believes that her Girl Scout Gold Award Project will influence her to decide about a future as a high school choral director.

Cassie Charlebois, Vergennes, VT was the song leader for the after school music program she developed with another Senior Girl Scout from her community. Cassie collaborated on the project with the hope of engaging children in the fun and sense of group cooperation that singing provides. Cassie taught music to younger children who had varying reading abilities through repetition and reinforcement with the words written out on a flip chart. She organized a closing concert and invited the community. Cassie feels her own personal growth was in discovering her success as a teacher and overcoming shyness. She knows that her project has reminded children of the importance of music in their lives.

Katie McEnerney of Vergennes, VT is an artist. Her Gold Award Project was to collaborate with a fellow Senior Girl Scout to restore a playground structure at a local preschool. Katie first had to communicate with the school's administration to explain how the playground area could be improved. She selected a colorful rainbow theme, created the plans, and sketched the designs over the entire wooden structure inside and out. Katie was also concerned about the structure's stability and the over all safety of the playground. Her involvement in this Gold Award Project has been one that required careful planning, negotiating skills and a sense of timing so that the project would not inhibit the school schedule. Katie hopes to continue her skills through a career in the arts.

Linnea Oosterman of Vergennes, VT is interested in art. Linnea chose to collaborate with a fellow Senior Girl Scout to restore a playground structure at a local preschool. Linnea contributed to the project by securing the necessary materials, painting the design created by her partner and helping to restore the safety of the playground by sanding and treating the wood before painting. She completed the project by building a sandbox around the base. Linnea was primarily concerned that the children have a fun, safe and colorful place to play. Linnea chose this project as a worthwhile activity that she hopes will improve the playspace and make her a better artist.

Stephanie Leonard of Marrisville, VT is a musician who plays several instruments. In her community it is sometimes challenging for families to find adequate after school child care that is fun, accessible and safe. Stephanie developed an after school arts program for the Bishop Marshall Catholic School as part of their ongoing after school offerings. Stephanie incorporated both her musical talents and her interest in arts and crafts in the

activities for the children. Stephanie enjoyed working with the children and found the collaboration with the existing after school program goals to blend well with her own vision of a fun experience for youth.

Rebecca Robare of Rutland, VT is a multiply talented young woman. As a past member of our Board of Directors, Becky was personally involved in policy decisions at the Council. Becky chose her Gold Award Project to respond to what she felt was a lack of creative statewide offerings for older girls through the Vermont Girl Scout Council. This project was her attempt to create change on a programmatic level. Becky chose to host an event at the Fletcher Farm School for Arts and Crafts. She coordinated use of space for activities, meals, lodging and entertainment and collected her own registrations. Becky learned a great deal about her organizational abilities and how to effectively communicate with numerous players in hosting of this event. The success of the event was evident from the evaluations of girls in attendance.

IN SUPPORT OF WORKER
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Senate Bill 2323, the Worker Economic Opportunity Act. I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation that amends the Fair Labor Standards Act and allows hourly employees to take advantage of stock option plans offered by their companies.

Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons we call the New Economy the *New Economy* is because of the new opportunities and new wealth created by the groundkeeping technology industries. And in these technology industries, new opportunities for sharing in the wealth and success of companies are available to everyone.

In old business models, many junior employees were paid an hourly wage and if they gained some sonority they might be offered some type of stock purchase plan. In the new model used by technology companies, every employee gets to share in the wealth of it. When employees join the company, they have an opportunity to own a piece of the company. When the company goes public, they can exercise their options and share in the company's success.

In my District—which includes Silicon Valley—new companies are born every day. One reason people are attracted to this area and are willing to work at an hourly wage is because they can share in the dream of achieving the success and wealth created by these companies.

The Department of Labor took a short-sighted approach when it issued its opinion last year stating that stock option plans are not exempt from the regular rate of pay provisions. I'm pleased that the Labor Department now supports this bill which amends the current law, thereby voiding its earlier opinion.

