

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING RICHARD DEUTCH

#### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a distinguished citizen of South Florida, Mr. Richard Deutch. Richard Deutch's inspiring courage, innovative business career, and leadership within the medical community serve as an example for what one caring individual can do when they share their dreams with others. Sadly, Mr. Deutch passed away on April 19, 2001.

Born on April 18, 1926, Mr. Deutch was raised in Providence, Rhode Island and matriculated to Brown University at the age of 16 in 1942. Mr. Deutch earned his DDS degree from the New York University College of Dentistry in 1950, but not before proudly serving his country as a Naval Lieutenant Junior Grade during World War II.

Mr. Deutch moved to Miami, Florida in 1957 and practiced as a successful pediatric dentist for over 20 years. In 1978, Mr. Deutch innovated a still-thriving chain of dental offices within retail department stores throughout South Florida. A compassionate man, he believed that quality dentistry should be affordable and available to every family. Not only did the convenience of Deutch's locations make a difference, but his willingness to keep his offices open long hours and weekends opened the doors for countless hard-working parents to attain quality care for their children.

Mr. Deutch's tremendous capacity for leadership amongst his peers was shown in countless dental, civic and philanthropic organizations. Mr. Deutch was on staff at St. Francis and North Miami General hospitals, and served as Chief of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Mt. Sinai Medical Center. Mr. Deutch was a fantastic teacher and found great satisfaction in his teaching position at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, a non-profit teaching hospital. As the President of Mt. Sinai's Sustaining Board of Fellows, a Founder and Life-Trustee at Mt. Sinai, a former Trustee of Temple Israel of Greater Miami, and president of Westview Country Club for six years, Mr. Deutch never ceased giving his time and effort to improve the health and well being of the South Florida community.

Patient and kind, Mr. Deutch will no doubt be missed the most by his loving wife of 46 years, Felicia, as well as by their children and grandchildren. However, he will also be long remembered by the unending list of the South Florida families, patients, and students he helped throughout his life.

### RECOGNIZING HIYAMA FARMS

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hiyama Farms for being named Industry of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to Hiyama Farms at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Hiyama Farms is truly a family operation. Kazuo and Edith Hiyama purchased 20 acres of vines in Eastern Fowler during the 1930's. Over the years the farm has gradually grown, increasing their acreage and focusing on growing tree fruit. The farm currently produces Zante currant raisins, cherries and tree fruit. Howard, the son of Kazuo and Edith, operates the farm with the help of his sons, Darren and Gene, and his brother Dean Hiyama.

Hiyama Farms is one of the original growers to associate with the Fowler Packing Company and they share many of their innovative farming inventions with them. Kazuo invented agricultural equipment called "automatic movable platforms." His invention greatly improved pruning and thinning of fruit trees. Before the advent of mechanized farming, Hiyama Farms utilized "dried on the vine," mechanical raisin harvesters, and other efficient farming practices. The Hiyama sons' current goal is to continue to improve the mechanization of the farm. These innovative farming methods singles out Hiyama Farms of Fowler as a leader in agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Hiyama Farms for their Industry of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Hiyama family and Hiyama Farms many more years of continued success.

### CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SISTER EYMARD GALLAGHER, PRESIDENT OF MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

#### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Sister Eymard Gallagher, who has served as President of Marymount University, located in Arlington, Virginia, since 1993. During her tenure as President, Sister Gallagher has focused her efforts on ensuring that Marymount University becomes recognized as one of the premier higher learning institutions in the Washington metropolitan area, a goal that has been achieved time and time again.

One of Sr. Gallagher's many accomplishments includes the establishment of the new University Center, named in honor of Ms.

Rose Bente Lee, a generous benefactor, which was constructed and dedicated in 1999. Sr. Gallagher also helped to establish the Marymount University Center for Ethical Concerns, which provides a forum for both students and faculty members alike to exchange ideas and concerns about ethical issues facing society. It also helps to foster an understanding and create a dialogue among students, faculty members and visiting scholars. Since its inception, the University Center for Ethical Concerns has hosted national conferences on numerous issues including Cyber Ethics, Sweatshop Labor, and Managing Health Care Costs.

Sr. Gallagher also led the festivities last year when Marymount University had the distinct honor of marking its 50th Anniversary. Through her leadership and innovation, Marymount University has also launched the program, the "Educator to Educator Initiative", designed to provide technology training to teachers in the Northern Virginia area. This important educational initiative will enable teachers at collaborating schools with the resources, materials and technical assistance needed to enrich classroom teaching in computers and technology. Sr. Gallagher has always recognized the fact that technology has become increasingly important in our country and to complete in the world-wide market. The "Educator to Educator Initiative" program provides students with the opportunity to utilize technology effectively to enhance their learning process.

In addition to Sr. Gallagher's achievements on the campus of Marymount, she has also provided leadership to the regional community, serving as a member of the Greater Washington Board of Trade and its Potomac Conference and Workforce Availability Task Force. Sister Gallagher also serves on the boards of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; the Northern Virginia Business Roundtable; the Information Technology Association of America Foundation; and First Virginia Bank. Virginia Governor James Gilmore has also appointed Sr. Gallagher to the e-Communities Task Force of the Governor's Commission on Information Technology.

I am very proud, Mr. Speaker, that I have been given the wonderful opportunity to honor such a wonderful community leader as Sister Eymard Gallagher. On June 30th of this year, Sister Eymard Gallagher will say goodbye to Marymount University, its faculty and its students. Though she will no longer serve as President of Marymount, she will forever be linked to the University for her leadership and dedication, the perfect example of a true community leader. She embodies the best in the rich tradition of Catholic higher education in America. I wish Sister Eymard Gallagher all the best as she continues on her path of benefiting the lives of others.

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ROTARY CLUB OF ORMOND BEACH  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach celebrated their 50th anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Ormond Beach, comprised of business and professional leaders who practice ethical standards in relationships in the community, is a dedicated and respected member of the large international humanitarian service organization. The members of the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach dedicate their time, skills, expertise and other resources to help improve the lives of others in developing countries by supporting the Rotary Foundation, helping to bring families together through its participation in the Children's Grief Center, and providing the youth of our community with six academic scholarships annually through the Darcy Akers Scholarship fund.

It is an asset to Ormond Beach to have a group of men and women who consistently promote truth, fairness, and try to improve relations among citizens in the community. The Rotary Club of Ormond Beach provides friendship and fellowship to its members and visiting Rotarians and are some of the most active local citizens motivating and influencing community leaders through their efforts. The Rotarians of Ormond Beach are true citizens of the World and exemplify the motto "Service Above Self."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Rotary club of Ormond Beach on its 50th Anniversary and commend each of its members for their tireless commitment to their local community.

HONORING JACOB J. MARKS

**HON. PETER DEUTSCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacob J. Marks, a distinguished citizen of Pembroke Pines, FL who proudly served his nation and his community. Mr. Marks, who unfortunately passed away on April 21, 2001, was an inspiring leader who left a legacy of diligence and devotion for his entire community.

Born in 1921 in Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Marks was raised and educated in Pittsburgh. He attended the University of Pittsburgh where he met his wife, Harriet. In 1941, Mr. Marks joined the U.S. Marines and courageously served his country until the end of World War II. He fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima and was there when the United States flag was raised on Mount Suribachi. He was always proud to say that the official flag was raised only ten feet from his foxhole. Following his military service, Mr. Marks worked as a draftsman at Blaw Knox, a Pittsburgh engineering company where he remained until he moved to Pembroke Pines, FL in 1984.

After moving to Florida, Mr. Marks became involved in numerous civic and community organizations. Residents immediately recognized

the value of his enthusiasm for and commitment to his community; characteristics which made him a natural leader. Loyal and responsive to the needs of his fellow veterans, Mr. Marks served as the Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Post 177. As treasurer of Pembroke Pines Concerned Citizens, Mr. Marks worked diligently on numerous issues affecting the well being of his community. In his position as Director Emeritus of the Pembroke Pines Democratic Club, he was active in voter registration and community organizing. In addition, he was recently elected as the vice chairman emeritus of the Century Pines Jewish Center Board of Trustees. Always combining his energy with his compassion, he participated in annual charity events such as walkathons to raise money for medical research and disease awareness.

In sum, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Marks was a wonderfully caring man whose energetic devotion to Pembroke Pines made him a true community leader. While we mourn his passing, Mr. Marks' legacy of community enrichment will be treasured by current and future generations of Pembroke Pines.

HONORING MRS. JANE B.  
GARRISON

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman from my district whose hard work and leadership are rivaled by only a few. This woman, Mrs. Jane B. Garrison, has dedicated the past eight years to the Safe Kids of Savannah Coalition and to the prevention of unintentional injury to children, the number one killer of children. Her hard work has, indeed, made my hometown, Savannah, Georgia, a safer place for children.

Working as the Coalition's Coordinator, Jane Garrison has made Safe Kids of Savannah a truly successful organization. She has been the driving force behind its many charities and functions. Because of Mrs. Garrison, Safe Kids of Savannah has been given many awards, including the 1994 Outstanding Health Promotion Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the 1995 SAFE KIDS of Georgia Coalition of the Year and the 1996 Outstanding Coalition of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign.

Mrs. Garrison has quietly been an outstanding supporter of protecting and promoting the welfare of children in Savannah since she moved there in 1985. Her other achievements include: the establishment of Boy Scout Troop #57 on Skidaway Island; Chairman of Lifeline of Children, Inc. (a volunteer group that works with the Chatham County DFCS Department to prevent child abuse and neglect); most recent former Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Chatham County DFCS; and recipient of the Richard A. Schieber, MD Award for 2001 from SAFE KIDS of Georgia, as an outstanding SAFE KIDS Coordinator.

I think it is only fitting, Mr. Speaker, to add a prayer for the children in honor of Mrs. Garrison's hard work and the SAFE KIDS of Savannah's 10th Anniversary Celebration. This prayer, taken from the SAFE KIDS of Savannah Coalition's 1999-2000 Annual Report,

was adapted from Ina J. Hughes by the Children's Defense Fund. It is entitled, Lest We Forget: A Prayer of Responsibility for Children  
WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN  
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,  
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who never get dessert,  
Who do not have any rooms to clean up,  
Whose pictures are not on anybody's dresser,  
Whose monsters are real.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who throw tantrums in the grocery store  
and pick at their food,  
Who squirm in church and scream in the phone,

Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and  
whose smiles can make us cry.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Whose nightmares come in the daytime,  
Who are not spoiled by anybody,  
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,

Who live and move, but have no being

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who want to be carried, and for those who must,

For those we never give up on and for those  
who do not get a second chance,

For those we smother . . .

