

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR DIA- BETES RESEARCH

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I support the resolution I have introduced today with Congressman BILL ARCHER and Congressman KEN BENTSEN, both fellow Texans, to express the sense of the House that funding for juvenile diabetes should be increased.

On April 27 we held a juvenile diabetes forum at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, TX. At this forum, graciously sponsored by Texas Children's Hospital President and CEO Mark A. Wallace, we heard from Richard Furlanetto, scientific director of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and Dr. Ralph Feign, president, of the Baylor College of Medicine and physician-in-chief, Texas Children's Hospital, who shared with us some of the recent advances in treating juvenile diabetes. At Texas Children's Hospital and at Baylor, researchers are involved in promising studies into the complications of diabetes, glucose metabolism and insulin secretion.

Dr. Morey Haymond, a pediatrician who is much beloved by his small patients and their parents, spoke on the day-to-day concerns associated with juvenile diabetes and the need to increase funding for research. Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Ross Cooley updated the group on Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's fundraising activities, and also shared his own experiences with a daughter who suffers from the disease. Jane Adams, associated director for government relations of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation provided an update on the group's legislative agenda and the need for grassroots advocacy.

Perhaps most compelling was the testimony of the families who attended the event. Molly Naylor, State leader for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Houston and a tireless advocate for children and their families, shared the stories of her family and others and the difficulties they face in dealing with this disease. Mary Kay Cottingham, accompanied by her guide dog, spoke on losing her sight as well as the organ transplants she has undergone—all due to juvenile diabetes.

When Larry and Leslie Balthazar shared their personal story of discovering that Larry Junior, at 2 years old, had been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes there was not a dry eye in the house. These parents' love and worry for their child was so compelling and powerful that every person in the room was motivated to do whatever they could to eradicate this terrible disease.

The resolution I am introducing today stems from that event. We need to do more to cure juvenile diabetes. We have the resources, we have the technical expertise, and we are so very close to finding a cure.

Our resolution concisely outlines the problem and the solution:

Whereas, over one million Americans suffer from juvenile (Type I) diabetes, a chronic, genetically determined, debilitating disease affecting every organ system;

Whereas 13,000 children a year—35 each day—are diagnosed with juvenile diabetes;

Whereas 17,000 children a year—46 each day—are diagnosed with juvenile diabetes;

Whereas juvenile diabetes is one of the most costly chronic diseases of childhood;

Whereas insulin treats but does not cure this potentially deadly disease and does not prevent the complications of diabetes, which include blindness, heart attack, kidney failure, stroke, nerve damage, and amputations;

Whereas the Diabetes Research Working Group, a non-partisan advisory board established to advise Congress, has called for an accelerated and expanded diabetes research program at the National Institutes of Health and has recommended a \$4.1 billion increase in Federal funding for diabetes research at the National Institutes of Health over the next five years; and

Whereas a strong public-private partnership to fund juvenile diabetes exists between the Federal Government and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, a foundation which has awarded more than \$326 million for diabetes research since 1970 and will give \$100 million in fiscal year 2001:

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)* That Federal funding for diabetes research should be increased in accordance with the recommendations of the Diabetes Working Group so that a cure for juvenile diabetes can be found.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution. As the world's most prosperous and powerful nation we should be directing our resources to research and development. We should be investing in finding a cure for diabetes—Larry Balthazar Junior, and thousands of children like him, deserve no less.

### HONORING THE LATE JEANIE GALE-ANDERSON

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I celebrate the life of Jeanie Gale-Anderson, who passed away on February 6, 2000, after her fight with lung cancer. She leaves behind a powerful legacy of devotion to her family and a passion for life that lives on in the hearts of those who knew her and loved her. I learned of her great love and the effect she had on the lives of her family—her tenderness and warmth—through one of her 10 grandchildren, Adam, who was a valuable and key legislative advisor in my Washington congressional office for a long period of time.

She was Georgeana Louise Gallucci for 22 years, proud daughter of George and Dorothy Gallucci of Jefferson, OH. One of six children, she is remembered and loved by her sisters, Garman, Natalie, Connie and brother, Freddy. For 53 years she was Jeanie Gale-Anderson, lifetime partner and devoted wife of James Sidney Anderson. For 52 years she was Mom to Jim, Tina, Jann Sydney, Pat and Tim. For 31 years, she was Nanny to 10 adoring grandchildren: Michael, Matthew, Bobby, Lisa, Adam, Aaron, Kacie, Duke, Ryan and Reid. Finally, for 4 years she was a great-grandmother to Ahna, Sara and Owen.

The rich fabric of her life was woven by her commitment to husband and family, the loving care and nurturing of her five children, and the delight and pleasure in her ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She shared her love, boundless energy, tireless humor and wit with so many. Her life shown brightly for 75 years, with a full spectrum of qualities that her family will hold tightly in their hearts—her commitment, her courage and her faith in all things possible.

Her passion for life and for those she loved lives on in the memories of her family. Hers is a life to be celebrated, emulated and kept vibrantly alive by the deep-abiding relationships that do not end in death but rather deepen and grow richer with time until her family can be united again in eternity with Christ. Her family loved her so much, as she loved them.

She had loving hands a loving heart that touched, healed and nurtured her family. The values and guidance she taught have influenced all that they do. Laughter accompanied their triumphs and their failures. She was tireless in her efforts to provide physical, emotional and spiritual needs to her children. She treated them equally, but respected their differences, taught them to be determined, honest and responsible, and taught them to be patriotic—loving their heritage and our country.

Most of all, through her, her family learned what love truly is. "We have been blessed to pass this down to each of our children," her family writes. "What a legacy mom has left us all. Only the heart knows how to find what is precious and we have found it, all of us, through her. Our mother added a dimension to life impossible to measure or explain. Always our mother and teacher, she asked to be remembered by these special words she chose for us: Light after Darkness, Gain after Loss/Strength after Mystery, Peace after Cross/Sweet after Bitter, Hope after Fears/Home after Wandering, Praise after Tears/Sheaves after Sowing, Sun after Rain/Sight after Mystery, Peace after Pain/Joy after Sorrow, Calm after Blast/Rest after Weariness, Sweet rest at Last/Near after Distant, Gloom after Gloom/Love after Loneliness, Life after Tomb/After Long Agony, Rapture of Bliss . . . RIGHT was the PATHWAY Leading to THIS."

As we adjourn today, Mr. Speaker, let us do so in memory of this extraordinary woman, Jeanie Gale-Anderson.

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HONORING THE BERGER HEALTH SYSTEM IN CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO

**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the achievements of the Berger Health System in Circleville, Ohio, which is being honored this week by the American Hospital Association.

As Representative to Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am pleased to honor the volunteers of the Circle of Caring community service program for their devotion and generosity to the elderly and disabled community in Circleville.

The Circle of Caring program at Berger Health System is dedicated to providing basic daily care including housekeeping and transportation for the elderly and the disabled. Volunteers assist the elderly with domestic chores and contribute their time and services to improving the quality of life for those in need of medical attention or individual care. The volunteers of the Circle of Caring program are committed to providing the elderly with the sense of independence and dignity they have earned.

The Circle of Caring program was awarded the Hospital Award for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE) by the American Hospital Association which commends the volunteers' contributions to the local elderly community. A local volunteer effort such as Circle of Caring demonstrates to the rest of the nation the kind of care and empathy deserving of all elderly, and serves as a model for other community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I join the American Hospital Association in recognizing the efforts of the Circle of Caring at Berger Health Systems.

HONORING MAX A. BACON, A COMMUNITY LEADER IN THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a community leader from the Seventh District of Georgia. Max Bacon is a true leader in our community.

After devoting 6 years to the city council of Smyrna, GA, Max was elected mayor of Smyrna in 1985, following in his father's footsteps. Arthur Bacon served as mayor of Smyrna from 1976 to 1977, and again from 1982 until his death on October 26, 1985. Max was appointed by the city council to complete his father's unexpired term, and was elected mayor in his own right in 1985.

Aside from his duties at city hall, Mayor Bacon serves as the postmaster of the Mableton Post Office. In fact, he has been an employee of the U.S. Postal Service for more than 30 years. Mableton, a community near Smyrna, has experienced tremendous growth and change in recent years, as have most communities within the Greater Atlanta Area, and Max has witnessed this growth throughout his service at the post office and at city hall.

Recently, Max Bacon was asked by the U.S. Postal Service to step into a vacancy in

the post of postmaster in Rome, GA, located in the northern part of the Seventh Congressional District. Management of the U.S. Postal Service called on Max to assist in working through a very difficult situation in the Rome Post Office. Max commuted to Rome from Smyrna for several months. During this time, he was able to resolve many issues, and once again bring much needed harmony to the postal employees, management, and indeed, the postal patrons as well. His willingness to assume this responsibility was very much appreciated by the citizens of Rome and Floyd County, GA.

Max is a member and past president of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority. He is a member of the Brawner Hospital Board of Directors, the Smyrna Business Association, and the Georgia Municipal Association. He was the recipient of the 1993 Georgia Municipal Association Community Leadership Award, and was selected as the Cobb County 1997 Citizen of the Year by the Marietta Daily Journal in January 1998.

I know I speak for many thousands of citizens of Georgia's Seventh District, in honoring Max Bacon today for his many contributions to his community, to the U.S. Postal Service, and the people of the Seventh District.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL AND HELEN WILLIAMS

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Bill and Helen Williams, friends and community leaders, who will be honored by St. Joseph Orphanage at the 2000 Scholar of Life Banquet, on May 19. They were selected for the Scholar of Life Award for their life-long charitable work assisting needy children and their families, their support to St. Joseph Orphanage, the significant and meaningful impact they have had on young people, and for their support to cultural institutions in Greater Cincinnati.

The contributions made by Bill and Helen go back a long way. Bill, who is currently chairman of the board of Western-Southern Life Insurance, says that when he first began selling insurance, he saw that some children did not always have the basic necessities. Bill said, "I remember my father taking orphans to Coney Island, [and my family] helping to organize donations through the downtown churches." In the 1950's and '60's, Helen says that "a group of women and I would take some of the children at Washington Park Elementary School to Old St. Mary's Church . . . adding a spiritual side to their lives they would not otherwise have had."