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Reserve estimates that in the last two years approximately 17 percent of U.S. firms have introduced stock option programs. Additionally, another 37 per-

cent have broadened the eligibility in their existing plans. This legislation is about expanding the winner's circle for employees. If the Labor Department's initial view on this issue were allowed to stand, it would have resulted in the exclusion of hourly workers participating in the financial success of the businesses they have had in shaping.

There are secretaries and other hourly wage workers in my Congressional District who have become millionaires because of the success of their stock option plans. This wouldn't have happened if their option plan had been calculated into their overtime pay table. This has happened because companies with vision created business plans that included a model where every employee benefits when the company succeeds.

We should exercise the same vision and pass this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on this legislation.

IN TRIBUTE TO DAVID MERRICK

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of David Merrick, a legendary Broadway producer who passed away last Tuesday at the age of 88. The Broadway theater community, which I represent, owes a great debt to the talents of David Merrick. Merrick was responsible for bringing to audiences such great works as *Gypsy*, *Hello Dolly*, *42nd Street*, and *Oliver!*, as well as dozens of other productions. His living legacy is proven every time one of his masterpieces returns to the "Great White Way."

Born to a poor family in St. Louis, Merrick grew up to become a major force in the Broadway theater. Producing a half-dozen or more plays and musicals in a typical season, it was estimated that at times he employed up to 20 percent of Broadway's workforce, while his shows amassed countless Tony Awards for excellence in the theater.

Feared as well as respected by those in the industry, he had a flair for showmanship and publicity that set him apart, stopping at nothing to gain recognition for his plays.

David Merrick could be ruthless, tyrannical, even downright nasty, and he reveled in his reputation as "the abominable showman," but he loved the Broadway theater and he spent his life bringing to the stage works that moved us and entertained us.

Today, the lights on Broadway shine a little less brightly with the passing of this great showman.

LETTER CARRIERS PARTICIPATE
IN FOOD DRIVE FOR NATION'S
NEEDY

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the National Association of Letter Carriers for their outstanding efforts to help those

who are hungry in communities across the nation. On May 13, 2000, local branches of the Letter Carriers, along with the United Way and the United States Postal Service, will kick off their annual food drive to collect non-perishable food and other essential items for families in need.

Residents of Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Dumas and Tulia, Texas will be asked to place non-perishable food items, paper products or hygiene items by their mailboxes. The letter carriers will pick these items up on May 13th and deliver them to the High Plains Food Bank. The donations received through this food drive will help fill the need for food distribution throughout the summer months.

This food drive is a worthwhile and important project, and has been extremely helpful to a large number of families over the years. In fact, 83,000 pounds of food were collected last year from postal routes across the Panhandle and sent to the High Plains Food Bank, currently serving over 5,200 families each month. The goal this year is to raise over 90,000 pounds of food. I am confident that our community will rise to meet this challenge.

The Amarillo branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers is deserving of our full support and I praise them for their work in the fight against hunger. Together, with such individual acts of generosity, we can help stop the growing problem of hunger on the High Plains.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained today, May 3, 2000.

If I had been present for rollcall No. 133, I would have voted "yes."

If I had been present for rollcall No. 134, I would have voted "yes."

If I had been present for rollcall No. 135, I would have voted "yes."

If I had been present for rollcall No. 136, I would have voted "yes."

If I had been present for rollcall No. 137, I would have voted "yes."

If I had been present for rollcall No. 138, I would have voted "yes."

If I had been present for rollcall No. 139, I would have voted "yes."

If I had been present for rollcall No. 140, I would have voted "yes."

If I had been present for rollcall No. 141, I would have voted "yes."

WILKES-BARRE LAW AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an organization of which I am proud to be a member, the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association. I am pleased and honored to have been asked to participate in the 150th anniversary of its founding.

