

health offices would continue to exist under succeeding administrations. The bill includes authorization for appropriations to ensure that future funding will be adequate to support these offices' missions and programs. Through a coordinating committee, the bill also provides for integration of all HHS programs.

Providing statutory authorization for federal women's health offices is a critical step in ensuring that women's health research will continue to receive the attention it requires in the twenty-first century.

#### POLLUTION REPORTING

### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2000*

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, we often hear from constituents frustrated by the complicated and sometimes confusing process of reporting pollutants to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Some argue the solution to this problem is the widespread reduction or elimination of reporting requirements. This is not the proper response. There are very important public health, safety, and environmental reasons for these reporting requirements. These requirements have been carefully scrutinized by elected officials for decades and found to present significant benefits to the public. They allow us to better reduce and remediate pollution and identify point and non-point sources of pollution that threaten our communities, water, air and land. As result of collecting this information, we have been able to more accurately identify problems, target resources and programs, and improve public health and safety. Clearly, pollution reporting has not driven businesses to the brink of economic disaster or brought our economy to a screeching halt. But, can we find better and more efficient ways to collect this valuable information? The answer is yes.

We can collect this critical information in a manner that is more efficient and manageable for the private sector, the EPA, and State, local and tribal governments. It is time for pollution reporting to move into the twenty-first century and utilize the cost-effective technology of the information age. EPA must work with those that file pollution reports to develop a new reporting protocol. Today, I introduced legislation, the Streamlined Pollution Reporting and Technical Assistance Act, that directs the EPA to do just this.

The Streamlined Pollution Reporting and Technical Assistance Act does the following: (1) Directs the Administrator of the EPA to establish a simplified electronic reporting process for pollution; (2) directs the Administrator to establish or designate a central office that coordinates and collects reports; (3) directs the Administrator to work with State, tribal, and local governments, as well as industry, scientists, information technology experts, and environmental groups to develop the streamlined pollution reporting protocol; (4) directs the new office to conduct an active technical assistance program to assist all potential users of the reporting system; (5) directs the General Accounting Office and the Administrator to report on barriers to the implementation of this legislation; and (6) directs the Administrator, Director of the Office of Science

and Technology Policy, Director of the National Science Foundation, and the Secretary of Energy to form an advisory committee comprised of appropriate representatives from industry, academia, government, and other organizations deemed appropriate. The committee shall advise Congress on the status of industrial or product life cycle analysis for reducing pollution and increasing resource use efficiency, and eliminating barriers to the increased utilization of life cycle analysis by the public and private sectors.

Mr. Speaker, this is important legislation that is good for the economy and good for the environment. This is an issue everyone can support and I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

#### TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD 12

### HON. JOSE E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2000*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute and wish success to Community School Board 12 which will hold its annual scholarship dinner dance tomorrow.

For the past 24 years, Community School Board 12 has held a scholarship dinner dance in recognition of their students. The ultimate objective of the function is to raise funds in order to award savings bonds to seven outstanding students in each of the 24 elementary and secondary schools.

Over the past few years, Community School District 12 and the Community School Board have collaborated in the effort. The purpose of the scholarships is twofold. First, students who have excelled academically during the school year will be acknowledged and given praise. Second, the scholarship serve as an incentive to all students to strive for overall collegiate achievement. The worth of this event is unquestionable, and its effect can be long lasting.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the individuals and participants who are making the Community School Board 12 Scholarship dinner a success and in congratulating this year's recipients.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAN JOSE

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2000*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to the First Baptist Church of San Jose, the "Church on the Hill". The church has been a cornerstone of our community since the time of the gold miners. Even before California was established as a state, the church on the Hill was providing guidance to her citizens, under the leadership of her first pastor, the Reverend Osgood Church Wheeler.

The second oldest Baptist church in the state, the church began services on May 19, 1850. In a tent made of blue jeans in the infant city of San Jose, the church first met with 8 members, 6 of whom were women. This Fri-

day the church will celebrate its 150th anniversary. Through each one of those 150 years the congregation has grown as the community around it grew. It has endured three separate fires which each time destroyed its building, earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. It has flourished through 30 Presidents, two World Wars, and the Great Depression, and today the church is stronger than it has ever been.

Whether meeting in the rural setting of orchards and farmland, or in the center of the high tech world, the Church has continued to serve the people and touch the lives of the thousands who have walked through its doors. Pastor Dennis Henderson has the honor of presiding over the congregation today, and I congratulate him on his leadership. His vision will lead the congregation into its future complex, a facility befitting the modern community its serves.

As the church celebrates its sesquicentennial, it can be proud to be a shining light in the capital of Silicon Valley. The services the members of the congregation provide greatly enrich the community of San Jose. It is my honor to pay tribute to the First Baptist Church on this momentous occasion, and I am proud to represent the community in which it has thrived for so long. I wish the Church on the Hill the best of luck for another 150 years of inspiration.

#### MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2000*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, May 14, 2000, Mother's Day, I was proud to join countless mothers and family members in sending a loud message to Congress. It was a message to those Members who for too long have listened to the gun lobbyists and ignored the wishes of the mothers of this country.

How many more children will be lost to gun violence before this Congress acts? How many more families, in every part of this country, will have to bury their young before the message of passing sensible gun safety laws is heard? And how long will mothers have to live in fear for their children's safety before some in Congress admit that guns are robbing families and this nation of our most precious possessions?

The Chicago Tribune, in an editorial today, wrote that over the years, the voice for gun safety has been "muted and polite." But the editorial went on to say that "On Sunday it was loud, powerful and plentiful. When that voice comes to be heard on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Election Day and every other day of the year, the political leaders propping up the gun lobby will have a new reason to tremble."

That is true. This Sunday was the start of a movement. This is a movement that will help bring about change and save lives. It is a movement that will shape the future of this country. Mothers will continue to march until we get the job done.

#### WHY MOMS MUST KEEP MARCHING

Congratulations to the organizers of the Million Mom March. Whether or not they actually achieved their lofty seven-figure goal,