The Williamses have improved the quality of life and education for the Cincinnati area's most needy in many ways. Over 10 years ago, Bill set out to improve the housing for the less fortunate in downtown Cincinnati. He has had tremendous success since then, improving the living standards for hundreds in Over-the-Rhine.

Believing a solid education to be one of the keys to living a meaningful life, the Williams family sponsors scholarships for children who

need financial assistance at Xavier University, the University of Notre Dame, and Georgetown University. In addition, Bill supports the Catholic Inner City Schools Education [CISE] organization where he has served as chairman of its annual campaign. CISE is a non-profit group that provides financial aid to inner city schools, and Bill helped to forge a working program between Hoffman Elementary in the Cincinnati Public School System and CISE. In addition, Bill has administered the O'Brien Fund through the Williams Foundation, which helps children in need. Last year, he was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Business Hall of Fame. In 1995, he received the Great Living Cincinnati Award.

Helen also has had a profound impact on our area, and she has been very active in many charitable causes, serving as a trustee of St. Margaret Hall, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Mercy Hospital Foundation, Wilberforce University, and Summit Country Day School. Helen formerly served on advisory boards at Mt. St. Joseph College and Christ Child Day Nursery. She also was a trustee and past president of the Beechwood Home for Incurables.

All of us in Cincinnati are most grateful to Bill and Helen Williams for their leadership, service, and commitment to our community.

HONORING DOROTHY HARBER

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an outstanding citizen of the Fourth District of Texas, Dorothy Harber, Dorothy and her husband, Lacy, are among the most admired and appreciated—and, yes, loved—couple in Texas. Dorothy was recently awarded the Outstanding Hunting Achievement Award from the Dallas Safari Club—the club's most prestigious honor—for her outstanding success as a big game hunter. Begun in 1980, the Safari Club's award is not necessarily given every year, and it is given only for outstanding feats in the hunting world.

Dorothy and Lacy have been avid hunters for many years and also are strong advocates of hunter education, conservation, and humanitarian assistance. Dorothy has established exhibits at several local banks to educate children and adults about various wildlife throughout the world. During their many travels on safaris, they also have brought clothes and books to those in need in those countries. They have enriched all of the areas of the world they traveled and hunted in. No one can imagine the value of a gift of a jeep, equipment, tents, or one of the other numerous articles (coats, gloves, boots, hats, etc.) they take into the most remote—and the most poverty-stricken parts of the world. They leave them where they have hunted. Imagine leaving a jeep for a family in the poverty-stricken part of Russia—a family whose greatest income had been pennies per day—and the jeep worth thirty or forty thousand dollars. Dorothy and Lacy do not flaunt their generosity—but they certainly practice it wherever they are.

The Dallas Safari Club endorses ethical hunting practices. A fair chase and hunting ethics affidavit must be submitted to the club

along with an official score sheet compiled by an official measurer. Dorothy qualified for the award for having collected all of the nine spiral horned antelope of Africa, all record book animals, all the African major species and many subspecies, the African big five, and for taking a ladies' world record for Marco Polo sheep in Kirghizia. She has not been squeamish about her accommodations—nor has she shied away from bad weather, tough terrain, and/or dangerous spots in danger areas.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us recognize the achievements of Dorothy Harber—and her husband, Lacy—for their contributions to the world of big game hunting and for their commitment to fairness and hunting ethics. They bring meaning to the word “international neighbor”—and bring lasting admiration and respect wherever they go.

HONORING STUDENTS FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL IN PORTLAND, OR

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that last week I was able to spend time with some very talented students from Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon. These students were in Washington, D.C. along with more than 1200 students from across the United States to compete in national finals of the We the People \* \* \* The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to announce that the class from Lincoln High School won an honorable mention at this national event. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The names of the students are: Erika Aheson, Louis Baer, Victoria Demchak, Ann Denison, Timothy Fitzgerald, Sarah Hopkins, Lisa Humes-Schulz, Krista Ingebretson, Joey Katz, Ian Krajbich, Emily Lande, Sarah Larson, Teresa Lau, Devon McCurdy, Benjamin O'Glasser, Caleb Oken-Berg, Julie Ota, Tawny Paul, Mariruth Petzing, Shauna Puhl, Maximilian Pyko, Wayne Saxe, John Schaub, Elizabeth Sheets, Lindsay Simmons, Carrie Steeves, Brigitte Streckert, Thomas Wilson, Karen Wolfgangt, and Jenny Zou.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, Hal Hart, the district coordinator, Susie Marcus, and the state coordinator, Marilyn Cover, for their hard work and dedication to the students.

The We the People \* \* \* The Citizen and the Constitution program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. These hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges. The students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges representing various regions of the country and a variety of appropriate professional fields. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the simulated congressional

committee. The judges probe students for their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge. Columnist David Broder described the national finals as “the place to have your faith in the younger generation restored”.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People \* \* \* program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide. The program provides students with a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. Members of Congress and their staff enhance the program by discussing current constitutional issues with students and teachers and by participating in other educational activities.

HONORING DR. MARILYN WHIRRY,  
NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an outstanding individual from my district, Dr. Marilyn Whirry. Dr. Whirry, an English teacher in Manhattan Beach, has been named National Teacher of the Year.

For over 33 years, Dr. Whirry has taught English literature to students in grades 9–12 at Mira Costa High School. She has touched the lives of thousands, spanning generations, instilling in her students the importance of education.

She currently teaches advanced placement English to Mira Costa seniors. When Dr. Whirry took over the program 9 years ago, only 26 students were in the class. The program has since developed under her direction and now enrollment is roughly 150 students. She expects a lot from her students, and implements a challenging curriculum focused upon rigorous learning and discovery.

Dr. Whirry's commitment to educational excellence extends beyond the Manhattan Beach Unified School District. She is also a professor at Loyola Marymount University and regularly conducts reading workshops throughout southern California. Dr. Whirry has been a consultant for several States including California, and she has also advised President Clinton. Last year she was selected as the chairperson of the National Assessments Governing Board's committee to develop a voluntary national reading test to assess fourth graders. Over her career, Dr. Whirry has become a national leader in education.

I congratulate Dr. Marilyn Whirry on being selected as National Teacher of the Year. The rigorous selection process revealed what the students of Mira Costa High School have known all along, that Dr. Whirry is a remarkable teacher. This tremendous honor is a testament of her commitment to her students as well as a reflection of the quality of education in the South Bay. The students and parents of Manhattan Beach are grateful to have her as an educator. I wish her continued success.

HONORING STANLEY M.  
SILVERMAN

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, some of the most lasting contributions to freedom throughout the world, and to the triumph of American values, have been made over the last four decades by the patriotic staff of the U.S. Information Agency [USIA] and its successor organizations within the U.S. Department of State.

The USIA legacy can be found around the globe, and most significantly in the former cold war states whose failed social structures gave way to principles and institutions promoted by American foreign policy, exposure to American commentary, and opportunities for cultural exchange.

The USIA has relied on many gifted servants over the last several decades, but perhaps no one has provided such sustained and influential service as Stanley M. Silverman, who retired in April of this year, after 45 years of government service. Stan has been a guiding presence within the agency, an institutional marvel, a key adviser to directors and colleagues alike, and most importantly, a man of integrity.

For many years, the USIA occupied an evolving and unique role within American government. Its job was to promote the understanding of the politics, culture, and enduring values of the United States to an outside world that often was hostile to our norms. Through its many programs, it told the American story and satisfied those in closed societies who hungered for our ideals and for the freedom of expression.

As the last comptroller of the USIA, Stan Silverman built a career around ensuring this agency had the resources necessary to carry out this enormously important and successful mission. He led the formulation and execution of the agency's budget, and faithfully advocated its importance year after year within the executive branch and before the Congress. All who worked with Stan benefited from his clear articulation of the agency's purpose and needs, his unflinching recall of facts and figures, and his wonderful sense of humor.

His work was instrumental in creating a constructive relationship between his agency and the legislative branch, in particular the members and staff of the House Appropriations Committee. To the agency he served and the Congress he respected, he provided consistent support and leadership at all times, including those critical times for the agency, when its well-accepted missions became the subject of critical evaluation once the cold war was won.

Stan Silverman will never put aside the trappings of modesty for which he is known. So we must acknowledge and celebrate his rare combination of intellect, wisdom, humor, and loyalty to a Nation that must ever hold those of such character in the highest possible regard.

Recalling words attributed to Plato, “The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.” Today we honor the career and accomplishments of Stan Silverman, a good man who honored the practice of public affairs with his service, to

the benefit of the free people of this Nation and so many others.

RECOGNIZING CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to the members of the Clinton High School/NYPRO Partnership in Clinton, MA.

It gives me great pleasure to salute and congratulate the Clinton High School students, teachers, and the engineers from NYPRO for their impressive accomplishments during the recent "FIRST Robotics Competition" at both the regional and national levels.

FIRST, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology", is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to generate an interest in science and engineering among today's youth. The primary means of achieving this goal is through an annual robot competition, the FIRST Robotics Competition, which is a national engineering contest that immerses high school students in the exciting world of engineering.

Just as other students teamed up with engineers from businesses and universities, the Clinton High students continued their partnership with NYPRO, Inc., which dates back to 1992.

Through this project, the students are able to get a hands-on, inside look at the engineering profession. During an intense 6-week period which began in January, the Clinton High students, teachers, and NYPRO engineers worked together to brainstorm, design, construct, and test their "champion robot."

The teams then moved forward to regional tournaments—complete with referees, cheerleaders and time clocks. At this year's FIRST 2000 New England Regional Competition held in Hartford, Connecticut, the Clinton High/NYPRO "Gael Force" Team was declared Semi-Finalists out of 41 participating teams, and they were awarded the "Best Defensive Award."