Founded in 1850 by the leading attorneys of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the Association was first known as the Wilkes-Barre Law Association. As the bar association for all of Luzerne County, the association soon adopted the longer name of Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association, which is how it is still known today.

Its original function was a law library for its membership. Because of the expense of older law books dating back to the Civil War era, it was an attempt to create a central law library as a less costly way for lawyers of the day to have an important resource in their practices. The original library contained around 2000 volumes. Throughout the years, the library has expanded and by 1968 contained over 21,000 volumes of law books including English law. Some of the oldest volumes date back to the early 1700's and the library is one of the finest in the nation to this day.

The membership of the Association currently includes 649 members and has had a total of over 1,600 members in good standing in its 150-year history. Its first president was the Honorable Hendrick B. Wright, a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and Andrew McClintock and George B. Nicholson served as the first treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Many of the original names on the membership list are quite familiar to those of us in the Wyoming Valley—Welles, Dennison, Bidlack, Conyngham, Wright—as even to this day many of our streets and communities bear these distinguished names. Many served in the Pennsylvania Legislature and were icons of the era. At least 14 members of the Association were elected to the U.S. Congress, myself included. The Association also boasts three governors among its ranks: Henry Hoyt, Arthur James, and John S. Fine.

Mr. Speaker, the list of appellate and state supreme court justices from this bar association's membership list is too long to name all of them here, but that list includes some of the most distinguished jurists in the Commonwealth's history. One of its most famous was Chief Justice Gibson, whose case precedents were considered the most widely read in his era and were cited regularly by courts as far away as Westminster, England.

Currently in senior status, Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Max Rosenn is a highly respected member of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association. With my strong support, the Congress recently renamed the Wilkes-Barre Federal Courthouse in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association is the oldest and most distinguished legal institution in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It is the center of the legal community in Luzerne County and its library is a great resource to its membership. I am extremely proud to be a member and to have this opportunity to bring its history to the attention of my colleagues in the House of Representatives. I send my sincere best wishes on this milestone anniversary and for the future of the legal profession in Luzerne County.

GARY EVERHARDT: PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and commend a great public servant of Western North Carolina and the National Park Service, Gary Everhardt, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Gary has been devoted to making our National Parks cleaner, safer and more enjoyable for future generations. Today marks the beginning of Gary's well-earned retirement.

Gary is a native of Western North Carolina and is a product of the Lenoir North Carolina School System. He graduated in 1957 with a degree in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University and immediately began work for the Park Service as a civil engineer for the Blue Ridge Parkway. He has served in engineering positions at the Park Service's Southeast and Southwest offices. Gary was also named the Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park in January 1972. While there he helped orchestrate and conduct the Second World Conference on National Parks. For his effort and hard work, Gary was awarded the Department of the Interiors Meritorious Service Award.

President Gerald Ford recognized Everhardt's dedication, professionalism, and hard work as he named Gary the ninth director of the National Park Service on January 13, 1975. It was under Gary's leadership that the Park Service saw a period of unbridled growth and success. The Park took great steps in the areas of visitor services and safety. Gary, with President Ford's approval, proposed doubling the park size with the purchase of nearly 32 million acres of land in Alaska.

Gary returned home to the Blue Ridge Parkway in 1977 to assume leadership as the fifth Superintendent of the Parkway and since that time Gary has worked diligently to improve relations with neighbors of the Parkway and government agency officials. Gary took a construction program that was near death and revived it. The final section of the Parkway motor road at Grandfather Mountain was completed in 1987. During Everhardt's tenure, the number of visitors to the park has risen to over 25 million.

I would like to add my tribute to Gary to the long list of honors that he has received in the past. In 1985 Everhardt received the Department of the Interior's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. In 1990 he received the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal from the National Park Foundation for stellar contributions to the advancement of parks and recreation. In September 1998 Gary received the Walter T. Cox award at the George B. Hertzog Lecture at Clemson University, this Award recognized Gary's sustained public achievement in wise management of natural and cultural resources.