And for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.

WE PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN, O GOD

May we, ourselves, be an answer to prayer.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to speak on behalf of a loyal servant of God; a woman whose efforts keep children alive and healthy. Thank you for your dedication Mrs. Garrison, you keep children's dreams alive. God bless these children and Mrs. Jane Garrison for helping them.

HONORING DR. TJ OWENS

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Dr. TJ Owens, Vice President of Student Services, who is retiring this month after 10 years of service to the students of Gavilan Community College in Gilroy, CA. Dr. Owens will be much missed by the students, faculty and administration of Gavilan College.

Dr. TJ Owens began his career as a teacher in Barstow, California, after earning his degree from Fresno State. Upon completion of his Masters Degree in Counseling and Guidance Education, he served as the Assistant Dean and then the Dean of Student Services at San Jose City College, which is when I first met him. He became the Vice President of Student Services at Gavilan Community College in 1981.

Dr. Owens' commitment to the community, and to education, runs deep: he is a board member of the Gilroy Unified School District and the Gilroy Gang Task Force. He also chairs the Charles, Sr. and Ernestine Williams Foundation. He belongs to the Association of California Community College Administrators, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, and the California Community College Chief Student Services Association.

I want to thank Dr. TJ Owens for his friendship, and for his dedication to Gilroy and to

Gavilan College, and to wish him all the best in the next phase of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE PIZZA  
FACTORY

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fowler Pizza Factory for being named Business of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to the Pizza Factory at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Tim and Denise Hamblet are the proprietors of the Fowler Pizza Factory. From 1986 until 1998 the Hamblets owned and operated a heavy equipment business in San Bernardino. Denise also worked for several car dealerships during that time. A Hamblet family friend, who had bought the Pizza Factory in Firebaugh, persuaded the couple to look into the Fowler franchise. The couple liked the Pizza Factory and decided to buy the restaurant and relocate.

Since the fall of 1998, the Hamblets have developed the Fowler restaurant into the fourth-rated franchise out of about 100 in the entire chain.

Tim has served on the Fowler Planning Commission. Denise has plans to become involved in various community activities in Fowler. Both are originally from Southern California. They were married in 1973 and have 3 children.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Fowler Pizza Factory for their Business of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Hamblet family and Fowler Pizza Factory many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO HERBERT PUNDIK

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mr. Herbert Pundik—a man who has dedicated his life to promoting greater understanding and tolerance between people of different cultures, especially the Palestinians and the Israelis. His commitment to humanism and his many commentaries have had a great influence in both his native Denmark and his adopted Israel.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pundik was only 16 years old when he himself was a victim of intolerance and racism. Born September 23, 1927, in Copenhagen, Mr. Pundik was brought up in a Jewish family, and he was only 12 years old when the Nazis invaded Denmark on April 9, 1940. Initially the occupation did not bring much change to lives of the Danish Jews as the Danish government and the Danish laws remained in effect until August 29, 1943, ensuring, among other things, that no Jew in Denmark ever had to wear the yellow star.

On October 1, 1943, the Nazis decided to round up all the Danish Jews and deport them

to concentration camps. Fortunately, G.F. Duckwitz, a German diplomat with contacts among the Danish Social Democrats, tipped off the leading Danish Social Democrat, Hans Hedtoft, regarding the deportation. Hedtoft quickly alerted the Jewish community, and a spontaneous and courageous rescue action developed among Danes. During the evacuation Mr. Pundik and his family, along with most other Danish Jews, were transported by fishing vessel to neutral Sweden. In 1945 Mr. Pundik joined the Danish voluntary forces in Sweden (Den Danske Brigade), and when Denmark was liberated in May of that year, he returned to Denmark to complete his high school education.

Mr. Speaker, Herbert Pundik recently wrote a book published in November 1998 about the incidents surrounding the great rescue of the Danish Jews—In Denmark it Could Not Happen. I urge all my colleagues to read this book to learn the details of how the Danish population courageously committed themselves to common human decency and saved virtually their entire Jewish community.

Mr. Pundik later went to Israel, where he was a member of the Israeli voluntary forces from 1948–49 when Israel fought its war of independence. He returned briefly to Denmark and married Susie Ginzborg in 1951. In 1954 they immigrated to Israel where they raised their three children. Their oldest son was killed as a soldier in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Another son was one of the two Israelis who initiated the Oslo peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Professionally Mr. Pundik pursued a career as a journalist. He was a co-founder and editor of the Danish periodical Israel, and through the years he has worked at both Danish and Israeli newspapers covering major international crises such as the Vietnam War, the Kashmir conflict, and the Middle East struggle. In 1963 he began working as an international correspondent for one of the largest Danish newspapers Politiken and in 1967 he became a permanent employee. Three years later he was promoted to editor-in-chief. Under terms of a unique agreement, Mr. Pundik managed Politiken for 23 years, commuting forth and back between Denmark and Israel each month and spending roughly three weeks in Copenhagen and one week in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pundik's dedication to human rights and tolerance has earned him many prizes—among those are honorary citizenship of Latvia in 1991 because he was the first person to suggest that Denmark send a cultural representative to Latvia, even though the country was then technically a part of the Soviet Union. In 1993 Mr. Pundik retired from his position as editor-in-chief at Politiken, but he has continued his humanitarian efforts. He is a member on the board of Politiken, the coordinator for the International Alliance for Arab-Israel Peace and a member on the board of directors of Humanity in Action, an exchange student program with participants from the U.S., the Netherlands, and Denmark.

Mr. Speaker, often in today's world too much attention is focused on the violent aspects of society. Today however, we have the opportunity to pay tribute to an extraordinary man who is a consistent and eloquent advocate for peace and tolerance. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Herbert Pundik.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF  
RABBI MARVIN BASH

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of the retirement of Rabbi Marvin Bash to extend my sincere thanks to him for his service to the Eighth District of Virginia. For more than thirty-five years, Rabbi Bash devoted himself to the Arlington-Fairfax Jewish Congregation as Arlington's only congregational rabbi, making him the longest serving active congregational rabbi in the Metropolitan Washington area. As a community leader and activist, he led his community in a fight for civil rights, support for Israel, Jewish education, and tolerance. He taught our children, cared for our sick and elderly, and served as an example of moral leadership to all of us. I am honored to be a part of this celebration of his service. I send Rabbi Bash warm wishes for a blessed retirement and hope that his time as Rabbi Emeritus will be filled with the return of the love and support he has given his community.

NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
PROGRAM

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, this week I had the honor of participating in the Annual Volunteer Service Recognition Program held at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida. The event was held to thank and acknowledge departments and residents commands at NAS Jacksonville for the volunteer work their personnel gave to the local community this past year.

The NAS Jacksonville community service program falls under the larger Navy Community Service Program. The NCS program was developed by the Chief of Staff of the Navy in 1992 to expand the role of Navy military and civilian personnel by encouraging community service projects and partnerships that strengthen the academic and personal growth of local youth.

During calendar year 2000, military and civilian personnel of NAS Jacksonville contributed 434,457 hours of volunteer service to the Jacksonville community. As recently as last year, the House Armed Services Committee discussed a certain disconnect that has developed between American society and the United States military. The NCS program was designed to break down those barriers and enable military and civilian military personnel to interact with their local communities in constructive ways.

The Jacksonville community is a wonderful example of a strong partnership between the United States armed forces and their neighbors. The military and civilian personnel at NAS Jacksonville wholeheartedly embraced the opportunity to build a sense of community between themselves and the Jacksonville community.

Today, our youth are exposed to many aspects of life that have potentially negative repercussions on their social decisions. Military and civilian personnel from NAS Jacksonville have become role models to local youth through teaching, coaching, and offering advice. Local families can feel more confident about the decisions their children are making, NAS Jacksonville personnel are given the opportunity to discuss how they contribute to the national security of the United States and society is strengthened by the strong community bonds developed.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to commend the volunteers of the Navy Community Service Program and thank the military and civilian personnel at NAS Jacksonville for their tireless commitment to their local community.

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HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 76  
OF WILMINGTON ISLAND

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by Boy Scout Troop 76 of Wilmington Island, which is in my district. I believe that the Boy Scouts of America play a wonderful role in the life of many young men throughout our nation. The life lessons and morals taught by this organization should be heralded daily by all of us. What happened at a recent outing of Troop 76 to the Delta Plantation in Hardeeville, South Carolina is proof of this.

In late March, Boy Scout Troop 76 went on a weekend camping trip to the Delta Plantation, a privately owned 1600 acre tract of land in Hardeeville, South Carolina just outside of Savannah. The area is completely unspoiled and teeming with wildlife.

During the weekend, the owner of the property approached the Scout Troop and informed them that an American Bald Eagle was injured and stuck in the marsh nearby. One of the troop leaders, Will Jarvis, and several of the older Scouts went to help.

Upon their arrival at the scene, they found a baby American Bald Eagle in the marsh struggling to escape. Disregarding their own safety, Will and several of the Scouts went into the alligator and snake invested water to help the scared animal. The eagle was wrapped in a blanket and rushed to the only veterinarian who is allowed to treat endangered species. The eagle is currently under the doctor's care where it will be nursed until it can be safely released.

I believe that this is a perfect example of what Scouting is all about. If it were not for these Boy Scouts' quick response and disregard for their own personal safety, we would have lost yet another of an already endangered species. I applaud Boy Scout Troop 76 for their bravery and I applaud the Boy Scouts of America for what they teach.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR HELLE  
PORSDAM

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a most talented and remarkable Danish scholar—Professor Helle Porsdam. Professor Porsdam is affiliated with the University of Southern Denmark, Odense and is a well known scholar and commentator on American society. Her most recent publication is *Legally Speaking: Contemporary American Culture and the Law*, which offers an insightful analysis of American culture and discusses the social impact of law in the United States.

In addition to her outstanding scholarship, Dr. Porsdam is known for her involvement in human rights. She was instrumental in the creation of the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization in 1997. Some 90 students from the 15 European Union partner universities earn this Masters degree after a year of intensive study.

This summer, Dr. Porsdam will be one of the Danish Speakers at the Humanity in Action Program (HIA), which conducts two educational programs that run simultaneously in both Denmark and the Netherlands. Some 20 students from the United States participate together with 10 students from both host countries. HIA has been established in association with Johns Hopkins University and in cooperation with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The goal is to strengthen the participants' commitment to democratic values and broaden their knowledge of the resistance struggle against human rights violations today and in the past. A special focus of the program is the protection of European Jews during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Porsdam is an associate Professor of American Studies at Odense, and she holds an M.A. in English from the University of Copenhagen and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University. She teaches American history, and her research interests include American intellectual history, law and American culture, and literature. In 1992–93 she was an American Council of Learned Societies Visiting Scholar and a Liberal Arts Fellow at the Harvard University Law School. She is currently involved in a research Project on Danish legalization as a form of Americanization. In this project Dr. Porsdam explains how the U.S. has exported a tendency to the rest of the world to define major issues in terms of rights.