The results at the national level were even more impressive, as the Clinton High/NYPRO team was named 2nd Place Finalists out of 268 teams at the FIRST 2000 National Competition held recently at EPCOT in Florida.

In addition, they were awarded \$7,000 in software animation from Autodesk, Inc., for outstanding animation created by the student team members, and won the prestigious Worcester Polytechnic Institute Design Innovation Scholarship, which is a full 4-year scholarship worth approximately \$12,000 for one of the team members.

Since the beginning of their partnership in 1992, the Clinton High School/NYPRO team has received national recognition and significant awards over the years. The students, teachers, and engineers can be justly proud of their trophies and awards which honor their dedication and prize-winning effort. However, their is something even more important to celebrate—their special relationship has allowed for an incredible exchange of resources and talent and has exposed students to new educational opportunities and career choices.

Superintendent of School Edward J. Philbin recently observed that Clinton is "a better school system and a better community because of FIRST. Effective education cannot be accomplished only in the classroom within the time limits of the school day . . . it takes the united effort of every constituency in the community to put common goals into practice by working side by side in a learning and sharing environment."

As the citizens of Clinton celebrate their community's 150th birthday, the Clinton High School/NYPRO success story represents the town's continuing winning attitude and tradition.

I sincerely commend everyone at NYPRO for the strong support given to this venture, especially the dedicated engineers who contribute so much of their time and themselves on behalf of the young people. I particularly applaud and salute the phenomenal students of Clinton High School's "Gael Force" team and their teachers—I share the great pride felt by Clintonians in their tremendous spirit and commitment to this year's FIRST success.

A TRIBUTE TO MYRA LENARD AND HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Casimira (Myra) Lenard, a monumental philanthropist and Polish-American activist, who sadly passed away on May 1st at Walter Reed Army Hospital. For nearly 40 years, Myra fought to find jobs for the meager, provide rations for the suffering, and promote democracy for the oppressed.

Myra Lenard was born in Poland and immigrated to Chicago with her parents in 1927. Seven years later, she became a United States citizen. In 1962, she moved to Washington, DC after her surviving husband Casimir (Colonel, U.S. Army, Ret.) was assigned to the Pentagon. Soon later, she began a very successful 20-year career in the private sector employment placement industry, overseeing 11 placement offices on the east coast. Myra was highly respected in her profession, serving in several leadership positions within the personnel services industry. As president of the Capital Area Personnel Services Association, she successfully lobbied for title 7, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and for equal employment opportunities. In 1975, Myra was widely acknowledged for her efforts to find "fee-free" work for several hundred Vietnamese refugees. In addition, she used her many offices to support the growing Solidarity labor movement in Poland.

In 1981, Myra left the private sector to become executive director of the Polish American Congress [PAC] in Washington, DC. She continued to support Solidarity by organizing record fundraising, including 22 railroad cars of relief goods, valued at \$7 million in 1981. To mark the first anniversary of Solidarity, she organized a "Solidarity convoy" of 32 large container trucks, valued at over \$10 million.

Myra Lenard's outstanding leadership of the Polish American Congress and its accompanying charitable fund [PACCF] allowed the organization to qualify for Federal funds, ad-

ministered through the U.S. Agency for International Development [USAID] and the Combined Federal Campaign [CFC]. In addition, the PAC's Washington, DC office administered a series of National Endowment for Democracy [NED] grants, helping to sustain a measure of hope for democracy in the Communist-controlled Poland.

Furthermore, Myra expanded the relationships of the PAC with the U.S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, Department of State, and several other governmental agencies. Through her many contacts, the Polish American Congress engaged in strong lobbying campaigns for the Immigration Reform Act of 1986, as well as the Support of Eastern European Democracy Act of 1989 [SEED ACT], containing needed appropriations for Poland. Some of Myra's later efforts included lobbying to secure to the present Oder-Neisse border with Germany and Poland's recent entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO].

For these many efforts, Myra Lenard was appropriately given numerous accolades, including Poland's highest award for foreign civilians. Today, I am pleased to offer my own words of praise to my colleagues about this great leader. While Poland was still suffering from the plague of Communism, Lech Walesa stated: "The supply of words in the world market is plentiful but the demand is falling—let deeds follow words now." Mr. Speaker, Casimira (Myra) Lenard followed these words with unending devotion and activism. Again, I thank her for over 40 years of tremendous service for two great nations.

HONORING THE LATE LEONARD JAMES KELLER

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to an outstanding American who served his country with distinction both as a military officer and as an engineer who was dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of life of all our citizens. Leonard James Keller, a citizen of Bonham, TX, in the Fourth District, died on November 27, 1999, leaving behind a legacy of service to his country.

Born on February 25, 1925 in Duenweg, MO, Leonard Keller fought in both World War II and the Korean war. He was commissioned an officer and cited for heroism while serving with the 43d Infantry Division in Luzon, Philippine Islands. After the wars, Mr. Keller graduated with honors in mining engineering and geology at Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy in 1955 and received the W.A. Tarr Award as the outstanding graduate in the earth sciences field. He also was honored in Who's Who of North America.

As a registered professional engineer, Mr. Keller was an inventor of record, with a remarkable 17 U.S. patents in his name. An expert in his field, he authored numerous technical papers, some of which have previously been entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Mr. Keller spent 15 years working for five major U.S. corporations in engineering, research, and technical services and management before cofounding the Keller Corp. in

1969. In 1975, he also cofounded the Methacoal Corp. of which he served as president. His coinventor partner, the late Austin N. Stanton, also of Bonham, TX, who died 5 years earlier to the day, was a renowned inventor who received numerous awards and is known as the inventor of microcircuitry—the precursor to the computer age—and the founder of Varo Corp.

Mr. Keller was a visionary in his field. His inventions likely will come to fruition in the coming years. These include a BiRotor device that will enable the direct methanol fuel cell to power automobiles, a water purification system that turns sea water into distilled water, an environmental oxygen system, the use of methacoal instead of coal to reduce smog and hurricane-proof, tornado-resistant homes. These are just a few of the technologies that Mr. Keller developed with his partner, Mr. Stanton—technologies designed to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Mr. Keller was a dedicated member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Bonham, where he served as an elder, and he was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4852 in Bonham. He also was dedicated to his family and is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marjorie Maxine Keller; sons Jerry, Steve, and David; one grandson; two granddaughters; five great-grandsons; one nephew; and two nieces.

Mr. Keller will long be remembered for his many contributions to his country and community, and he will be sorely missed by his loving family and his many friends in Bonham. As we adjourn today, Mr. Speaker, let us pay our last respects to this outstanding American, Leonard James Keller, who envisioned a better future for all of us.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 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:

MAY 8, 2000

Rollcall vote No. 146, on the motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 296, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the necessity to expedite the settlement process concerning claims of racism against the Department of Agriculture brought by African-American farmers, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote No. 147, on the motion to Suspend the Rules and pass H.R. 3577, increased authorization for the North Side Pumping Division of the Minidoka Reclamation Project, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote No. 18, on the motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 89, recognizing the Hermann Monument as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage, I would have voted "yea."

#### KENTUCKY NURSES WEEK

### HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a group of Kentuckians who are truly dedicated to serving others. The qualities of our nurses are not limited to their medical skill and quick thinking, but also include their reassuring and comforting manner. Day after day, in endless settings, nurses are expected to be energetic, efficient, and attentive. This week is Kentucky Nurses Week, and we should all remember the nurses across the Commonwealth who have committed their careers to helping others feel better.

Each medical area has a network of nurses who devote long hours to offering quality care to people from each walk of life. It probably isn't difficult to remember a time when a nurse's skill eased our pain, or when a nurse's kind words or smile eased our apprehension. From simple to very technical procedures, nurses are prepared to help and offer service in one of the most healing fields.

The nursing profession is vital to our well-being and survival. I am proud to call your attention to Kentucky Nurses Week, May 6–12, and hope you will join me in thanking nurses sincerely for their hard work.

#### HONORING THE LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY HOSPICE

### HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, this is National Hospital Week, when communities across the country celebrate the people that put a human face and human touch on health care. This year's theme sums it up nicely: "Touching the Future with Care." It recognizes the health care workers, volunteers and other health professionals who are there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, curing and caring, for their neighbors who need them.

An example of this dedication is the hospice at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, Louisiana. The program won the American Hospital Association's prestigious Circle of Life Award, which recognizes innovation and improvement in end of life care.

The hospice at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, the largest maximum security prison in the United States, provides a humane and caring environment to the terminally ill. Inmates dying in the prison hospital can now spend more time with their families, be comforted by specially trained fellow inmate volunteers, and have their pain managed in a setting that is especially wary of the use of drugs. This innovative program not only gives the dying their dignity, it gives the inmate volunteers an unusual opportunity to connect with another person and give their own life some purpose. The program has also become a model for other prisons in Louisiana and across the nation.

Mr. President, I congratulate the hospice at the Louisiana State Penitentiary for its award-winning program.

#### HONORING POLICE CHIEF RICHARD POLZIN OF RACINE, WI

### HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a dedicated public servant and an accomplished law enforcement official. After 36 years of unwavering service to the city of Racine, WI, Police Chief Richard Polzin will retire on May 13, 2000.

Chief Polzin joined the Racine Police Department in 1964 and served in numerous capacities and was continually promoted to elevated positions until he was chosen in 1992 to head the entire department.

Chief Polzin has presided over much change in the department during his tenure. His focus on community policing and outreach is largely credited with the dramatic decreases in crime rates in Racine. He is a man that has earned great respect from those who have served with him and from the residents of Racine for whom he has dedicated his life.

On a personal note, Chief Polzin has served as a valuable resource for me in representing the people of the first district. Throughout his career he has had an open door policy and has participated in public events to further his involvement with those he has served. He has done so not for glory or praise, but rather to better serve as an effective and appreciated officer of the law.

Chief Polzin has maintained a unique personal sense of decency and common sense that has carried over to his professional career. It is with great sadness that the community bids him farewell.

