

Be loud about our love,
Put passion in your dove;
Shoot your best shot!
Trivial sparks make profound fires,
Teenage crazes light
Big social blazes;
Tiny innovations shape
The spirit of sluggish nations;
The greatest generation
Still waits to take the stage;
Against pain and greed
Wage a new breed of rage.

Combat sneaker boots,
T-shirt uniforms—
The battlefield is everyday;
Go for the ultimate victory
Fighting the Hip-Hop way!
Be loud about your love!
Draft your hottest hormones,
Recruit ancient instincts,
Mobilize mistreated manhood,
Make rivers of sweat
But let it always be sweet.
Shoot your best shot!
Ejaculate your joy,
Pour powerful blessings
Into the womb
Of a wailing world.

Generals in heaven command:
Make culture not war!
Hitler was an artist
Painted by the past;
Graffiti hieroglyphics
Is a language that will last.

Pledge allegiance
To life abundant;
Permit simple pleasures
To be redundant.

Fly a flag of flowers;
On Babies confer new powers;
The positive pursuit
Must never pause—
Happiness is our greatest cause.

Storm beaches of despair,
Fight poison convention everywhere,
Scale cliffs rock hard
With cynical soils;
Victors bring your own spoils.

The greatest generation
Still waits to take the stage.
Refuse to just sit
On crumbling stoops and wait;
Liberating geniuses
May show up too late.

Make culture not war!
Rapping poets are warriors
Drafted by anxious angels
To conquer with their songs;
Music makes no massacres.

The battlefield is everyday;
Go for the ultimate victory
Fighting the Hip-Hop way!
Shoot your best shot!

Be loud about your love,
Put passion in your dove;
The greatest generation
Take orders only from above.
Make culture not war!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the votes on Wednesday, October 18, 2000 for a

personal family situation. If I were present, I would have voted in favor of the three suspension bills that were voted on, the Social Security Number Confidentiality Act, the National Children's Memorial Day, and the resolution Honoring the Members of the Crew of the Guided Missile Destroyer U.S.S. *Cole* Who Were Killed or Wounded in the Terrorist Attack on that Vessel in Aden, Yemen, on October 12, 2000.

IN HONOR OF THE STATEWIDE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE OF NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (SHCC).

SHCC has had a tremendous impact on the development and growth of the Hispanic community across the state of New Jersey, and I commend SHCC's many invaluable contributions.

Because of the hard work of SHCC, as well as that of other organizations, the Hispanic market is the fastest growing sector in the United States. In New Jersey, the Hispanic market has experienced 87 percent growth over the past decade. Currently, there are over 30,000 Hispanic-owned businesses, supporting 128,000 jobs, and generating 7.5 billion dollars in sales.

At the dawn of the new millennium, the Hispanic community is experiencing economic and political empowerment. The new economy and the political landscape would not be complete without the contributions of Hispanic Americans.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey for its contributions in empowering Hispanics across the State of New Jersey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, because of official business in my congressional district, I missed the legislative sessions of June 22 and June 23, 2000. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 311—"no"; No. 312—"no"; No. 313—"no"; No. 314—"no"; No. 315—"yes"; No. 316—"no"; No. 317—"yes"; No. 318—"yes"; No. 319—"yes"; No. 320—"yes"; and No. 321—"no";

HONORING OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALIST

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and I

have the privilege today to pay tribute to Paul Foerster of Rockwall, Texas, who won the silver medal in the Men's 470 sailing event at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Paul was the skipper of the United States' entry in the Men's 470 sailing event. His teammate on the two-man vessel was Bob Merrick of Rhode Island. Paul and Bob finished first in four of the eleven races, more than any competitor. Australia won the gold with a better aggregate score.

Paul previously competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games in the Flying Dutchman sailing class, winning the silver medal in Barcelona, Spain in 1992. He has sailed in more than 500 yachting competitions in the last decade. He learned to sail as a young man growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas and was a three-time All American sailor at the University of Texas, where he earned a degree in aerospace engineering.

Paul works at the Raytheon Company's Garland facility in the Third Congressional District, where his co-workers hosted a recognition ceremony for him this week. He is a new resident of Rockwall in the Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, we join his co-workers, family and friends in commending him for his dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence. Paul brings honor both to himself—and to the United States of America. As we adjourn today, let us do so in recognition of the superior achievement of Paul Foerster in the 2000 Olympics.

CHAIRMAN'S FINAL REPORT CON- CERNING THE NOVEMBER 13, SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND FOREST HEALTH HEARING IN ELKO, NEVADA

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, last year on November 13th, the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing in Elko, Nevada to study the events surrounding the closure of the South Canyon Road by the Forest Service. After a thunderstorm washed out parts of the road in the Spring of 1995, the agency prohibited the community of Jarbidge from repairing it—going so far as to initiate criminal action against the county. At this hearing, we learned that it wasn't just parts of the road that washed away in that storm but also the Federal Government's failure to use common sense. The South Canyon Road has been used by local residents since the late 1800s—to now keep the citizens of Elko County from maintaining and using what is clearly theirs is a violation of the statute commonly referred to as RS 2477. This is an issue of national significance, demonstrating ongoing attempts by the Federal Government, particularly under this Administration, to usurp the legal rights of States and Counties. So for this reason, the subcommittee had done extensive research into the fundamental questions concerning the South Canyon Road, specifically: who has ownership of the road and who has jurisdiction over the road? Subcommittee Chairman CHENOWETH-HAGE has compiled her research into this, her final report on the November 13th hearing. I would now respectfully