Dr. Porsdam is an extraordinary scholar and ardent defender of human rights and I urge all my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to her today.

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TRIBUTE TO DRINA COLLINS

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, we rise in gratitude to Drina Collins, who is leaving the

Pacific Gas and Electric Company after more than twenty years of service.

Drina Collins has helped the company and the community through countless crises: floods, mudslides, fires and more. Ms. Collins has been the tirelessly cheerful and efficient public face of PG&E for San Jose and Santa Clara County since long before the area was known as the Silicon Valley. During her tenure in the Government Relations department of Pacific Gas and Electric, Ms. Collins managed the public affairs programs, answering questions from customers and elected officials alike with accuracy and enthusiasm.

A glance at Drina Collins' résumé reveals a lifelong commitment to Santa Clara County. Before beginning her job at Pacific Gas & Electric she served as the Chief of Staff for the Honorable Dom Cortese, a Santa Clara County Supervisor. She is currently the Chairperson of the Santa Clara County Redistricting Committee 2000 and the Silicon Valley Economic Development Corporation. Ms. Collins serves on the board of the San Jose Conservation Corps and the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens Corporation.

Drina Collins has a knowledge of and love for Santa Clara County that is unmatched, and we know she will be much missed at PG&E. Moreover, we want to say that we are both grateful to her for her caring friendship and wise counsel through our careers, which we are confident will continue through the years. Our families wish her nothing but the best in the next chapter of her life.

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RECOGNIZING JOHN GOODE

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Goode for receiving the Friend of Fowler Award. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to John at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

While Mr. Goode currently lives in the Bay Area, he remains involved in Fowler affairs. John regularly contributes to the Fowler High School and Sutter Middle School bands. He has also recently endowed a scholarship in memory of his parents to the University of California, for which preference is given to Fowler High graduates. He plans to host the 40th reunion of the Fowler High School Class of 1962 in conjunction with the 2002 Fowler Fall festival.

John credits many of the values he learned growing up in the Fowler-area as guides for his career. He has been honored as a "Forbes Honor Roll" winner for his skills in risk management. He has managed the Smith Barney Fundamental Value fund for 10 years. John is currently the chairman and chief investment officer of Davis Skaggs Investment Management.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize John Goode for his Friend of Fowler Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing John Goode many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO ATK AMMUNITION  
PLANT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate ATK and its Lake City Ammunition Plant located near Independence, Missouri, for their efforts in providing the United States Military with high quality ammunition while at the same time reducing their impact on the environment.

This week, the U.S. Army will present Lake City Ammunition Plant with its Secretary of the Army Environment Quality Award for an industrial installation. The Secretary of the Army recognizes the efforts of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant to improve the environment. The Plant has reduced its hazardous waste generation rate by sixty percent eliminating twenty tons of air emissions per year. At the same time, it has operated in compliance with twenty-five different environmental permits and recycled over fifty-five hundred tons of material.

Through the hard work of nearly eight hundred fifty employees, the Lake City Ammunition Plant has proven that it can continue to be the largest supplier of small caliber ammunition to the United States Department of Defense, while retaining a superb record on the environment.

Again, I congratulate and commend ATK and the employees of Lake City Ammunition Plant for their excellent record on the environment and congratulate them for receiving the Secretary of the Army Environmental Quality Award.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR THERKEL  
STRAEDE

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues today to join me in paying tribute to Professor Therkel Straede, a remarkable scholar who has put together an important exhibition of photographs of the rescue of Danish Jews in 1943. The exhibition shows how the Danish people acted as the keepers of basic human decency and saved almost the entire Jewish community of Denmark. At a time when most of Europe was oppressed by Nazi tyranny, which was the antithesis of humanity, decency, and brotherhood, the Danes showed great humanity despite tremendous personal risk.

Mr. Speaker, since 1995 Dr. Therkel Straede has been a Professor of Modern German History and Holocaust Studies at Odense University in Denmark. During the period 1988–1992 he was a member of a research team at Ruhr-University at Bochum, Germany. There he researched the history of the German automobile company Volkswagen A.G., and the use of forced labor by Volkswagen during the 3rd Reich. He has recorded testimonies of more than a 120 survivors and is producing a monograph on the subject.

Dr. Straede has focused most of his work and studies on the Holocaust, and he is a

founding member of the Danish National Committee for the Counseling of Victims of Nazi German Persecution, Forced Labor and Genocide. He has received scholarships at the Technical University of Berlin (1986) and the Institute for German History in Tel-Aviv (1992). He was a Fulbright visiting researcher at the Georgetown University at the Center for German and European Studies in 1998–99 and an associate scholar of the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999. Currently, Dr. Straede is writing a series of articles on a number of German concentration camps for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Encyclopedia of Nazi Camps.

The traveling exhibit on the rescue of the Danish Jews, of which Dr. Straede is the curator, has been displayed in more than 100 locations in 27 different countries. On May 2, 2001, it will be on display in the Rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building. With the help of Project Judaica Foundation Inc., the exhibition will hereafter be on display at a number of locations in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to take a moment out of their busy schedules to visit this worthwhile exhibit while it is here in Washington at the Russell Rotunda.

Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Dr. Therkel Straede for his thorough work on the history of Holocaust, and his diligent documentation of the details of the Nazi use of slave labor. We can all learn a valuable lesson from Dr. Straede's work; even a force of evil as powerful as the Nazi regime can be beaten by dedicated people committed to common human decency. I believe this is best shown in the spontaneous and courageous rescue action of the Danish people in 1943.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LEE REEVES

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Lee Reeves of Pinckney, Michigan. Ms. Reeves has recently been named a Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council of Ann Arbor, Michigan. This honor is in recognition of her excellence in business ethics and volunteerism. As the current President of the Howell Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Reeves has greatly enhanced the quality and scope of the programs offered to its members. Her work at the Chamber has increased both membership and financial capabilities.

Ms. Reeves leadership abilities have impacted not only the Chamber, but also the community at large. Her community focus is indicated through the initiation of such programs as the "Drug-Free Workplace" and the Howell Public Schools mentor program. Ms. Reeves has also participated in numerous community organizations such as the Livingston County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the Livingston County Child and Family Services Board.

This brief commentary only scratches the surface of the professional and community contributions of Ms. Reeves. Above all else Ms. Lee Reeves is a woman of integrity. Her professional and community leadership dem-

onstrates a personal vision with a societal focus which I respectfully ask my House colleagues to recognize.

HONORING THE LATE FLORIDA  
GOVERNOR LAWTON CHILES AND  
DR. HORACIO AGUIRRE ON BEING  
NAMED RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GREAT FLORIDIAN AWARD

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Florida's late Governor and United States Senator Lawton Chiles and Diario Las Americas newspaper publisher Dr. Horacio Aguirre on the occasion of being named recipients of the Great Floridian award. This award, which is presented periodically, symbolizes the everlasting contributions these two individuals have made to the state of Florida. I am proud to stand before this body and honor these two great Floridians.

From the moment he was first elected to the Florida State House of Representatives in 1958, until his untimely death in 1998, Lawton Chiles was a household name in Florida politics. As a boy, Lawton Chiles dreamed of becoming a United States Senator. In 1970, after eight years in the Florida House and four years in the Florida State Senate, his dream came true when he was elected to the first of three consecutive terms in the United States Senate. After deciding not to run for reelection in 1988, Lawton Chiles successfully ran for governor of Florida in 1990, a position he proudly held until 1998. Throughout his career, Governor Chiles represented the people of Florida with honor and conviction. Whether it is providing health insurance for all children or working to restore Florida's Everglades, the work Governor Chiles did, and the programs he supported, made the lives of millions of Floridians better. It is for his hard work and dedication to the issues he cared about, that Governor Chiles is considered by many to be one of the most successful and respected public officials in the later half of the 20th century.

Dr. Horacio Aguirre, co-founder of Miami's oldest Spanish-language newspaper, is one of the most influential Hispanics in Florida. Dr. Aguirre was born in 1925 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to two Nicaraguan parents. In 1950, Dr. Aguirre completed his studies at the University of Panama, where he earned degrees in law and political science. In 1953, with the help of his brother Francisco, Dr. Aguirre founded Diario Las Americas. As the editor and chief editorial writer, Dr. Aguirre has helped shape the views and images of Miami's Spanish-speaking community. He has served as President of the Inter American Press Association, as well as a member of various newspaper and editorial organizations. Today, Diario Las Americas is read by thousands of South Floridians every day. Spanish and non-Spanish speakers alike look to Diario Las Americas for the views and concerns of Miami's Hispanic community.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Florida have benefitted from the actions and accomplishments of the two gentlemen I speak of today.

The late Governor Lawton Chiles and Dr. Horacio Aguirre are worthy of the praises of the people of Florida as well as the members of the House of Representatives. They are both great Floridians and Americans.

RECOGNIZING KELLY FUJIKAWA

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kelly Fujikawa for being named Youth Citizen of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to Kelly at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Kelly is currently a senior at Fowler High School, where she is active in school sports, clubs, and student council. She is an honor student and is involved in the Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon and California Scholarship Federation, Spanish Club, Asian Club, Peer Helper Program, and the school band. Kelly also earned the prestigious honor of being named student representative to the Fowler School District Board for the fall semester.

Her community involvement includes: Girl Scouts, 4-H, Buddhist Church of Fowler, Japanese dance teacher, Sunday School teacher's aide, volunteer pianist, lunch service at the Edwin Blayney Senior Center, and aided at Fowler and National Grange events.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kelly Fujikawa for her Youth Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Kelly Fujikawa many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY  
HEALTH AGENCY OF ATTLEBORO,  
MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to applaud the Community Health Agency of Attleboro, Massachusetts. In 1910, town and church officials approached Rena Rounsville, President of the Murray Church Mission Circle, with a challenge. Would she be interested in forming some sort of nursing service for the health and welfare of the citizens of Attleboro?

The ensuing years resulted in clinics for tuberculosis, family welfare, school nurses, new baby welfare, and a myriad of other services. The local pharmacy, doctors, and dentists in the area cooperated and a network of health care professionals to care for the needs of the community was established. Funding, at best, was haphazard—running the gauntlet of tag days, tuberculosis Christmas seals, and very small patient fees.