I wish Chief Polzin and his family the best of success in the future and thank him for his 36 years of dedicated service.

#### A TRIBUTE TO BOB DYER AND HIS BRAVE ACT OF HEROISM

### HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, on April 21, 2000, a powerful natural gas explosion rocked a home in the Village of Justice, a southwest suburb of Chicago at 4:00 a.m. In a matter of seconds, the home of two distinguished senior citizens became engulfed in a blazing fire.

Luckily, their new next-door neighbor, "Bobby" Dyer, was quickly awakened by the loud concussion. Barefoot, Dyer rushed to the scene to see his neighbors trapped in their rapidly disintegrating house. Blocking their exit was a pile of debris from the former eave over the front door. Heroically, Dyer pushed aside the heavy aluminum/wood roofing material and helped the couple through their heavily damaged front door frame. After dialing 911, he supplied his neighbors with initial first aid and clothing.

By virtually all accounts, Bob Dyer's actions thankfully saved the lives of his two neighbors. Valentine and Eileen Michalowski received second and third degree burns, as well as heavy smoke inhalation. However, I understand that they will fully recover from their serious injuries.

I was pleased to hear that the Village of Justice will hold its first ever Saturday board meeting, where May 21–27, 2000 will be appropriately named “Bobby Dyer” week. Mr. Speaker, I strongly echo the congratulations of the Village of Justice and I thank Mr. Dyer for his immediate contributions to the 3d Congressional District of Illinois.

IN HONOR OF TAIWANESE  
AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Taiwanese Americans across the United States. As you may know, May 7–14 is designated as Taiwanese American Heritage Week. Today, there are more than one half-million Taiwanese Americans across the United States. From science and education, to politics, Taiwanese Americans have made profound contributions to the strength and diversity of this great nation.

Like many immigrant communities, Taiwanese Americans have maintained a close relationship with their original homeland. Exchanges between Taiwan and the United States have resulted in an ever-closer relationship in trade, culture, and values. As we witnessed in the March 18th, 2000 Taiwanese Presidential election, the people of Taiwan and the United States share a bond in their adherence to the principles of freedom, democracy, and human rights. That bond is made stronger each day by the Taiwanese American community here in the United States.

Today, as the first member of the U.S. House of Representatives born in Taiwan, I am proud to pay tribute to Taiwanese Americans. During the occasion of Taiwanese American Heritage Week, I urge all my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, and indeed all Americans, to celebrate the diversity Taiwanese Americans have contributed to the United States.

HONORING RICHARD N. AFT AS HE  
ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT  
AS PRESIDENT OF UNITED WAY  
& COMMUNITY CHEST OF GREAT-  
CINCINNATI

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I honor Richard N. Aft, a valued friend and constituent, who has served as president of the Greater Cincinnati United Way & Community Chest for 13 years. He announced that he will step down as president in December.

In his capacity as president, Dick leads the United Way staff, represents United Way in the Greater Cincinnati area, manages the annual fund drive, and involves community leaders in carrying out the mission of United Way, which is: “To increase the capacity of our diverse community to prevent and alleviate human suffering.” Under Dick’s leadership, our

United Way & Community Chest has been making progress each year in accomplishing this critical mission. The organization has grown to serve approximately 1,500,000 people in a seven country, two-state metropolitan area. And the United Way campaign now raises over \$58 million per year.

Dick has not only expanded the responsibilities of our United Way and increased its annual revenues, he also has taken creative measures to address tough issues facing our community. For example, under his leadership, United Way formed an innovative and successful partnership called “Every Child Succeeds” with Children’s Hospital Medical Center and the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency/Head Start.

Dick is a graduate of Knox College, and received an M.A. in social service administration from the University of Chicago. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Organizational Leadership and Development at the Union Institute in Cincinnati.

Actively involved with other organizations, Dick currently serves as a board member for the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati; the Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati; Xavier University Advisors; Leadership Ohio; and Ohio United Way. He is an executive committee member for the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative; Hamilton County Family and Children First Council; and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Council.

Dick and his wife, Mary Lu, live in Cincinnati. They have three sons, David, Rob, and Eric.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area congratulate Dick on his extraordinary service to our community. We appreciate his leadership and friendship, and wish him well in his final months as United Way president and with the new challenges to come.

HONORING APPLE VALLEY HIGH  
SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE

**HON. BILL LUTHER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Apple Valley High School for its excellence in arts education. This school has received many awards, but most recently the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences selected this school, out of 18,000 applicants, to be a Grammy Signature School for the second consecutive year.

In 1991 the U.S. Department of Education recognized Apple Valley High School as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, and just seven years later, in 1998, the Minnesota Music Educators named AVHS the Minnesota Model Music School. The National Endowment for the Arts has also granted a AVHS a special national commendation for content-rich arts.

The outstanding success of Apple Valley High School graduates has rewarded the school’s commitment to art and music education. Students’ achievements are an apt reminder that arts education should not be minimized but rather embraced wholeheartedly, as Apple Valley High School’s example shows.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL NURSES  
WEEK

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Edward Hines Jr. Medical Center Nurses for their invaluable work caring for our nation’s veterans on the occasion of the National Nurses Week, which is celebrated the week of May 7–13, 2000.

The nursing staff at Hines Medical Center provide nursing care for veterans of all ages and all walks of life. They provide specialty care to patients from Illinois as well as throughout the Midwest. The nursing staff is committed to ensuring that all veterans received the high quality care they so richly deserve.

Approximately thirty-four thousand veterans are enrolled at Hines Medical Center. The nursing staff treat veteran patients during more than four-hundred thousand inpatient and outpatient visits each year.

The Nurses Week theme this year is “Helping, Sharing, Always Caring for Our Veterans.” They have a week of special events planned for Nurses Week. These include a nursing re-dedication to service program, nursing Olympics, and fellowship programs for all three shifts. Medical media is providing a video that highlights the many contributions of the nursing staff.

I congratulate and recognize Hines Medical Center Nurses and all nurses for their service to patient care, research, education, quality improvement, infection control, administration and the many other areas where nurses make a difference at Hines and at all medical facilities. I thank them for their commitment, dedication and tireless service.

TRIBUTE TO THE HALL OF FAME  
FOR GREAT AMERICANS

**HON. JOSE E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy and pride that I congratulate and pay tribute to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, which will celebrate its centennial this year.

Located on the campus of Bronx Community College, the hall of Fame for Great Americans is a national landmark honoring American achievements. Along with celebrating the centennial, some prominent American leaders will be honored. This year’s honorees are Bernard Beal, Valerie Lancaster Beal, Wall Street investment bankers, and Elinor Guggenheimer, a major civic leader and philanthropist in the city.

Mr. Speaker, the Hall of Fame for Great Americans is the original “Hall of Fame” in this country. It was founded by Dr. Henry Mitchell MacCraken, chancellor of New York University, in 1900. Last year two significant architectural awards were bestowed on the Hall of Fame, one from the New York Landmarks Conservancy and the other from the Municipal Arts Society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the individuals and participants

who are making the Hall of Fame for Great Americans centennial celebration possible.

SUPPORT OF THE MILLION MOM  
MARCH

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the Million Mom March. This weekend, mothers from across the nation will convene on the National Mall to put the U.S. Congress on notice that common sense gun policy—specifically licensing and registration—is the will of the people.

I stand beside and applaud these women. They and many of their families have been devastated by the unnecessary and preventable deaths of their children. Many of them have seen first hand the harrowing effects of too many massacres, too much heart break and too many tragedies, sometimes, even at the hands, of our children.

We promised these moms and the American people common sense gun control legislation. We have not delivered on that promise. In fact, we have gone in the other direction—engaging in a war of words only. For more than two months now, the Congress has had an opportunity to act responsibly and at a minimum insist that the conferees to the Juvenile Justice bill meet immediately. Yet our Republican leadership refuses to assert their leadership and do the right thing.

In my district, in Northern California, the Oakland City Council has taken a strong stance on gun control. They are putting human lives first by prohibiting the sale of compact hand guns, penalizing firearms “straw sales,” and prohibiting people under the age of 18 from entering establishments that display firearms. Yet here in Congress we won’t take even the minimum steps, such as requiring child safety trigger locks, to ensure the safety of our children.

As a mother, I too feel that we can no longer afford to play partisan politics while so many children’s lives remain at stake. All of the moms who will be in Washington, D.C. this weekend want results. They want us to do the right thing. They too want the Juvenile Justice Conferees to meet immediately and they want the Congress to deliver on its promise. Congress must pass common sense gun control legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GAL-  
LATIN COUNTY MARCHING  
HAWKS

**HON. DAVID D. PHELPS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and congratulate one of my district’s marching bands. The Gallatin County Marching Hawks from Gallatin County High School in Junction, IL recently won second place in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. They competed against fifteen other bands from the state of Illinois.

Led by Kathy Hanrahan, members of the band include Rhesa Armstrong, Whitney Belford, Brandy Bratcher, Sarah Burtis, Michelle Crayne, Megan Cremeens, Carrie Dillard, Haley Downen, Alex Drane, Wes Duffy, Jaclyn Edwards, Lane Golden, Brandi Hargrave, Sarah Head, Jennifer Holt, Laura Holt, Jennifer Howard, Kareicia Hufsey, Brittney Lane, Natalie Lane, Sarah Lawler, Amanda Lindsay, Racheal Luckett, Allison Maloney, Florence McCue, Abraham Naas, Katy Newton, Katie Noel, Rikki Pritchett, Braxton Raben, Christina Raben, Jessica Rister, Jennifer Roberts, Julia Roe, Chris Sanders, Daniel Sehou, Tabitha Vaughn, Victoria Vickery, Abby Wargel, Andrew Wargel, Benita Wentzel, Becky West, Ella York, Emily York, Kory Newton, Ben Austin, Lindsay Adams, Stuart Aud, Emily Bickett, Justin Brown, Anthony Drone, Brett Drone, Josh Drone, Andrew Fritschle, Phillip Givens, Bryan Hargrave, Brittany Jones, Lacie Jones, Hannah Naas, Natalie Ozee, Jordan Raben, Deborah Roberts, Nick Scates, Lacie Wood, Megan Zirkelbach, Kara Crayne, Kendra Fromm, and Josh Austin.