Everhardt has a long list of involvement in other agencies and groups including his roles as Past President of the Asheville Federal Executive Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Consortium, and as a member of the North Carolina National Parks, Parkway & Forestry Development Council.

I am sure that Gary will enjoy this well-deserved retirement from the National Park Service. But I believe that it will leave him more time for the jobs that he enjoys most; being a husband, father of two, and a grandfather of three. I know that my colleagues will join me in saluting this fine public servant and community leader and thanking him for nearly 45 years of service to the National Park Service.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAFAYETTE
PARISH SHERIFF DONALD J.
BREAUX

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of Lafayette Parish Sheriff Donald J. Breau. Sheriff Breau's over 30 years of distinguished service in Louisiana law enforcement are coming to a close on July 1, 2000, and I would like to take this opportunity to honor his accomplished service.

Sheriff Breau began his career in law enforcement in 1958 at the age of twenty-one with the Lafayette Police Department. In 1964, he left local law enforcement to join the Louisiana State Police where he remained until his retirement in 1980. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed Lafayette City Marshall where he served until 1984 when he was elected Sheriff of Lafayette Parish. Today, fifteen years later, he is retiring from the law enforcement arena after what he calls a "blessed" life and career.

His years of distinguished service also includes leadership in numerous law enforcement organizations. He has served as: past president of the Louisiana State Troopers Association; past president of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association; Chairman of the National Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Committee; Director of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association Strike Force; member of the American Correctional

Association Committee on Accreditation; member of Accreditation for Corrections; and member of the American Correctional Association's Committee on Correctional Standards.

In his four terms as Lafayette Parish Sheriff, Sheriff Breau spearheaded construction and operation of the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Training Academy, the opening of the Lafayette Parish Correctional Center, the computerization of the Sheriff's Department and consolidation of many city-parish services for Lafayette Parish residents. He has placed an emphasis on combating drugs in Lafayette Parish through the development of a comprehensive community drug education program. This program, combined with a strong enforcement initiative, equates to roughly 100 drug arrests each month by Metro Narcotics. Sheriff Breau was also instrumental in bringing the Drug Awareness Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.) to school children in Lafayette Parish. Since, DARE has provided over 6,000 Lafayette Parish school children with the knowledge they need to resist and report drugs in their communities.

Sheriff Breau has made a lasting impact, not only in Lafayette Parish but in Louisiana as a whole. He will long be remembered as a leader who constantly strove to meet the changing and expanding needs of his diverse community. His record of public service exemplifies the heights to which he has brought the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department, and is one that will be honored for years to come.

Congratulations Sheriff Breau on your retirement.

THE BUTTERFLY PAVILION & INSECT CENTER OF WESTMINSTER, COLORADO: BRINGING WONDERS OF THE INSECT WORLD TO THE ROCKIES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I think few people know that the Second Congress-

sional District of Colorado is home to over 1,200 spectacular butterflies from 50 different species, over 100 different species of tropical and sub-tropical plants, and a variety of exotic arthropods that are normally found only in far-away lands. This may seem impossible given our dry climate at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, but thanks to the Butterfly Pavilion & Insect Center located in Westminster, Coloradans have the opportunity to see these fascinating creatures and plants first hand.

The Butterfly Pavilion & Insect Center is an educational facility for study of insects and other invertebrates. The facility exists to foster an appreciation of butterflies and other invertebrates while reminding the public about the need for conservation of threatened habitats in the tropics and around the world.

The Butterfly Pavilion & Insect Center is the only stand-alone nonprofit insect zoo in the nation. Visitors to the facility find themselves surrounded by free-flying butterflies while walking through the lush, tropical conservatory. A chrysalis viewing area allows visitors to watch the amazing process of metamorphosis as adult butterflies emerge from their gemlike chrysalides. In the insect center, visitors can watch, touch or take a closer look at some of the world's most fascinating insects and their relatives. They can discover what it feels like to hold a rose-haired tarantula from Chile, a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach or a giant mealworm.