The present day program has evolved and is now called Community Health Agency, Inc. It encompasses the nine cities and towns in the area and provides skilled nursing care, therapists, home health aids, and hospice to the region. Throughout the years, this agency

has provided the citizens of this community with services during times of great stress to the patients and their families. It is important that the elderly, as well as other community members, have the resources to assist them with their health needs, and accordingly, the agency provides a network of services to assist them. Compassionate and dedicated care by professional and well trained medical staff is the foundation for quality care in the region. Thank you.

I applaud the services that they provide and look forward to the coming years with the hope that the agency will continue to provide services that are so desperately needed.

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS W. INMAN

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Nicholas Inman, of Marshfield, MO, will be retiring as host of the Webster County Opry on May 4, 2001.

In 1997, as a 15 year old boy, Nicholas had a vision to bring quality entertainment and a new tradition of Ozark music to Webster County. Although he faced many obstacles and challenges Nicholas' dream has grown into a reality, known today as the Webster County Opry. His many accomplishments include increasing the Opry membership from eight to 50, welcoming numerous local celebrities and hosting and producing every show in the four year history of the Opry. Nicholas has also received and deserved praise from the late Governor Mel Carnahan and former First Lady Barbara Bush.

Mr. Speaker, Nicholas Inman dedicated himself to the establishment and growth of the Webster County Opry. The joy he brought to so many is indeed commendable. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 85 through 89. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 85, 86, and 88, and "nay" on rollcall votes 87 and 89.

COMMENDING THE ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS  
FROM WILLISTON NORTH-  
AMPTON SCHOOL IN  
EASTHAMPTON, MASSACHU-  
SETTS

**HON. JOHN W. OLVER**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the students of Williston Northampton

School in Easthampton, MA for their excellence in academic competition. Under the tutelage of Mr. Peter Gunn, these young people have shown an acute knowledge of the Constitution and its Amendments, in particular the Bill of Rights.

On April 21–23, 2001 more than 1,200 students from across the country were in Washington, DC to demonstrate their expertise in American government and represent their home states as part of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program, sponsored in part by the U.S. Department of Education. I am pleased to announce the class from Williston Northampton School participated on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Gunn's students have taken a strong interest in the principles that govern our nation. Through their students, they have become aware of the founders' efforts to fashion an enduring republic. Through their accomplishments, they have shown a keen understanding of the political process, its participants and the laws that will ensure America's continued vitality.

It is an honor to recognize such a meritorious group.

HONORING TOM SAWYER

**HON. GARY A. CONDIT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of my good friend Merced County Sheriff-Coroner Tom Sawyer. Today, Tom retires after 34 years as a peace officer. True to his nature, he is only stepping aside from one venture to begin another.

I have had the privilege of working with Tom on a wide variety of issues since his earlier service with the California Highway Patrol. He is a respected member of the law enforcement community and is known for his dedication to the community.

Tom has worked on many statewide issues. He serves on the California State Board of Corrections and was instrumental in establishing the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, where he continues to serve as the Intelligence Committee chairman. Since becoming sheriff he has overseen a department that has grown by leaps and bounds.

He has been successful working with the COPs program to put more deputies on the street. He has worked tirelessly to expand the presence of the Merced County Sheriff's Department to transform his vision of improved correctional facilities and the department's relationship with the community. He has done each of these remarkably well.

One prime example is the Explorer Scouts program. When he began his tenure as sheriff, the group consisted of 8 members. Now, I am proud to report to my colleagues, the program thrives with more than 150 outstanding young men and women. Volunteerism is up and through Tom's leadership new substations help secure and ensure the safety of our communities. He has guided the department through growth in many areas including an impressive search and rescue system on land, water and in the air.

Mr. Speaker, Tom's career as Merced County Sheriff-Coroner is distinguished. He has set standards for others to follow. He will be missed. I am proud to call him my friend and would ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in thanking him for a job well done and wishing him the best in his retirement.

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RECOGNIZING LEE JOHNSON

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lee Johnson for being named Citizen of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to Lee Johnson at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Lee has been a business owner in Fowler since 1946, when he bought Star Cash Grocery. Several years later he bought Brady's Store and changed the name to Lee's Market. Lee's Market has been a Fowler landmark ever since. The old store building burned down in 1991. Lee, who was 80 years old at the time, decided to rebuild the store along with two adjacent office spaces. The new building stands as a great source of commerce in the middle of Fowler.

Lee has been involved with several professional and community organizations including: Fowler Merchants Association, Fowler Chamber of Commerce, 4-H, Fowler Grange, the new Youth Grange, Fowler Police Department's Volunteers in Patrol Program, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Lions Club, Fresno County Crippled Children's Fund, and the Presbyterian Church of Fowler.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lee Johnson for his Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Lee Johnson many more years of continued success.

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HONORING DR. DOUGLAS X.  
PATIÑO

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an exemplary and truly outstanding public educator who has contributed enormously to the success of many minority and other students in the California public education institutions. Dr. Douglas X. Patiño recently retired from California State University-Long Beach as Vice Chancellor, University Advancement. As Vice Chancellor he brought the CSU from its infancy in development to a position of leadership in California, exceeding fundraising records among comparable institutions. It is truly a proud honor to recognize today the outstanding contributions this gentleman has made in education and public service.

Dr. Patiño has served in numerous positions in education and state government, including executive positions in the cabinets of Gov-

ernor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona and Governor Jerry Brown of California. He also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the New Partnerships Foundation and The Patiño Group in San Rafael, California.

His community service activities include currently serving as Trustee of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint, Michigan; President Clinton's appointee to the Enterprise for the Americas Board in Washington, DC; as a Board Member of the Centro Mexicano Para La Filantropia, Mexico, D.F.; The California Wellness Foundation, Woodlands Hills, California and The Campanile Foundation in San Diego. He is a leader in developing philanthropic services along the US/Mexican border. When he was President of Hispanics in Philanthropy and a member of the Council of Foundations, he introduced international foundations to border issues. His foundation, the New Partnerships Foundation, is an active supporter of a childcare center in Tijuana, BC, Mexico.

Throughout his career, Dr. Patiño has received multiple honors and awards for his work and devotion to public service including being named as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics (1995, 1997 and 1998) Hispanic Business; The Azteca Award for Public Service to United States Farm Worker Families, California Human Development Corp. of Santa Rosa; The Leadership and Public Service Award, United Way of the Bay Area and National Concilio of America; Chair of the Board of Directors of Hispanics in Philanthropy and presented with The Outstanding Leadership Award by the American Public Welfare Association, Washington DC.

More importantly, Dr. Patiño has been an inspiration, motivator and a friend to many would-be students. He has helped many of these students achieve great educational goals and served as a mentor and financial supporter as well. Dr. Patiño has taken students into his heart and his home, helping them to make their way through to a better life.

Dr. Patiño, his wife Barbara, his son Viktor, who recently graduated from California State University, Long Beach and is now working for the State of California Parks and Recreation Department, are long time friends and I sincerely wish them every possible success in their future endeavors.

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COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the South Mountain Restoration Center in South Mountain, Pennsylvania, and to pay tribute to a century of service provided to the people of south central Pennsylvania.

Nestled in the heart of Pennsylvania's Blue Bridge Mountains and straddling the Adams and Franklin County lines, the South Mountain Restoration Center was established at the turn of the 20th Century as a hospital dedicated to the treatment of tuberculosis. The devoted medical staff at the Dr. Samuel G. Dixon Tu-

berculosis Hospital, as it was known until the mid-1960s, have cared for tuberculosis patients, World War I soldiers who were victims of poison gas, and the mentally ill.

The tuberculosis epidemic in the United States necessitated the state-of-the-art medical care that the hospital provided. At the peak from 1938 through 1940, there were over 1,200 TB patients residing in the hospital on any given day. Prior to the discovery of antibiotics, the only treatments for tuberculosis were fresh air, sunshine, and exercise—three things the hospital provided in abundance.

The 300 acres of land also housed a children's hospital or "preventorium." Established in 1938, the "preventorium" sought to prevent the full-blown development of tuberculosis in children who had been exposed to the disease by their families. Many of these children came to the hospital underweight and malnourished, increasing their chances of contracting tuberculosis. By removing them from environments in which tuberculosis was prevalent, and providing them with nutritious food, fresh air, and excellent care, these children were spared the devastating effects of this terrible disease.

After the introduction of antibiotics in the 1950s, TB was largely eradicated in this country. In 1968, The Dr. Samuel G. Dixon Tuberculosis Hospital was renamed the South Mountain Restoration Center. Since that time, it has provided nursing home-care to the mentally ill. It is called a "restoration center" because of the facilities' dedication to a philosophy of rehabilitating individuals before they rejoin the community.

Today, the South Mountain Restoration Center serves as a long-term care facility for almost 200 mentally ill patients and shares its extensive grounds with a residential training program for young first-time offenders.

Saturday, May 12, 2001 will mark the centennial of the South Mountain Restoration Center. I know that the tradition of excellence in care that has been established over the last 100 years will continue well into the 21st Century. As we celebrate this momentous occasion, I would like take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the men and women through out the Center's history who have selflessly dedicated their lives to caring for those in need.

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UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE  
ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2001*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, to me, this is an issue concerning human life where the pro-life and pro-choice arguments do not apply. When there is an act of violence against a pregnant woman, we need to remember that more than one life is affected by this violent act. An attack against a pregnant woman is an attack against her unborn child and I believe that the law needs to reflect that. I am pleased to offer my support for the Unborn Victims of Violence Act and commend my colleague, Representative LINDSEY GRAHAM for his dedication and the action he has taken to protect and promote the life of the living—born or unborn.

This legislation is similar to the legislation from my home state of Missouri where, as the law states, "The killing of an "unborn child" at any stage of pre-natal development is involuntary manslaughter or first degree murder. (Mo. Ann. Stat. 1.205, 565.024, 565.020 (Vernon Supp. 1999), *State v. Knapp*, 843 S.W.2d 345 (Mo. 1992), *State v. Holcomb*, 956 S.W.2d 286 (Mo. App. W.D. 1997))." We make it clear back home that life is sacred and today's legislation makes it clear across the nation.