The members of the Gallatin High School Marching Hawks should be proud of their achievement. I congratulate them and wish them good luck in their future competitions.

CELEBRATING MOTHER’S DAY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Mother’s Day, today I celebrate the enormous contributions of mothers all over the country. I want to pay a special tribute to those mothers who have lost their children in the prime of their lives, much too early. One such mother is Ruth Tinsman, who has served as my Congressional Aide for seven years. Ruth served my two predecessors in Congress as well, and did so with the highest level of commitment and honor. Her commitment as a mother, however, has been her truest and most noble calling, as she will remind those who admire her long and devoted public service.

Mr. Speaker, Ruth Tinsman lost her son Robert Tinsman in Miami, Florida last week, his candle burned out all too soon, as the poet E.E. Cummings once said. “Bobby,” as he was known to his friends and family, was a veteran of the Vietnam War, an American hero to those of us who recognize the value of his tremendous sacrifices, and whose service will never be forgotten. Bobby will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, but most lovingly by his mother, whose life has always revolved around her children and grandchildren. My heart is saddened because her heart is heavy, but my sorrow is tempered by the wonderful memories that this devoted mother will always cherish. As a Member of Congress, I am honored to take this opportunity to praise the remarkable women who each day in their own way work to build a society where all of us can be free. Ruth Tinsman is such a woman, such a mother. As I salute all the mothers in this country, it is my special honor to salute her this Mother’s Day.

STATEMENT IN HONOR OF TAI-  
WANESE-AMERICAN HERITAGE  
WEEK

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to pay tribute to Taiwanese-American across the country as we celebrate Taiwanese-American Heritage Week.

The Taiwanese-American community is the keystone of a strong and mutually beneficial United States-Taiwanese relationship. For decades, Taiwanese-Americans have advocated on behalf of United States-Taiwan friendship, and have contributed immeasurably to American society while maintaining their Taiwanese heritage.

My Congressional District in New York is particularly fortunate to have a vibrant and strong Taiwanese-American community. And New York as a whole has benefitted from the tremendous contributions of this community to the economic and cultural character of the state. The more than half-million Taiwanese-Americans across the United States have made priceless contributions to our country, and organizations like the Formosan Association for Public Affairs have helped further these outstanding accomplishments.

Taiwan and the United States share a common commitment to the ideals of democracy, freedom, and human rights. The 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which formed the official basis for friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, continues to provide a strong foundation for the bond between the people of both countries. And that bond is made stronger each day by the Taiwanese-American Community.

I am privileged to represent a strong Taiwanese-American community, and I am proud to pay tribute to their strength and activism during Taiwanese-American Heritage Week.

IN HONOR OF DUNCANVILLE HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. MARTIN FROST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I pay honor to the outstanding achievement of students and others associated with Duncanville High School in Duncanville, Texas.

This school has been chosen by judges of the 17th Annual American Set a Good Example Competition to receive one of three national second place awards. These awards go to a school for a project done by students to influence their own peers in a positive way—away from drug abuse, crime and violence while forwarding commonly accepted moral values such as honesty, trustworthiness and competence. Additionally, Duncanville High School won the \$2,500 Learning Improvement Award for the work students did on researching career information and determining a direction they want to pursue, including making resumes and completing Pell Grant applications, and writing for a minimum of five scholarships. Such projects enhance student opportunities, strengthen character and better prepare our young people for a positive future.

I commend the students, principal, administrators, teachers and parents of Duncanville High School for a job well done in these successful projects.

HONORING DR. CHARLES H.  
MCCOLLUM, MD

**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am honoring Dr. Charles H. McCollum for being named the Houston Surgical Society's "Distinguished Surgeon" of 2000.

An extraordinary surgeon and teacher, Dr. McCollum has served since 1967 as Assistant Professor and then Professor of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine. He is renowned as a lowkey yet demanding teacher who instills in his residents the excellence that he himself brings to his profession. While sharing his knowledge with residents and enhancing their performances, he is still dedicated to his patients and to his daily work in the operating room at the Texas Medical Center's Methodist Hospital.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. McCollum graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a B.A. in 1955. He received his Medical Degree from UT's Medical Branch in Galveston in 1959. Dr. McCollum did his internship and his residency training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Dr. McCollum is known throughout the Texas Medical Center community as a fine physician and civic leader. From 1961-1969, Dr. McCollum was a Captain in the United States Army Reserve. He has had many academic and professional society appointments and offices. He served as President of the Texas chapter American College of Chest Physicians for 1975-1976. He lent his expertise to the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society, serving as an officer from 1977 to 1992. He has served as President of the Houston Surgical Society, Southwestern Surgical Society, and the Texas Surgical Society.

Throughout his career, Dr. McCollum has distinguished himself as a caring doctor who puts his patients first and a gifted teacher who demands the best. I congratulate Dr. McCollum for being named the Houston Surgical Society's, "Distinguished Surgeon" of 2000.

TRIBUTE TO AMY SCHLUETER

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy Schlueter as an exceptional teenager from Rolla, Missouri. Amy was recognized yesterday at the Fifth Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards as one of Missouri's top two student volunteers for the year 2000. Amy received a \$1,000 award, a silver medallion and her trip to D.C. for her exemplary volunteer service in her community.

Amy Schlueter started reaching out to others at a young age. Amy, a senior at Rolla

High School, implemented and organized a "Random Acts of Kindness" club at her school to challenge her peers to act with kindness, not violence. Since her club began, 89 students and faculty members have been rewarded for random acts of kindness, and in January, a two-week celebration in Rolla recognized hundreds of community members who made a difference by being kind to others.

In Amy's words, "Our nightly news provides us with images of savage car crashes, rapes, assaults, mutilated children, gang wars, telling us this is reality. It is exceptionally rare to hear about people doing good things for one another, and the reality is, random acts of kindness happen every day."

This kind of maturity and dedication to a community is not often recognized in today's youth. As Amy said, we often hear about the bad behavior in our youth. I hope Amy will serve as an inspiration to today's youth as she demonstrates that it is cool to be kind to others, and youth can play an important role in their community.

Next week is National Random Acts of Kindness Week. As we work on our annual spending bills, and go about our day-to-day business, I hope that my colleagues can follow Amy's example. I also hope we as a society can spend more time focusing on the Amy Schlueter's of the world when we watch the evening news so we will have good examples to follow.

REGARDING PERMANENT NORMAL  
TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA

**HON. DAVID D. PHELPS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today after months of information-gathering, discussion, and deliberation, I am announcing my position on the issue of granting Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) status to China. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the hundreds of constituents, colleagues, community leaders, and representatives of groups with a stake in this debate, for sharing their views and answering my questions as they patiently engaged in this process with me. Seldom in my legislative career have I taken an issue more seriously than this one. While I realize that my decision will not please everybody, I hope there is no doubt that every voice and every argument presented to me was given the utmost consideration.

I believe it to be in the best interests of the 19th District of Illinois, and the nation as a whole, that I oppose extension of Permanent Normal Trade Relations to China. I do support China's accession to the World Trade Organization. However, I am convinced that the United States must maintain annual grants of NTR until we have ascertained that China is living up to WTO rules and our own expectations regarding human rights, labor rights, religious tolerance and environmental protection.

China has a long history of failing to live up to its agreements, and Chinese officials have recently indicated they do not intend to abide by certain components of the WTO agreement either. While I hope this will not be the case, I am not comfortable relinquishing bilateral enforcement tools like Section 301 and anti-

dumping provisions in favor of a WTO dispute resolution process which is notoriously slow. We must not place ourselves in a situation where American jobs are sacrificed while we wait two or three years for a WTO ruling, only to have no recourse if the ruling is adverse.

Many argue that only through engagement and open trade will we see programs in China on matters of labor rights, human rights, religious persecution, and environmental degradation. If this is indeed the case, then we need not worry, for China will be engaged with the global marketplace through its WTO membership regardless of the outcome of our PNTR vote. Unfortunately, there is reason to doubt this contention. The United States has been trading with China since 1980, and since 1994 we have followed a policy of "delinking" human rights from trade policy, based upon the theory that free trade equals greater freedom in society. Yet every year since delinkage conditions in China have worsened, and according to a 1999 State Department report, human rights there have deteriorated markedly.

I represent an agricultural district, and I have seen first-hand the devastation that recent price drops have wrought. I am sympathetic to the need for expanded export markets and other opportunities to improve the farm economy, and if I believed that the China agreement was the answer to agriculture's problems, I may have taken a different position. Unfortunately, several factors lead me to the opposite conclusion. First, as I have mentioned, China has not been a model trading partner in the past, and I remain skeptical that they will follow through with promises regarding agriculture and other products. Second, China is a nation committed to preserving its national independence and improving rural stability, and its agricultural production consistently outpaces demand. China maintains nearly a three-to-one ratio of agricultural exports to imports, and I worry that China's objective is to improve its domestic distribution system, rather than bring in more agriculture products when they already have surpluses. If this is the case, our agreement with China will bring minimal benefits to struggling farmers in Illinois.

The argument has been made that increased trade with China will obviate the need for federal assistance like the \$8.7 billion in emergency farm aid that Congress provided last year. However, even under the rosiest scenario, the total value of U.S. exports of wheat, rice, corn, cotton, soybeans and soybean products to China would increase by \$1.6 billion dollars in 2005 when the agreement is fully implemented, and the average annual value of U.S. exports from 2000 through 2009 would increase by \$1.5 billion dollars. The administration estimates that net farm income would be higher by \$1.7 billion in 2005, and higher by an annual average of \$1.1 billion per year through 2009, although higher feed costs and reduced government payments would offset part of the increase.