The Butterfly Pavilion & Insect Center is a publicly supported scientific and educational facility and operates in collaboration with scientific advisors from zoos, universities and museums both locally and nationally. The facility is located at 6252 West 104th Avenue in Westminster, Colorado. It can also be found on the World Wide Web at www.butterflies.org. I encourage everyone to visit and learn more.

I would like to commend this organization for their steadfast commitment in educating the public about these living treasures. I thank them for bringing this source of amazement and beauty to our great state.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 9

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 Closed business meeting to markup proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense. SR-222

Governmental Affairs
 Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the performance management in the District of Columbia. SD-342

10 a.m.
 United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
 To hold hearings on the domestic consequences of heroin use. SD-628

Judiciary
 Criminal Justice Oversight Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Caribbean drug trafficking. SD-226

2 p.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings on pending nominations. SD-226

2:30 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings on S. 1756, to enhance the ability of the National Laboratories to meet Department of Energy missions and for other purposes; and S. 2336, to authorize funding for networking and information technology research and development at the Department of Energy for fiscal years 2001 through 2005. SD-366

MAY 10

9:30 a.m.
 Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. SR-485

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine retransmission consent issues. SR-253

Armed Services
 Closed business meeting to markup proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense. SR-222

Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings on the nomination of Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; the nomination of Thomas J. Motley, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; and the nomination of John McAdam Mott, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. SD-342

10:30 a.m.
 Foreign Relations
 International Operations Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the United Nations state of efficacy and reform. SD-419

2 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings on pending nominations. SD-419

2:30 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings on the United States Forest Service's proposed revisions to the regulations governing National Forest Planning. SD-366

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine pipeline safety. SR-253

10 a.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings on the nomination of John R. Dinger, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mongolia; the nomination of Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Australia; the nomination of Douglas Alan Hartwick, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Lao People's Democratic Republic; the nomination of Susan S. Jacobs, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of

America to the Republic of Vanuatu; and the nomination of Michael J. Senko, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kiribati. SD-419

2 p.m.
 Environment and Public Works
 To hold hearings on the Administration's legislative proposal on the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. SD-406

2:30 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on S. 1367, to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes; S. 1617, to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio; S. 1670, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument; S. 2020, to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi; S. 2478, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study on the peopling of America; and S. 2485, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in planning and constructing a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine. SD-366

MAY 12

10 a.m.
 Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings on the nomination of Amy L. Comstock, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics. SD-342

MAY 16

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings on the nomination of The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5033: Adm. Vernon E. Clark, to be Admiral. SR-222

3 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings on the United States Forest Service's proposed transportation policy. SD-366

MAY 17

9:30 a.m.
 Indian Affairs
 To hold oversight hearings on Indian arts and crafts programs. SR-485

Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings on S. 1148, to provide for the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska certain

benefits of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan project; and S. 1658, to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota.

SR-485

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the operation, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, of the Flathead Irrigation Project in Montana.

SD-366

MAY 23

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 740, to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the hydroelectric licensing process by granting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission statutory authority to better coordinate participation by other agencies and entities.

SD-366

MAY 24

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.

SR-485

2:30 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2163, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington; S. 2396, to authorize the

Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2248, to assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage water, storm water, flood water, and other water as part of water-related integrated resource management, environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California; S. 2410, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; and S. 2425, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon.

SD-366

JUNE 7

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture.

SR-485

JUNE 21

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on certain Indian Trust Corporation activities.

SR-485

JUNE 28

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes.

SR-485

JULY 12

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on risk management and tort liability relating to Indian matters.

SR-485

JULY 19

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

SR-485

JULY 26

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on authorizing funds for programs of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

SR-485

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion.

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