If a criminal assaults a pregnant woman and her unborn child, and injures or kills the unborn child, common sense recognizes that the criminal has harmed two victims—the mother and the child. But current federal law does not reflect this common sense recognition. Federal law (including military law) considers that such an assailant has harmed only one victim. Even if the aggressor has purposefully killed an unborn child who has been named and whose birth is eagerly anticipated, he has thereby not committed a crime under federal law, beyond the crime of the assault on the mother. The Unborn Victims of Violence Act would correct this conspicuous gap in federal law. The bill would establish that if an unborn child is injured or killed during the commission of an already-defined federal crime of violence, then the assailant may be charged with a second offense on behalf of the second victim, the unborn child.

You know, there are many out there who would rather not talk about these issues, but the fact of the matter is that it is time for us to take a look at where we have a consensus—similar to the consensus we have reached regarding partial-birth abortion. In turn, we use that consensus to work toward an end where common sense and understanding prevail while we reach out and educate each other about areas of disagreement. I believe that this, too, is one of those issues.

Mr. Speaker, Missouri is known as the Show-Me-State. At home, we show our respect for human life by protecting the unborn. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this life saving legislation and I am hopeful that today, Congress will show its respect for life and do the same.

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CITIZEN MICHAEL LIPOF

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, the greatest strength of our democracy consists of those citizens who take their obligations of citizenship seriously. We are very well served in particular by men and women who are active in our private sector, creating wealth, but who do not allow this to preclude meaningful civic participation. One of the best examples of this whom I have encountered is Michael Lipof of Newton, Massachusetts. Mike Lipof has been an extremely constructive force in the economy of the Greater Boston area. He has been a leader in the real estate field, and is currently serving in a very important capacity as the President—and a very operational hands on President—of New England's largest Jewish cemetery, Sharon Memorial Park. At the same time, he has been very active in both public and community affairs. He has been a

leading member of the Jewish community of Greater Boston, in partnership with his wife, Rabbi Emily Lipof. And he started a family tradition of participation in public affairs as an Alderman in the city of Newton, which is now being carried on by his son, Richard Lipof. And Mike was a very able member of the Board of Trustees of the Newton Free Library, a very important entity in our city. I have known Mike Lipof in a number of capacities, and in every one of these, private, public, elective, and communitarian, he has been an extraordinary asset. And of course he and Emily have been proud and loving parents and grandparents as well. I congratulate the people at Sharon Memorial Park for their decision to honor Mike Lipof for his extraordinary range of contributions to all of us and I am delighted to join in that congratulation, and in presenting to my colleagues an example of the kind of active, creative citizenship on which our country thrives.

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TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL E. HURST

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Michael Hurst, who passed away on March 22, 2001. Michael Hurst was president of 15th Street Fisheries, a restaurant in Fort Lauderdale. Mike was a cornerstone in the Fort Lauderdale community and, as his representative in Congress, I was impressed by his tireless enthusiasm for promoting education in the restaurant industry.

Many times Mike opened the doors at 15th Street Fisheries to give to others in need and to show them what hospitality truly was. He was not only a professor at Florida International University, he brought the classroom into his restaurant. Wherever he was he took the opportunity to tell others about his passion for education and the restaurant industry.

Mike was a regular visitor throughout the years to my office in Washington, D.C. It was evident that he had an unwavering commitment to the industry, and his "We're Glad You're Here" button is a positive reminder of his excitement for restaurant issues.

Mike was a remarkable leader and it was my privilege to serve as his representative. He combined business acumen with compassion and energy to ensure that those in the restaurant industry have educational opportunities. His many contributions will remain with us in Florida's 22nd congressional district and across the nation.

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INTRODUCTION OF FOCUS ON COMMITTED AND UNDERPAID STAFF FOR CHILDREN'S SAKE ACT

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues Mr. GILMAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. SCOTT, and Mrs. DAVIS in introducing the FOCUS Act. This legislation would

be an important step in increasing child care quality for all children.

As we all know, high quality child care can play an important role in healthy child development and school-readiness. One of the most critical components of quality child care is a stable and qualified teaching staff. Yet, child care staff—who have the responsibility of helping guide children's development—are among the lowest paid workers in America. In 1999, the average hourly wage for a child care provider was \$7.42, which is approximately \$15,430 annually. Moreover, most providers do not receive health insurance or paid leave. Academic and government studies conclude that low pay is one of the leading causes of poor quality child care. The annual turnover rate is about 30 percent. Low wages keeps qualified providers from remaining in the field and deters new providers from entering the field. A report released April 29th by the Center for Child Care Workforce and the University of California Berkeley found that centers are losing qualified staff because of low wages and are forced to hire less qualified replacements. The six-year study also found that not only are wages extremely low, but they are not keeping pace with cost of living increases. States report centers are closing or turning away children because they cannot properly staff their programs.

FOCUS directly addresses the problems low pay creates by providing stipends to qualified child care staff based on the level of education. This legislation would be a mechanism to assist states increase the pay of child care workers and to improve the overall quality of child care. The bill would supplement wages by a minimum of \$1000 per year for providers with child development associate credentials and a minimum of \$3000 per year for providers with B.A.'s in the area of child development. These stipends will help attract new qualified workers to the field and increase the retention and skill level of current workers. FOCUS also would provide funds for scholarships so that we can continue to increase the qualifications of the child care workforce.

Research on early childhood and brain development clearly demonstrates that the experiences children have early in life have a decisive, long-lasting impact on their later development and learning. We cannot expect children to transition to kindergarten and succeed in school if we do not take the necessary steps to provide quality care in the years prior to school entry. The average quality of child care is far poorer than what it should be in a country as wealthy and committed to our children's future as is ours. It is time we work to make quality child care for all children a national priority. Mr. Speaker, I urge Members of the House to join me and co-sponsor the Focus Act.

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SALUTING THE 2001 JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS, YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute twenty-eight outstanding young Kansans from Johnson County, Kansas, who will

be recognized on Friday, May 4th, at an informal reception honoring their volunteer service. Youth Excelling in Service [YES], a program of the Volunteer Center of Johnson County, has invited Johnson County leaders and educators to this reception honoring the twenty-eight Outstanding Youth Volunteers who will be featured in the upcoming "Movers and Shakers" publication. I will present the young people with a Congressional Award for their contributions to the community, and YES will spotlight the role these committed young people play in addressing community needs.

Johnson County's young people are becoming increasingly involved in service to their community and the stories of their accomplishments are powerful. The twenty-eight "Movers and Shakers" to be honored at the reception testify to the fact that my congressional district's young people see needs in their communities and are ready, willing and able to meet those needs by investing their time and skills. These young people are passionate about challenging, motivating and recruiting other young people to likewise take the plunge into volunteer service. I am pleased to have this opportunity to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD profiles of these twenty-eight "Movers and Shakers."

#### MOVERS AND SHAKERS 2001—YOUTH PROFILES

Natalie M. Binkholder, 17, Olathe East High School—Over 700 hours—Olathe Youth Court, Olathe Youth Congress, Mother's Hands.

Natalie's volunteerism is fueled by her optimism and energy. "Anyone can change the world," Natalie says, "the best way to start is with a smile." Natalie first began her volunteer leadership in 9th grade when she presided over the school's community service organization. Natalie is active in a variety of causes, including homeless assistance, crime prevention, and drug and alcohol prevention. Her proudest accomplishment is the success of the Olathe Youth Court, where she and other members of the court positively intervene in the lives of juvenile offenders in order to decrease repeat crimes. During her volunteer experiences, she has developed a love for serving youth, and one day plans to use her skills as a professional attorney to assist youth courts. "No matter where life takes me, I want to continue to be involved with youth. Youth are the leaders of tomorrow and I want to help them achieve their dreams." Natalie was nominated by Cheryl Oakley.

Adrienne Cichelli, 17, Shawnee Mission West—100 hours—JAWS [Join Active West Students], Young Life, Teen Advisory Council.

To Adrienne, it really is the thought that counts when it comes to volunteering. Adrienne says, "Building a house isn't any better than picking up trash on the streets. The impact comes from the volunteer's attitude and motivation, not the deed." Adrienne has done everything from building a house to organizing a special event to advocating healthy lifestyle choices for elementary students. During a mission trip to Mexico, Adrienne's eyes were truly opened to the level of need and the effect her help had on the families with whom she worked. She plans to spend much more time volunteering, and this summer she will be with Children's Mercy Hospital and serving as a companion at an assisted living facility. For potential youth volunteers, Adrienne gives these words of wisdom: "Participating in a single act of volunteerism can change your life in a

way you never thought possible. Give your time to help your community, it's more valuable than any paycheck you'll ever receive." Adrienne was nominated by Mary Lea Kieffer.

Leah Cogswell, 17, Olathe South High School—Over 100 hours—SOAR, 4-H, Promise Youth, Youth Volunteer Corps.

Food, Fun and Friends! Volunteering on Leah's projects will never be boring! Leah's volunteer experience began when she noticed all her friends were involved in community service. She has since taken the lead by serving as the chairman of the community service committee in her 4-H club. She has organized bake-a-thons to raise money for an Olathe youth with leukemia and to provide flood relief to eight families devastated by Hurricane Floyd. She has served as a counselor for several youth camps, leading games and crafts, campfire activities, and helping with meals. "There is nothing quite as rewarding as seeing the smiling face of someone you have helped," beams Leah. "We live in an area where so many people have been blessed with so much; it is time to give a portion back to those who are less fortunate." In the

Jonathan Eckman, 12, Prairie Star Middle School—75 hours—Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Children's Center for the Visually Impaired.

Jonathan began volunteering in order to become eligible for the President's Student Service Award. He has volunteered more than enough hours to earn the award, but Jonathan continues to volunteer because he has found his community service rewarding on its own. He has also been impressed and inspired by the dedication of other volunteers with whom he has worked, particularly those at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Working with such enthusiastic volunteers made Jonathan realize that "we all can make a difference some way in the community". Jonathan plans to continue volunteering at the Arboretum as well as coaching children's gymnastics. Last year, his gymnastics group raised \$5,000 for the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired. He's not stopping there! He also plans to volunteer with his church's nursery and be involved with the soup kitchen. What does such a busy guy have to say to other potential youth volunteers? "I would say to other youths to try it because when you see the results it is phenomenal!" Jonathan was nominated by Gretchen Steffen.

Chelsea Fogelman, 17, Olathe East High School—Over 180 volunteer hours—Uplift Organization, Inc., Christmas in October, Mother's Hand, Sherwood Center.