These potential increases, even if fully realized, fall billions short of the assistance that has been required in recent years to help farmers weather hard times, suggesting to me that China's export market is not the panacea it has been portrayed to be. I recall that during the NAFTA debate, proponents of the agreement made similar arguments about the importance of new export markets for American

agriculture. Yet since NAFTA's passage, our farmers have experienced the worst farm crisis in decades.

Furthermore, any decreases in federal aid to farmers would likely be negated by the increased funding needed for dislocated worker programs like Trade Adjustment Assistance. Since 1994, in my district alone, over 2200 workers have qualified for TAA. If PNTR is granted, many American companies will undoubtedly find it more cost-effective to shift production to China. This will mean even more displaced workers (and more federal aid) in a district like mine, where manufacturing jobs often provide the highest wages and best benefits in the area. Even ardent backers of PNTR admit that while on the whole they believe the agreement will benefit the American economy, some sectors will suffer and some areas will lose jobs.

Finally, although the United States and China have reached agreement on many issues, the Government Accounting Office warns that some remain incomplete. Several negotiating objectives have yet to be reached, and of those that have, some remain to be finalized. In addition, China has not yet reached agreement with the European Union. I am reluctant to vote to forever relinquish congressional powers of review when we have not been presented with a complete agreement, and when even the nature of the remaining issues has been classified as a national security matter.

Many of my concerns can be answered by taking a cautious approach to this issue, welcoming China into the WTO without granting PNTR and sacrificing our bilateral enforcement mechanisms. With all due respect to those who have sought to convince me otherwise, I firmly believe that this approach is viable. I am convinced that our 1979 Agreement with China ensures for American farmers and manufacturers the identical tariff and other benefits that China must give all other WTO nations once it enters that body. Therefore, we need not fear that our goods will be at a competitive disadvantage to similar products from other member nations. Meanwhile, we will maintain our ability to respond to non-compliance or bad behavior on China's part with our own enforcement tools which have proven effective in the past. Our already large trade deficit with China is expected to widen under this agreement, and we must be able to act quickly and effectively to protect the interests of American producers, businesses, workers and consumers.

I remain committed to working towards a free and open trading relationship with China, one that promotes growth and change in that nation without shortchanging American interests. However, I do not believe that we have reached an agreement that will accomplish these goals. The very definition of PNTR is that it is permanent. Given the many doubts and concerns I have not been able to reconcile, I am simply not prepared to support the irrevocable sacrifice of America's leverage and oversight on such a critical issue.

CELEBRATING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AMERICAN VICTORY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

### HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, two hundred and twenty-five years ago on May 10, 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys made history when they seized the British garrison at Fort Ticonderoga, giving the newly formed American revolutionary forces their first victory.

Ethan Allen and his band of Green Mountain Men met up with Benedict Arnold, who had orders to capture Fort Ticonderoga. Benedict Arnold had the orders, Ethan Allen had the men. Together they set off to capture the fort.

Early on the morning of May 10, after surprising the guards, Ethan Allen charged up the steps of the Fort Commander's quarters and was challenged by Lieutenant Jocelyn Feltham who asked what orders he acted upon. Ethan Allen replied that he acted, "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." Others suggest less noble words were used.

Meanwhile, the rest of Allen's forces stormed into the South Barracks and confined the garrison before they could offer resistance. Realizing fight was futile, Captain Delaplace came to the door, and gave his sword to Allen, surrendering His Majesty's Fort at Ticonderoga, giving America its first victory in the Revolutionary War.

Fortunately, you can still visit Fort Ticonderoga. It is located between beautiful Lake George and Lake Champlain, NY and is reachable via Amtrak. Perfect for a weekend get-a-way where you can relax and learn more about this great nation's history.

THE THIRD ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)

### HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the organizers and runners of the Squirrel Run III, also known as the Third Annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis [ALS], on June 10 in Quincy, in the Tenth District of Massachusetts.

The race honors two members of a highly respected Quincy family who succumbed to the ravages of ALS, which is better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Christopher Kennedy, former president of the Quincy School Committee, dean at Northeastern University, and honored civic leader, died at the age of 66. His youngest son, Jimmy ("Squirrel") lost his agonizing 2-year battle in 1997, succumbing just before his 31st birthday.

ALS is a disease with no known cause or cure. It is relentlessly progressive and always fatal, attacking and destroying nerve cells

called motor neurons, which control the movement of voluntary muscles. Gradually and inexorably, day-to-day existence becomes increasingly difficult. Fine motor control is first to suffer, followed by functional capabilities such as standing and walking. Ultimately speech becomes impossible and the ability to swallow is lost. Finally the victim is unable to breathe. In perhaps the cruelest twist of all, while the body wastes away, the mind and senses are completely unaffected. Throughout the terrible process, the victim's intellect remains intact, providing a clear and cruel awareness of their situation. Victims have related that suffering from ALS is akin to taking part in their own funeral. Family, friends, and physicians can only stand helplessly by and watch the terrible and inevitable deterioration.

ALS cuts across all racial, gender and social lines, claiming more than 5,000 victims every year, with approximately 13 new cases diagnosed each day. An estimated 300,000 Americans, who are alive and apparently well today, will be diagnosed and ultimately die from ALS.

In the brief time since its inception, the Squirrel Run has been an amazing success, especially considering this grassroots effort was conceived and initiated by two proud amateurs, starting with nothing but pain and frustration. The Quincy natives, Richard Kennedy and Martin Levenson, have teamed to make the Squirrel Run a visible and successful example of how hard work, dedication and commitment to a cause can make a difference in peoples' lives.

All proceeds from the Squirrel Run go directly to the Day Neuromuscular Research Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. The Day Lab is at the forefront of the battle against ALS, and world-renowned for research into its cause and cure. The success of the Squirrel Run will benefit citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as ALS victims worldwide who are desperately seeking a cure.

I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting the commitment of all those associated with Squirrel Run III and to draw on this dedication to redouble our own efforts to accelerate research to overcome the challenge of ALS.

CONCERN FOR ZIMBABWE

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it gives me little pleasure to have to introduce this resolution concerning the intimidation and violence that the ruling party of Zimbabwe continues to inflict upon its own citizens.

It saddens me because President Robert Mugabe once spoke passionately and persuasively of justice, liberty, and majority rule. Destiny led this Jesuit-trained school teacher to become the leader of a liberation movement. His passionate intensity aroused sympathy for his cause from people around the world.

But at some point during the past twenty years, that vision of a peaceful, democratic Zimbabwe has become twisted and bent. The president seems to believe that it is his birthright to rule and that he will live forever. The ruling party seems to equate legitimate political competition with treasonable offenses.

And officials throughout the government seem to regard their positions of public trust as licenses to steal from their own citizens.

Earlier this year, the people of Zimbabwe soundly rejected a constitutional referendum that would have given the president even greater powers. Commercial farmers, both black and white, as well as the commercial farm workers who comprise 26 percent of Zimbabwe's labor force, fought the referendum and won.

Surprised that anyone should dare question its authority, the ruling party, at the direction of the president, launched a brutal and cynical campaign to cow its political opponents into submission. Peaceful opposition demonstrators have been beaten, harassed, and detained by state security forces. Roving bands of political thugs for hire have beaten farm workers, killed farmers and livestock, burned crops, and stolen equipment. Corruption, greed, and dirty tactics have become the defining characteristics of a once-proud ZANU party leadership.

These activities have not gone unnoticed among Zimbabwe's neighbors and democratic nations around the world. Zimbabwe's law requires that parliamentary elections be held within the next few months. The intimidation and state-sponsored violence we have observed these past few months are designed to keep all power in the hands of the ruling party, which currently holds 147 of the 150 seats of parliament.

These tactics are not just misguided; they are also destined to fail. The people of Zimbabwe are patient. They are loyal. They are respectful of those who fought for liberation. But they are not cowards. They are not ignorant. And their patience is limited.

Every time a farm worker is beaten for asserting his right of free speech, ZANU loses support. Every time a Zimbabwean soldier dies in Congo for a war that means nothing to his family, ZANU loses support. Every time a field lies fallow because the farmers have been driven off, ZANU loses support. And every time land promised to the people winds up in the hands of a corrupt party official, ZANU loses support.

President Mugabe has made the gravest mistake any politician can make: he has underestimated the people he governs.

H. Res. 500 expresses the House of Representatives profound dismay at the practices of Zimbabwe's current leadership and our sincere wish that the people of Zimbabwe, who deserve the political freedoms many of them fought for, will remain steadfast in their peaceful pursuit of democratic reform.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the text of H. Res. 500 at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### H. RES. 500

Whereas people around the world supported the Republic of Zimbabwe's quest for independence, majority rule, and the protection of human rights and the rule of law;

Whereas Zimbabwe, at the time of independence in 1980, showed bright prospects for democracy, economic development, and racial reconciliation;

Whereas the people of Zimbabwe are now suffering the destabilizing effects of a serious, government-sanctioned breakdown in the rule of law, which is critical to economic development as well as domestic tranquility;

Whereas a free and fair national referendum was held in Zimbabwe in February

2000 in which voters rejected proposed constitutional amendments to increase the president's authorities to expropriate land without payment;

Whereas the President of Zimbabwe has defied two high court decisions declaring land seizures to be illegal;

Whereas previous land reform efforts have been ineffective largely due to corrupt practices and inefficiencies within the Government of Zimbabwe;

Whereas recent violence in Zimbabwe has resulted in several murders and brutal attacks on innocent individuals, including the murder of farm workers and owners;

Whereas violence has been directed toward individuals of all races;

Whereas the ruling party and its supporters have specifically directed violence at democratic reform activists seeking to prepare for upcoming parliamentary elections;

Whereas the offices of a leading independent newspaper in Zimbabwe have been bombed;

Whereas the Government of Zimbabwe has not yet publicly condemned the recent violence;

Whereas President Mugabe's statement that thousands of law-abiding citizens are enemies of the state has further incited violence;

Whereas 147 out of 150 members of the Parliament in Zimbabwe (98 percent) belong to the same political party;

Whereas no date has been set for parliamentary elections in Zimbabwe;

Whereas the unemployment rate in Zimbabwe now exceeds 60 percent and political turmoil is on the brink of destroying Zimbabwe's economy;

Whereas the economy is being further damaged by the Government of Zimbabwe's ongoing involvement in the war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Whereas the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization has issued a warning that Zimbabwe faces a food emergency due to shortages caused by violence against farmers and farm workers; and

Whereas events in Zimbabwe could threaten stability and economic development in the entire region: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) extends its support to the vast majority of citizens of the Republic of Zimbabwe who are committed to peace, economic prosperity, and an open, transparent parliamentary election process;

(2) strongly urges the Government of Zimbabwe to enforce the rule of law and fulfill its responsibility to protect the political and civil rights of all citizens;

(3) supports those international efforts to assist with land reform which are consistent with accepted principles of international law and which take place after the holding of free and fair parliamentary elections;

(4) condemns government-directed violence against farm workers, farmers, and opposition party members;

(5) encourages the local media, civil society and all political parties to work together toward a campaign environment conducive to free, transparent and fair elections within the legally prescribed period;

(6) recommends international support for voter education, domestic election monitoring, and violence monitoring activities;

(7) urges the United States to continue to monitor violence and condemn brutality against law abiding citizens;

(8) congratulate all the democratic reform activists in Zimbabwe for their resolve to bring about political change peacefully, even in the face of violence and intimidation;

(9) recommends that the United States send a bipartisan delegation under the aus-

pices of the International Republican Institute and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs to observe the parliamentary education process in Zimbabwe; and

(10) desires a lasting, warm, and mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and democratic, peaceful Zimbabwe.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY HONORS  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATE  
JOHN WEINGART

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a truly outstanding citizen of Central New Jersey. Each year the New Jersey Environmental Lobby presents the Frank J. Oliver Environmental Award to individuals who have contributed in a special way to the protection and preservation of New Jersey's environment. This year, the NJEL has chosen to honor an individual who has devoted many years, both professionally and personally, to the protection of New Jersey's resources and its citizens. Today, I rise in honor of John Weingart for his tireless efforts to preserve New Jersey for future generations.

John Weingart is a man of many talents. He has worked for the Department of Environmental Protection, serving there as Assistant Commissioner before leaving to become the Executive Director of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission. In the later capacity, he instituted several innovative concepts, including the idea of a voluntary self-selection process for municipalities interested in the siting facility. Although his efforts did not succeed in obtaining such a site, his approach is worthy of mention.

Even more surprising was John's reaction after all possible avenues had been explored. At this point, this government agency head did the unthinkable: he suggested that they disband his agency and that he and the other professionals seek employment elsewhere. Mr. Speaker, John is a true public servant who had the courage to eliminate his own job.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of John Weingart serve as an excellent example to all citizens of New Jersey. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in congratulating John Weingart for his recognition by the Environmental Lobby.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPIO). AAPIO is an outstanding professional organization with over 36,000 physicians of Indian origin practicing across the nation. The Northern California Chapter of AAPIO will hold its annual meeting on May 13, 2000 in Fremont, California, a major city within my 13th Congressional District. The Northern California Chapter represents approximately

700 physicians and allied health professionals in Northern California and constitutes the local chapter of AAPIO.

Northern California AAPIO Chapter President Dr. Subroto Kundu and President Elect, Dr. Srinivas Ramachandran are among the officers, the Board of Trustees and AAPIO members providing exemplary leadership within the 13th congressional district and all of Northern California. These individuals work to insure the integrity of health care delivery and are committed to the well-being of the communities in which they serve.

I applaud the Northern California Chapter's continuing efforts to organize and promote community service events, such as Health Fairs and Community Medical Education Seminars, upholding the physician's role in society to treat, teach, and guide individuals to good health.

AAPIO physicians provide their time and energy in community service and leadership. They are actively involved in healthcare related issues on the local, state and national level and represent the majority of physicians who serve our uninsured and under-insured populations.

As the AAPIO Northern California Chapter gathers on May 13, I wish them success at their Annual Meeting. I am confident AAPIO will continue to meet our healthcare challenges and will renew their commitment to community service and involvement.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

### HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, on April 12, I led an hour of debate on the topic of prescription drug coverage for senior citizens. I read three letters from seniors around the state of Michigan who shared their personal stories with me. On that day, I made a commitment to continue to read a different constituent letter every week until the House enacts reform. This week, I will read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Crook.

Modern medicine has changed dramatically over the last three decades. When Medicare was created in 1965, most medical treatment was provided in hospitals. Surgery and other inpatient treatments were the norm and Medicare coverage for long hospital stays was a priority. Today, with the benefit of breakthrough pharmaceutical discoveries, many diseases can be controlled and treated with medication rather than lengthy hospital stays. Routine surgeries and procedures are performed on an outpatient basis. Medicare needs to be modernized to reflect these changes in our nation's healthcare delivery system. The number one advance in medical science of the 20th century is the development of life-saving drugs. It is critical that Medicare covers prescription drugs, so that seniors can have access to the best and most medically advanced treatments.

Furthermore, the price of prescription drugs is rising at a dramatic rate and we need to do something to make prescription drugs more affordable. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, drug prices rose by 306 percent between 1981 and 1999, while the Consumer Price

Index rose just 99 percent during the same period. In other words, prescription drug prices have increased at a rate three times higher than inflation.

The letter I will read tonight comes from a couple who reside in Hillsdale, MI. I am saddened to say, their story is not unique. I have asked seniors from all over Michigan to send me their personal stories about the prices they pay for prescription drugs and many of them send me copies of their bills. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Crook sent me a bill that shows they paid over \$1,125 for their prescription drugs last year. Here is their story.

"Madam, we have a income of \$800 a month between the two of us. Beside, we have our household costs. We can't go [out] or do anything because [it] takes all of our income for the cost to live. Some weeks [we] wonder just how long we can go on. It [our prescription drug bill] keeps going up in cost and [we] cannot live. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Crook."

Mr. and Mrs. Crook and thousands of older Americans like them need our help. Creating a Medicare prescription drug benefit to help cover the costs of their medications would make a big difference in their finances and in the quality of their lives. These seniors are a part of the "greatest generation ever" who helped build the strong economy we are enjoying today. Our nation is in economic good times and I believe it is time to fix the Medicare program so that it includes a prescription drug benefit.

#### TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2000*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I support this bill.

The exploitation of our world's girls and young women in sex trafficking is a tragic human rights offense.

Many of these women are kidnaped, sold, or tricked into brothel captivity.

And this does not happen just in countries miles away from our own. Each year women from all over the world are brought into the United States, for the sole purpose that they be bought and sold by American citizens for commercial sex.

I am happy to see that Congress is addressing this issue.

It is important that we protect the victims of the sex trade industry, and punish the predators that exploit the women.

This bill takes a significant step towards making a difference in the lives of women around the world.

It authorizes a new visa for trafficking victims to provide protection to the women and children that are brought into the United States and forced into prostitution.

The bill establishes initiatives to prevent trafficking through education, and authorizes assistance to the native countries of sex trafficked victims to help stop the industry.

And by establishing new criminal provisions and increasing penalties for traffickers this bill punishes traffickers for profiting from the victimization of women.

Of course there is more that needs to be done to stop the many human rights abuses inflicted on women around the world.

Preventing the trafficking of women is an important step in stopping the booming sex trade industry.

I commend the Representative from New Jersey for this legislation and I join with him and urge a "yes" vote on this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING PLAINSBORO TOWNSHIP AS AN "EDUCATION TOWNSHIP"

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Township of Plainsboro, New Jersey, as an "Education Township." It is, in fact, the town that schools built.

Plainsboro was founded on the principle of local education. For many years there were only four one-room schoolhouses that served the children of this particular area of Central New Jersey. In 1908, a large wood-frame two room schoolhouse was built. These schools and the teachers who taught in them, were paid and maintained under the Boards of Education of Cranbury and South Brunswick townships.

As the local population increased, the people of the Plainsboro area wanted a larger four-room school for their children. The school Boards refused. Plainsboro's representative on the Board of Education, John Van Buren Wicoff (an attorney at law and a lifelong resident who had attended the public schools in Plainsboro) tried to persuade the Cranbury Board of Education to build a larger school. When efforts failed to provide money for the school, the people of Plainsboro petitioned the New Jersey State Legislature to create the Township of Plainsboro.

The legislation to establish the Township of Plainsboro was approved April 1, 1919. Among the first act taken was the construction of a new four-room school built of stone.

For many years the 6th grade graduates of Plainsboro elementary school attended a 7th and 8th grade Junior High School in Princeton and then went on to attend Princeton High School.

As time passed, it became apparent that Princeton High School could no longer accommodate the growing school-age population of the area. As a result, Plainsboro and its neighbor, West Windsor, required both junior and senior high schools.

In 1969 a proposal was drafted to create a regional based school system that would provide public education from kindergarten through the 12th grade for the children of both Plainsboro and West Windsor. Voters in both townships overwhelmingly approved the proposal.

Today, Mr. Speaker, the West Windsor-Plainsboro School System is one of the best in the county.

NEW REPORT SHOWS INDIAN GOVERNMENT IS TO BLAME FOR MASSACRE OF 35 SIKHS IN CHATTI SINGHPORA

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, recently two human-rights groups in Punjab, the Punjab Human Rights Organization and the Movement Against State Repression, published a report on the massacre of 35 Sikhs in the village of Chatti Singhpora, Kashmir, this past March. Despite the Indian government's efforts to blame Pakistan and alleged Kashmiri "militants" for the massacre, an effort the Indian government reinforced by killing five innocent Kashmiris, the report clearly and unambiguously places the blame where it belongs—on the Indian government.

"It is our considered opinion," the report says, "that Pakistan has nothing to gain by ordering militants/mercenaries to massacre Sikhs in the Kashmir valley. Pakistan had steered clear of this kind of act during 10–15 years of militancy in J&K," the group wrote. "J&K militants too had nothing to gain from such an incident. Indian leaders however gained substantial mileage from this incident as a spate of international sympathy was forthcoming," the investigative team wrote. They noted that India's Home Minister, L.K. Advani, "was quoted as saying that three events brought a turn around in international opinion in India's favor. He mentioned Kargil, the hijacking of the Indian airliner, and the Chatti Singhpora incident."