With the Fogelmans, volunteering is definitely a family affair. Chelsea's extensive work with the homeless has been inspired by her "unendingly supportive" parents, Candi and Dave. Since the age of 10, Chelsea has been raising awareness of homeless issues in the area. She has collected and prepared food for thousands of individual through Uplift Organization, Inc. and enjoys knowing that her efforts will provide a meal to someone in need. Chelsea's family has made Christmas in October a tradition, and spend the day repairing family homes in poverty stricken areas. Chelsea feels that volunteering should come from the heart. "When you're contributing to a cause that's important to you and that you enjoy, you'll learn more about yourself and the world around you," Chelsea states. "Volunteering can be both fun and meaningful if you can find a cause that you care about." Chelsea plans to expand her volunteering efforts to include other issues. She will continue her work with the homeless

and hopes to recruit other youth to do the same. Chelsea was nominated by Barbera Ferrell.

Joe Klinkenborg, 17, Shawnee Mission NorthWest High School—Over 200 hours—LakeView Village.

Joe quotes his class motto when asked about his service: The doer of good becomes good. Joe has transformed his school spirit into volunteer spirit with his work through Shawnee Mission NorthWest's community service club whose teacher inspired him to become passionate about community service. Joe believes in the importance of performing "random acts of kindness" and says that wherever he goes, "volunteerism will always be a component of my life." He teaches the elderly to become computer savvy, including how to use the internet. Working with the residents of LakeView Village, Joe formed LKVW, an in-house tv station

Paul Lampe, 15, St. Thomas Aquinas High School—Over 400 hours—4-H, LakeView Retirement Community (Lazarus Project), Kauffman Foundation.

"As a culture of youth we have so much . . . we need to learn to share." Paul doesn't just say these words, he puts them into action. Through his volunteering efforts, Paul has learned to share his time, his skills, his leadership, and even his home to help others. He learned this when he was very young as a member of 4-H. The more Paul learns, the more he gives. When Paul was taught to rebuild a computer, he shared that skill with residents of LakeView Village for the Lazarus Project. He rebuilds discarded computers for nonprofit organizations. When he's not working with the retirement community, Paul's busy with the Kauffman Youth Advisory Board, providing hundreds of thousands of dollars to youth projects in the city. Currently, he's setting up websites for 4-H clubs throughout the county and sharing his home with a foreign exchange student which Paul says "takes some effort, but you'll learn a great deal about yourself as well as another culture!" He enjoys the diversity of his volunteer experience and plans to keep encouraging other youth to get involved. Paul was nominated by Al Davis.

Macklen Mayse, 17, Shawnee Mission West High School—280 hours—Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Girl Scouts, Down's Syndrome Guild of Kansas City, AIDS Walk of Kansas City.

While a junior volunteer at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Macklen was working the telephones when a woman called who spoke no english. Macklen, who has studied spanish for five years, took a crack at helping the woman and it worked! She is proud to be able to use her talents to find new ways to help others and has been very busy with numerous organizations and projects. She focuses on the impact of her volunteer work and finds her motivation to keep volunteering by remembering the big picture. "Feeling like I could have an impact on someone or help someone has always felt awesome." Her volunteer experiences are diverse. Through Girl Scouts, Macklen has collected can goods and planned and participated in special events. Twice she has volunteered for the AIDS Walk of Kansas City. In the future, Macklen hopes to be able to use her Spanish skills to impact her community and plans to go global with her volunteering by traveling to Central and South America. Macklen was nominated by Marty Lea Kieffer.

Madison Meloy, 13, Leawood Middle School—Over 120 hours.

From childcare to coaching to working with the homeless, Madison is on a roll with her community service. According to Madison, "After doing community service once you don't want to stop." She certainly has remained busy! When she's not busy helping the teachers at school, Madison is sacking lunches for a shelter, sorting clothing donations.

Maranatha Deanna Wall, 16, Shawnee Mission North—Over 30 hours—Good Samaritan Project.

Few individuals could muster the tact and maturity that Deanna does in order to answer here peers' questions on the topic of teen sexuality. Deanna volunteers eight hours a week for the Good Samaritan Project, an organization devoted to HIV/AIDS prevention and education. She has worked with teens to help them understand the importance of self-respect when it pertains to safe sex and spends time on hotline calls answering panicked questions from her peers. Deanna says that she enjoys being able to clear up confusions on what may be very difficult issues for teens. She is convinced that youth volunteers are the catalysts for community change. "It's beautiful to see what other youth are doing to set off some new ideas," Deanna says. "It's important to be recognized for good especially when teens sometimes receive negative recognition." Deanna plans to assume many different roles as a volunteer, and with "a kazillion things to do" she promises to never be boring. Deanna was nominated by Elizabeth Spaur.

Bethany Meola, 14, Shawnee Mission West—Over 100 hours.

Bethany's volunteer experiences began at church, where she was inspired by the woman running a program there. Working with the children there has been challenging, but volunteering has allowed Bethany to learn the skills of patience and leadership. She enjoys being a role model for the younger kids she teaches and knows that they enjoy being able to look to her for encouragement. Her volunteering has taught her to recognize the potential in herself and in the children with whom she works and Bethany encourages other youth to take the volunteer plunge. "I know I have a better understanding about different things that I never would without community service. It really does change your perspective." The kids in church will be glad to know that Bethany plans to help out more, but that won't be enough for her! In Bethany's words: "Whatever looks interesting to me I will probably do; If I find any way to help the community, I will."

Christine M. Murray, 18, Blue Valley North High School—Over 165 hours—Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Phi Theta Kappa.

Christine believes that individual gifts mean everyone has something to offer as a volunteer. "While we might not be great in every area," Christine says, "we all have that one special talent and can use it to help others." This ambitious young lady takes

her inspiration from her family members who have "always considered community service to be part of the normal course of their lives." Growing up in a family with such high standards to emulate motivated Christine into action at an early age. Through middle school, she volunteered

Amy Turek, 13, Leawood Middle School—50 hours.

Even when Amy was on vacation, she was still volunteering! For two years, Amy collected the samples of soaps, lotions, and shampoos hotels offer to guests and later donated them all to a local homeless shelter. "Just try it once and you'll know how great it is!" she exclaims. Amy's greatest inspiration to participate in community service came from the people at her temple. There, she has been able to participate in many service events with her family that have been organized by the temple. She frequently goes to homeless shelters to serve and cook meals for the needy, and enjoys playing games and teaching arts and crafts to the children at the shelters. Amy relays this story about her volunteer experiences at the shelter: "After giving a man his food, he came up to my sister and I with tears in his eyes, thanking us and telling us 'God bless you'. I could tell he really meant it from the bottom of his heart." Amy will continue serving the community through her Jewish youth community service program. Amy was nominated by Michelle Myers.

Eddie Mitchell, 16, Blue Valley North—100 hours—Villa St. Joseph.

Eddie is getting seniors on the move. For months now, Eddie and other volunteers he has helped to recruit have been transporting the wheelchair-bound residents of Villa St. Joseph Nursing Home to Sunday Mass every week and tending to the resident's needs with attentive compassion. He helps the facility transform a livingroom into a temporary Chapel and back again and also transports all the residents to lunch. Every Sunday, services with Villa St. Joseph go off without a hitch, thanks to Eddie and his friends' commitment. But Eddie will be quick to point out that he's benefitting from his service more than the residents because he is able to connect to the people for whom he volunteers. "Not only do I get to feel the joy of helping out my community, but I also learn a lot every time I go," remarks Eddie. "I feel truly honored to be able to offer my hand to such inspiring and caring people." Eddie's proof that he's making a difference? The smiles he receives from the residents week after week. Eddie was nominated by Debbie Mitchell.

Allison Steinbrueck 16, Blue Valley High School—Over 1,000 hours—Heart of America Humane Society, The Bea Martin Peck Animal Shelter.

Allison has taken her love for animals further than caring for a family pet. When she discovered a volunteer opportunity at the Humane Society, she jumped at the chance to put her compassion to work. At the animal shelters, Allison helps animals to find a home and families to find a loving

Nathan Oliver, 18, Shawnee Mission East High School—1,500 hours—Ewing Marion

Kauffman Foundation Youth Advisory Board, Youth Volunteer Corps, SHARE Program.

Nathan is not a young man to mix words and certainly not one to shirk way from a challenge. "This world is full of followers and I challenge each and every individual to stand up and be a leader." Nathan has proven his leadership abilities through his experiences volunteering. His diverse talents range from support and counseling to fundraising and program development, but Nathan is ready for more. He points to his experience as a member of the Youth Advisory Board for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation as an illustration of the impact of his service. He is part of a group of youth that help fund projects for up to \$10,000, for a total of \$200,000 every year. In the future, Nathan will continue to volunteer and develop his photography skills. Eventually, Nathan hopes to establish his own community foundation and put in place programs that give back to the community. Nathan was nominated by Bev Timmons.

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TRIBUTE TO RICHMOND BAKING COMPANY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Biscuit & Cracker Manufacturer's Association. This leading cookie and cracker baking industry association is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this week.

The B&CMA's "Biscuit Boy" trademark is emblematic of the past 100 years of baking. It evokes memories of the nostalgic cracker barrels of 1901 and reminds us that its products still taste great in 2001. Every father knows the value of a well-placed cookie during important negotiations with his four-year-old.

The B&CMA has led the charge for rigorous and rapid growth throughout the century. Regional bakeries sprouted up all over the country. One that is especially important to me is our own Richmond Baking Company in East Central Indiana. It has been a leading manufacturer and employer for many Hoosiers in my district.

Richmond Baking ideally reflects the benefits of membership in the B&CMA. It has a working relationship with the community, offers delicious products and enhances our local economy. Richmond Baking is a good corporate citizen and their membership in the B&CMA is a part of that legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the B&CMA on a century

of outstanding service to the cookie and cracker industry. May the association continue to thrive and produce products that will delight families for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JONA GOLDRICH

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to join the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles' Real Estate & Construction Division in paying tribute to Jona Goldrich, for his generous service to a great variety of worthy organizations and causes and to the Jewish community worldwide. Jona has given tirelessly of his every resource, including the most cherished—his time—to improve the lives of his fellow citizens. He is to be saluted at a special dinner in his honor on May 31st in Los Angeles.

Jona is one of the most active supporters of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles in its mission to provide a wide array of agencies and programs with funds for food, shelter, health care, education, counseling, rescue and resettlement for individuals in need.

Jona came to the United States as an immigrant and created a real estate company so successful that he is widely acknowledged to be one of the most important and successful developers and managers of housing in the state of California. His distinguished career in real estate has earned him honor and recognition from virtually every professional organization in his field, including the "Man of the Year" award from the National Housing Conference. He has received accolades from numerous charitable groups for his work on behalf of those in need of affordable housing. As a member of the Chairman's Council of the Weingart Center, he has worked tirelessly to provide leadership and to seek innovative solutions to break the cycle of homelessness in Los Angeles.

Jona was born in Lvov, Poland in 1927. Out of fear for his life, his parents smuggled him out of Europe in 1942. He was sent to refugee camps in pre-Israel Palestine and later served in the Israeli Navy and the Merchant Marines in the military actions of 1948 and 1949 that resulted in the creation of the State of Israel. In 1953, he immigrated to the United States, traveling by bus from Boston to California and settling in Los Angeles because its climate reminded him of Israel.

Teaming up with Sol Kest, he formed G & K Industries, an innovative leader in the Southern California real estate market. Among the great accomplishments of this important company is the development of the Marina Pointe Apartments in Marina del Rey.

The great energy that has made Jona so successful in his business endeavors also fueled his tireless work on behalf of the Jewish people and the cause of remembrance. He has been honored with the National Conference of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award, the American Jewish Congress Civil

Achievement Award, and the President's Club Award of the B'nai B'rith, among many others. He is a member of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University and a great supporter of the Israel Philharmonic.

Among the greatest achievements, of Jona and his wife, Doretta are their two outstanding daughters, and among the greatest pleasures they enjoy is time spent with their grandson and granddaughter.

It is a great pleasure today to honor Jona Goldrich as a great champion of the Jewish Community in California and in Israel and to congratulate him on his philanthropic and professional service. We take pleasure in inviting our colleagues to join us in this salute to Jona.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF ROBERT E. LANGSTON OF THE U.S. PARK POLICE

**HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Chief Robert E. Langston of the U.S. Park Police on his more than 35 year career to law enforcement to the government of the U.S. and the U.S. Park police. Chief Langston retired from public service on April 7, 2001. His exceptional career began from his graduation of Florida State University with a B.S. in Police Administration, where he began his U.S. Park Police Career in August 1965 as a patrolman covering foot, cruiser, and motorcycle beats.

Upon promotion to Sergeant in 1971, he was assigned to the Training Branch, then to the Operations Divisions as a patrol Sergeant, followed by duty as a Motorcycle Unit supervisor. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1973, he served as a Shift commander before assuming command to the Communications Section. In 1975 he was promoted to Captain, first serving as Watch Commander and then assigned to the National Park Service's Southeast Region headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, where he served as Law Enforcement Specialist. After 2 years he returned to Washington, D.C. to the Operations Division as Commander of the Central District. Upon promotion to major in 1982, he saw duty at the National Park Service's Headquarters until his 1984 promotion to Deputy Chief in charge of the Field Office Divisions. Prior to his promotion to Assistant Chief in 1988, Langston also headed the Operations Divisions. Then in September 1991, Chief Langston was appointed to the duty of Chief of Police of the U.S. Park Service.

As Chief of one of the Nation's oldest law enforcement agencies, he was responsible for a force of 700 officers and 135 civilian employees assigned to National Park Service lands, parkways, monuments, and memorials in the greater Washington, D.C. area, the Gateway National Recreation Area, including the Statute of Liberty in New York, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, including the Presidio, in California. Members of the force are also detailed to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia.

Active in numerous civic and professional organizations, the Washington, D.C. native

was a member and past chairman of the Police Chiefs Steering Committee for the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments, a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the D.C. Law Enforcement Executive Forum, the FBI National Executive Forum, the FBI National Executive Institute-Police Executive Research Forum, and a former president of the FBI National Academy Associates, District of Columbia Chapter. He was also a member and past president of the Board of Directors, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Chapter. He is also a past member of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Board. He has received numerous awards and honors for his professional contributions.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that we will clearly miss an inspirational member of the U.S. Park Police like Chief Robert E. Langston. I am sure that I speak for many when I say that his tireless work for the U.S. Park Police will not soon be forgotten and that we are very thankful. I would like to personally wish him well in this new stage of his life and know that he will continue to be a presence in Washington. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in honoring this remarkable man.

Chief Langston and his wife, Beverly, have two children, a son Robert and a daughter Kellie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIKH NATION ON VAISAKHI DAY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, April 13 was the anniversary of the founding of the Sikh Nation by Guru Gobind Singh, called Vaisakhi Day. It is the most important of Sikh holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Sikhs on Vaisakhi Day.

Sikhs have made many contributions to American life in fields ranging from agriculture to law to medicine. One Sikh, Dalip Singh Saund, even served in the House of Representatives, representing a California district in the late 50s to the early 1960s.

Sikhs are suffering from significant persecution in India. Since 1984, according to The Politics of Genocide by Inderjit Singh Jaijee, over 250,000 Sikhs have been killed by the Indian government. A new report from the Movement Against State Repression—an organization that should not be necessary in a democracy—confirms that tens of thousands of Sikh political prisoners are being held in illegal detention in India without charge or trial, some for as long as 17 years! This confirms what Amnesty International had previously reported. 19 of us from both parties sent a letter to the President last month urging him to get involved in freeing these political prisoners.

This is part of a pattern of repression against religious minorities that engulfs India. In India, there has been an ongoing campaign of terror against the Christian community since Christmas 1998, which many of us have discussed in the RECORD. It has included killing priests, burning churches, raping nuns, and burning a missionary and his two young sons to death in their jeep while they slept. Muslims have also been subjected to fierce religious oppression. It is time for India to live up to the standards of a democratic state.

The fact that Vaisakhi Day this year coincided with the Jewish celebration of Passover, which celebrates the escape from slavery, and the Christian celebration of Good Friday and Easter, celebrating the triumph of life over death, should underline the importance of freedom, life, and basic human rights for all people.

American is the hope of the world. It is the land of freedom. We must take a stand for freedom. It is time to stop American aid and trade with India until it respects basic human rights. Also, it is time to declare our support for self-determination for the people of Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagalim, and all the other nations seeking their freedom. This would be a great way to celebrate Vaisakhi and Easter, by doing our part to bring freedom to all the people and nations of the subcontinent.

I am including the Council of Khalistan's press release on Vaisakhi Day in the RECORD for the information of my colleagues.

#### A TIME FOR FREEDOM

Washington, D.C., April 9, 2001—Citing the words of Guru Gobind Singh, who said "Recognize ye all the human race as one," Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, extends Happy Vaisakhi Day wishes to the Sikh Nation, Happy Easter wishes to the Christian community, and Happy Passover wishes to the Jewish community. "It is interesting that these celebrations and the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, author of the American Declaration of Independence, all come together at this time," Dr. Aulakh said. The Council of Khalistan is the organization leading the Sikh Nation's struggle for freedom for its homeland, Khalistan.

Vaisakhi Day, which marks the formation of the Khalsa Panth by guru Gobind Singh in 1699, falls on April 13, which is also Mr. Jefferson's birthday. This year, April 13 is also Good Friday in the Christian calendar. April 15 is Easter. The Jewish holiday of Passover started this past weekend and runs for eight days, concluding this coming weekend.

Passover celebrates the Jewish people's escape from slavery in Egypt. Good Friday is the observance of Jesus's death on the cross, followed on Sunday by the Resurrection. It celebrates not only the resurrection of Jesus, but also the triumph of life over death and the resurrection of spirit in every person.

"The coming-together of these important occasions is a time to celebrate freedom," said Dr. Aulakh. "As the Jewish community celebrates the escape of their ancestors from slavery in Egypt, let us rededicate our efforts to the cause of freedom for the Sikh Nation," he said. "As Thomas Jefferson wrote, when a government becomes destructive of the inalienable rights of any people, 'it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it.' Guru instructed the Sikh Nation to oppose tyranny wherever it is found. Let us step up the struggle against the tyranny that engulfs our own people," he said. "As Christians celebrate the triumph of life, let us devote ourselves to protecting the life of our Sikh brothers and sisters and the Sikh Nation by liberating our homeland, Khalistan, from Indian occupation."

Dr. Aulakh called on the Sikhs in Punjab, Khalistan to observe Vaisakhi as a day of prayer and introspection, not working or doing business with the Indian government, but taking a day to go to the Gurdwara and celebrate the lives of the Gurus and remember their words. He also urged them to pray for freedom for the Sikh Nation and also for every other people in the world.

"India is not a democracy for Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, and other minorities," said

Dr. Aulakh. "Congressman Rohrabacher was right when he said that for minorities 'India might as well be Nazi Germany.'" Police witnesses have confirmed that the police tortured and murdered the former Jatheadar of the Akal Takht, Gurdev Singh Kaunke, and human-rights activist Jaswant Singh Khaira.

Sikhs ruled Punjab up to 1849 when the British conquered the subcontinent. Sikhs were equal partners during the transfer of power from the British. The Muslim leader Jinnah got Pakistan for his people, the Hindu leaders got India, but the Sikh leadership was fooled by the Hindu leadership promising that Sikh would have "the glow of freedom" in Northwest India and the Sikhs took their share with India. Sikhism was not even recognized in the Indian constitution as a separate religion, while Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc., were recognized. Discrimination against the Sikh Nation took place in every sphere. After the Golden Temple attack, the Sikh Nation stepped up its struggle to achieve its God-given right to the free. Tens of thousands of Sikh political prisoners are rotting in Indian jails without charge or trial. On October 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation declared the independence of its homeland, Punjab, Khalistan. No Sikh representative has ever signed the Indian constitution. The Sikh Nation demands freedom for Khalistan.

The government of India has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, more than 200,000 Christians since 1947, over 70,000 Muslims in Kashmir since 1988, and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipurals, Daltis (the aboriginal people of the subcontinent), and others. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "worse than a genocide." Government-allied Hindu militants have murdered priests, and raped nuns. Hindu radicals, members of the Bajrang Dal, burned missionary Graham Stewart Staines and his two sons, ages 10 and 8, to death while they surrounded the victims and chanted "Victory to Hannuman," a Hindu god.

"Democracies don't commit genocide," Dr. Aulakh said. "India should stop the repression and allow a plebiscite on the future status of Kashmir, Nagaland, and Khalistan," he said. "Only freedom will bring peace and justice in South Asia."

#### TRIBUTE TO DOUG STRUYK

#### HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend our sincere congratulations to Doug Struyk, President and CEO of the Christian Health Care Center of Wyckoff, New Jersey. He is being honored as the Wyckoff Family YMCA's Man of the Year for 2000 at the nineteenth annual Friends of the Y Banquet to be held on May 3, 2001.

Mr. Struyk is receiving this award because of his vision and humane leadership of the Christian Health Care Center and in creating a state-of-the-art, on-site day care center. The day care center is operated by the Wyckoff YMCA. We all know that quality childcare is vital for working families. When that childcare is available at the workplace it makes it even more valuable. Knowing that their children are in a safe, learning, and loving environment allows parents to perform better at home and at work. In addition, having the childcare on-site at the workplace allows the parent to have lunch with their child or just "pop in" for a visit.