According to the report, the people in the village of Chatti Singhpora "did not believe that militants had any hand in this incident." The report notes that "as a rule foreign mercenaries visit a village once and do not come back again. So these men cannot be militants. Also real militants do not part with their weapons even for a minute." The killers wore military uniforms and chanted "Jai Mata Di; Jai Hind," a Hindu nationalist slogan. The report notes that the Sikhs and Kashmiri Muslims have very good relations. Both the Chief Minister of Kashmir, Farooq Abdullah, and Mr. Advani had warned villagers against supporting "militants."

The authors of the report conclude that the Indian government's counterinsurgency forces, which are run by the Indian intelligence service, RAW, are responsible for the massacre of Chatti Singhpora.

Unfortunately, the Indian government is suppressing this information, and their friends in the democratic countries of the world are protecting them. There must be a full, fair, independent, and complete investigation and the people responsible for this terrible atrocity must be prosecuted. However, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pramod Mahajan admitted that "security forces would not be punished for the killings of civilians. It would demoralize the troops who are fighting insurgency in different states." This is a very revealing statement by an official of the Indian government. Perhaps this is why an allegedly democratic country needs a "Movement Against State Repression."

America is the beacon of freedom. America must not allow an allegedly democratic coun-

try to continue these activities. We must do what we can to help bring freedom to the people of South Asia. It is time to stop our aid to India until it lets the people within its borders enjoy the human rights to which all people are entitled. We should stop supporting India's anti-Americanism. And we should declare our support for an internationally-supervised, free and fair plebiscite in Punjab, Khalistan on the question of independence. We should also support similar plebiscites in Kashmir, in Christian Nagaland, and throughout India. This is the way to bring real freedom, peace, prosperity, and stability to South Asia. It will also gain us new allies in that troubled region.

Mr. Speaker, I wish I could put this excellent report into the RECORD, but it is too long. I would like to place the summary sections of observations and recommendations into the RECORD, for the information of my colleagues. I urge my colleagues, especially those who are supporters of India, to read these sections carefully.

#### VISIT TO CHITHI SINGHPORA OBSERVATIONS

##### 3.1. Team Observations

The facts narrated above clearly indicate that the visitors of Chithi Singhpora were not members of the security forces. Dress, language, careless handling of weapons and behaviour in general discounts the security forces. That they were militants, can also be safely ruled out because it is general knowledge that militants guard their weapons most carefully and would not visit a location repeatedly knowing that an RR post is located 3–4 kms away. The finger therefore points towards the so-called Counter Insurgents/Renegades (Surrendered militants). The description of the villagers, in fact, corroborates this assessment.

The fact that the RR Unit was located close to Chithi Singhpora and the statement of Principal Ranji Singh and teacher Niranjani Singh clearly indicated that the security forces know fully well about the identity of the visitors to Chithi Singhpora and did nothing about it.

The statements of various individuals in Anantnag/Srinagar tallies with what the villagers narrated to the team. One man Karamjit Singh spoke a different language. He stressed in his statement that the killers were militants. Secondly his various actions indicate that he has an inkling that some force had come to kill on March 20, 2000 evening. His escape was miraculous in spite of his being addressed directly by the so called CO not to go home. He still escaped. In our opinion Karamjit appears to have been in some contact with the security forces. His migration to Jammu and his nervousness during the teams meeting with him clearly point to this.

The State Chief Minister, Farooq Abdulla had asked for a Judicial enquiry into the Chithi Singhpora killings by a Supreme Court Judge. (Press Statement is attached as Annexure II). Instead, the Centre has ordered a judicial enquiry by Justice Pandhian into the Pathribal killings of five civilians and police firing at Brakpora. The Chithi Singhpora killings are to be probed by the Additional Judicial Magistrate only. This clearly indicates that the truth behind this Chithi Singhpora incident is not being allowed to surface.

All efforts should be made to normalise the situation and bring the Sikhs back into the mainstream in the State.

The team feels that Law and Order being a state subject, the handling and allotment of tasks to the Counter-Insurgency Force was done by the state authorities under the aegis

of the Director General of Police. Events as they unfolded clearly indicate that this force was misutilised for criminal acts outside the parameters of law. Here we have support from the publication Amnesty International (Embargoed for February 22, 1999). An extract from the same (Page 26, Column 2) is reproduced here.

... Only three months earlier, Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah was quoted as saying that the Jammu and Kashmir state police and the Punjab police had achieved excellence in fighting terrorism and they could be trusted in the proxy war-like situation facing the state. The reference to Punjab police was no chance remark as the Director General of Police appointed in February 1997 has served for many years in counter-insurgency operations in Punjab where high levels of human rights violations had been reported. The Jammu and Kashmir state police have shown a disturbing disregard for the rule of law in their expanding counter-insurgency operations, leading to increasing allegations of arbitrary arrests, torture, killings and 'disappearance' perpetrated by police officers themselves and reports of their connivance in abuses committed by other agencies such as the renegades. It is also shown in the way police have obstructed victims' and victims' families' access to redress."

We feel that a Central Agency directed this operation without the knowledge of the State Chief Minister and his Cabinet. This, therefore, is an act that needs to be condemned and a high level probe ordered to punish the guilty.

The Sikh soldiers have been used disproportionately in Nagaland, Assam, Sri Lanka and all along in Kashmir. This tends to endanger the amity existing between the minority and local majority community. This has special reference to the good relations existing between the majority Kashmiri Muslims and the minority Kashmiri Sikhs in J&K.

It is our considered opinion that Pakistan had nothing to gain by ordering militants/mercenaries to massacre Sikhs in the Kashmir valley. Pakistan had stressed clear of this kind of act during the past 10–15 years of military in J&K.

J&K militants too had nothing to gain from such an incident.

Indian leaders however gained substantial mileage from the incident as a spate of international sympathy was forthcoming. In fact President Clinton was joined by a number of others in decrying terrorism and killing of civilians in Kashmir. Union Home Minister Advani in one of his speeches was quoted as saying that three events brought a turn around in international opinion in India's favour. He mentioned Kargil, the hijacking of the Indian plane and Chithi Singhpora incident.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

##### 4.1. Team Recommendations

The Chithi Singhpora killings resulted in a major tragedy for the Sikh community in J&K. It was a traumatic event which had national and international ramifications. The killers have yet to be identified by the state and national authorities. It is therefore, very vital to discount various rumours and conjectures making the rounds. The team recommends that:

i. The Chithi Singhpora killings be investigated by the United Nations Human Rights Commission as these killings are symptomatic of killings that have taken place in various parts of India during counter-insurgency operations. Once the culprits are identified they should be dealt with speedily in accordance with the law.

ii. Compensation to be given to the victims of the killings at Chithi Singhpora.

Pathribal, Brakpora and other related incidents should be Rupees 10 Lakhs as recommended to be given to victims of custodial killings by the Indian NHRC along with allied benefits.

iii. In spite of assistance by the majority Kashmiri Muslims and security measures taken by the centre and state government, some Sikh families still feel insecure and desire to migrate. In case they do so they should be provided with adequate facilities

at least equal to that provided to the migrating Kashmiri Pandits and their families.

iv. The Chithi Singhpora killings put a question mark on the employment of surrendered militants as a viable counter-insurgency force. This force consists of individuals who have changed loyalties for material benefits. Their misuse of arms and exploitation of the situation for personal gain has been highlighted by the media repeatedly. We strongly recommend that this force be

disbanded forthwith. Surrendered militants should be absorbed into mainstream of civil life rather than be employed in the counter-insurgency role.

Dated: April 29, 2000.

Signed,

AJIT SINGH BAINS,

*Justice (Retd).*

INDERJIT SINGH JAIJEE,

KARTAR SINGH GILL,

*Lt. Gen. (Retd).*

## 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 11, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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

10 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Commission for International Freedom's findings on Russia, China, and Sudan.  
SD-419

Environment and Public Works  
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the Army Corps of Engineers' backlog of authorized projects and the future of the Army Corps of Engineers' mission.  
SD-406

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

2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Criminal Justice Oversight Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine threats to Federal Law Enforcement Officers.  
SD-226

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

Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
SH-216

Environment and Public Works  
Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Clean Air Act, focusing on an incentive-based utility emissions reduction approach.  
SD-406

10 a.m.  
Finance  
Business meeting to markup proposed legislation extending Permanent Normal Trading Relations to China.  
SD-215

2 p.m.  
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

Foreign Relations  
International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings to examine satellite export controls.  
SD-419

MAY 18

10 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine mental health parity.  
SD-430

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 1584, to establish the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania; S. 1685, to authorize the Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area; H.R. 2932, to authorize the Golden Spike Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area; S. 1998, to establish the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area; S. 2247, to establish the Wheeling National Heritage Area in the State of West Virginia; S. 2421, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts; and S. 2511, to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska.  
SD-366

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
Investigations Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the extent to which fraud and criminal activities are affecting commerce on the internet, focusing on the widespread availability of false identification documents and credentials on the internet and the criminal uses to which such identification is put.  
SD-342

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine drug safety and pricing.  
SD-430

10 a.m.  
Small Business  
To hold hearings on Internal Revenue Service restructuring, focusing on small businesses.  
SR-428A

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

3 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings on the Meltzer Commission, focusing on the future of the International Monetary Fund and world.  
SD-419

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

Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
SH-216

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee  
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

MAY 25

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Public Health Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine gene therapy issues.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the potential ban on snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the recent decision by the Department of the Interior to prohibit snowmobile activities in other units of the National Park System.

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

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2300, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State; S. 2069, to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming; and S. 1331, to give Lincoln County, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain public land in the county.

SD-366

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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MAY 16

9:30 a.m.

Small Business

Business meeting to markup S. 1594, to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

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