Mr. Struyk's work at the Christian Health Care Center has truly been amazing. He joined the Center in 1990 as chief financial officer and moved up to CEO and president in 1994. He has created a dynamic and caring organization that has served the surrounding community for many generations. He has inspired many with his personal touch in caring for the elderly.

I speak from personal experience. My beloved mother, Margaret Scafati, was cared for with compassion and professionalism of the highest quality.

In addition to all of this, he is actively building a partnership with the federal government to address many issues facing our society. On April 25, 2001, Mr. Struyk joined us in Washington, D.C. to participate in the first annual Faith-Based Summit. Hundreds of faith-based leaders from across the nation came together at the Summit. Mr. Struyk is a leader in the area and his knowledge and experience was greatly appreciated and of great value.

The Center is a private, non-profit institution, that was established in 1911 by members of the Reformed and Christian Reformed Churches. The mission of the Center is to provide a continuum of high quality services consistent with the Christian principles on which the institution was founded. Care is provided to those in need of long term care, mental health care and residential living in a compassionate loving environment. The Center consists of a 251 bed skilled nursing home, a 40 unit supportive senior housing complex, a residential living facility and a psychiatric hospital. The most recent construction is the 80 unit Longview assisted living facility that includes the new child care center.

Doug Struyk's leadership and dedication is continuing the well deserved reputation of the Christian Health Care Center as one of the finest of the kind in our great nation. Our hearts and prayers go with him and his dedicated staff.

#### THE GOOD SAMARITAN TAX ACT: TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO CLARIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE CHARITABLE DEDUCTION ALLOWABLE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD INVENTORY

#### HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to join my colleagues from Ohio, TONY HALL, in introducing the "Good Samaritan Tax Act", a bill that has been introduced in the two previous Congresses. The purpose is to help meet the demand for food for the needy. The economic boom of recent years has not eliminated the need to feed the hungry. In fact, as more and more citizens are removed from the welfare rolls many turn to food banks for help.

A recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report indicated that in 1999, 10 percent of American households, comprising 31 million individuals (including 12 million children), suffer from hunger. According to a recent Conference of Mayors report, demand for emergency food has increased, and over 13 percent of this demand goes unmet.

The bill would increase the incentives for restaurants, farms and other businesses in the food industry to donate food to food banks, homeless shelters and other charitable organizations. The Internal Revenue Code actually discourages contributions because of the uncertainty regarding the tax treatment of donations of food as compared to donations of other inventory. The bill has been designed to correct that deficiency.

We believe this bill would remove the uncertainty and provide the necessary incentive for businesses to increase their food donations. This would be accomplished by adding a provision to Section 170(e) of the Code that would indicate that the fair market value of donated food is determined, (1) without regard to internal policies, lack of market, or similar circumstances, whether the food cannot or will not be sold, and, (2) if applicable, by taking into account the price at which similar products are sold by the taxpayer at the time of contribution. These have been points of controversy with the Internal Revenue Service, causing uncertainty as well as disincentives to incur the administrative and other costs necessary for the proper handling and preservation of food being donated. In addition, Section 170(e) would be amended to include businesses in addition to C corporations, as the current law provides.

We hope our colleagues will join us in cosponsoring this legislation.

**FBI DIRECTOR FREEH RETIRES  
AFTER A PROUD RECORD OF  
SERVICE TO HIS NATION**

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that today we learned of the planned retirement of FBI Director Louis Freeh, who has served his nation so well. For 27 years he has served his country as an FBI agent, federal prosecutor, and a sitting federal judge, and having worked tirelessly here and around the globe to enhance the rule of law.

Our country will surely miss his dedication, his professionalism and integrity, which he displayed each and every day he served as the Director of our nation's leading federal law enforcement agency, the FBI, as he led the fight against transnational crime and terrorism.

Director Freeh brought vision, foresight, and innovation to the battle against crime and terrorism, both at home and abroad. In the area of foreign crime fighting and the battle against international terrorism, which I am most familiar with, he wisely expanded the FBI's presence abroad to fight transnational crime and international terrorism long before it reached our nation.

I was particularly proud to work hand and hand with Director Freeh in establishing and maintaining the first ever International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Budapest, Hungary. It is today the model for international training and development of regional cooperative police relationships around the globe. There is now an ILEA operating in Asia, and others planned for Africa, and our own Western Hemisphere. We will miss Director Freeh's vision and leadership.

As he himself said today of those overseas efforts, among others: "These measures already have proven invaluable in the international fight against terrorism, organized crime, cyber-crime, and transnational crimes in the Information Age." We fully agree with his assessment.

Finally, I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing our good friend and fellow New Yorker, Director Louis Freeh, and his family, much success and joy in his future endeavors, whatever, or wherever they may be in the private sector. He has served our nation and our people well. We all owe him a debt of gratitude.

**UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE  
ACT OF 2001**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2001*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD, the following testimony pursuant to the vote on H.R. 503, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

[From the National Right to Life Committee, Inc., Washington, DC]

My name is Shiwona Pace.

On August 26, 1999, I was a 23-year-old college student in Little Rock. I was the mother of two—my five-year-old son, and an unborn baby girl named Heaven Lashay. I had named my baby "Heaven" two months earlier, after an ultrasound test revealed that she was a girl. August 26 was one day before my predicted full-term delivery date.

But that night, three men brutally murdered my unborn baby daughter.

I curled up face down on the floor, crying begging for them to stop beating me. But they did not stop. One shouted, "F\*\*\* you! Your baby is dying tonight."

They choked me, punched me, hit me in the face with a gun. They kicked me again and again in the abdomen. After about thirty minutes, they left me sobbing there on the floor.

At the hospital, they found Heaven had died in my womb. She was a perfect baby, almost seven pounds. She almost looked as if she were sleeping.

The assailants were arrested. They had been hired by Erik Bullock, my former boyfriend. He paid them \$400 to kill little Heaven Lashay.

Only a month before, a new state law took effect that recognized unborn children as crime victims. If that law had not been enacted, Erik Bullock would have been prosecuted only for the assault on me, but not for the death of my baby.

But thanks to the state law, Bullock was also convicted for his role in killing my baby. The men who attacked me are also being prosecuted for what they did to Heaven.

I tell my story now for one reason: If this same attack occurred today within a federal jurisdiction, the men who killed my baby could be prosecuted only for assault.

That is why I urge members of Congress to support the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (H.R. 503, S. 480), which would recognize unborn children as victims under 68 federal laws dealing with crimes of violence.

I was dismayed to learn that some members of Congress oppose this bill, and insist on adoption of a radically different bill (the Lofgren Amendment) that says that such

crimes only have one victim—the pregnant woman.

They are wrong. On the night of August 26, 1999, there were two victims. I lived—but my daughter died. I lost a child and my son lost the baby sister he had always wanted—but little Heaven lost her life.

It seems to me that any congressman who votes for the "one-victim" amendment is really saying that nobody died that night.

And that is a lie.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
MONSIGNOR GENE W. MULLETT**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of the Twenty-Fifth year of Monsignor Mullett's service in the Catholic Church.

Whereas, Monsignor's journey began on May 1, 1976 when he was ordained at St. John's Arena by Bishop John Mussi; and,

Whereas, Monsignor has tirelessly dedicated himself since that date in service to God and to his fellow man; and,

Whereas, such institutions of God's will as Saint John's Vianney Parish of Powhatan Point, Saint Anthony's Church of Steubenville, and Saint Michael's Parish of Bellaire, have all benefitted and prospered under his guidance;

Therefore, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the Citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of Monsignor Gene W. Mullett's twenty five years of service to our community.

**CLARIFICATION RELATING TO THE  
INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1457**

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, the bill H.R. 1457 was reintroduced in error on April 4, 2001. The correct bill, H.R. 917 (the Federal Living Wage Responsibility Act), was already introduced on March 7, 2001.

**IN HONOR OF THE AMERICAN  
LYME DISEASE FOUNDATION,  
INC. ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
ALDF ANNUAL GALA BENEFIT**

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Ms. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I enthusiastically rise today to honor the American Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc. (ALDF). Established in 1990, ALDF is the nation's most vital public voice in the battle against Lyme disease. From its comprehensive educational campaign to generous support for cutting-edge research, ALDF champions the prevention and treatment of Lyme disease, saving thousands of people each year from the often

painful and debilitating symptoms of tick-borne infections.

Lyme disease is the most prevalent vector-borne disease in the United States, with over 145,000 cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since 1982. The actual number of cases may be 3–5 times that reported and costs related to tick-borne infections may exceed two billion dollars a year. Over the last decade, ALDF has increased public awareness about Lyme disease tremendously. Furthermore, many of the scientific advancements made by ALDF supported research have significantly increased our understanding of Lyme disease and the best methods for preventing and treating the disease.

I salute the leadership of ALDF for their vigilant work to raise public awareness about Lyme disease and to increase the body of medical knowledge available for the prevention and treatment of the illness. In particular, I applaud the members of the ALDF Board of Directors, Chairman Anthony J. Walton, and Executive Director David L. Weld. I also want to recognize my friend and constant advisor on the issue of Lyme disease, Richard E. Gray, who is also a Member of the ALDF Board of Directors. ALDF's esteemed Council of National Scientific Advisors deserves recognition as well, for their innovative research on Lyme disease. This research remain critical to the health and well-being of thousands of communities in high-risk areas, especially in the Northeast region of the United States.

ALDF plays a key role in providing reliable and scientifically accurate information to the public and to health care providers regarding Lyme disease. Recently, the ALDF, in collaboration with the Dutchess County Department of Health and the Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, NY, received a grant of \$300,000 for the first of a three year grant period from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to institute a community-based integrated management plan to significantly reduce reported cases of Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections within a target community. I congratulate ALDF for creating this innovative project and trust that when implemented, it will become one among many of ALDF's successful public awareness campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to the American Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc. in recognition of the Foundation's honorable mission and distinguished record of achievement.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT W.  
GILLESPIE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Robert W. Gillespie, a man known throughout his distinguished career not only for his business acumen and leadership in the financial services industry, but also for his active participation in the Greater Cleveland community.

Mr. Gillespie earned his bachelor of arts degree in economics from Ohio Wesleyan University. Continuing his studies, he is also a graduate of the Harvard Business School's

Advanced Management Program and earned his master of business administration degree in 1968 from Case Western Reserve University. While completing his graduate degree, he began his association with Society Corporation on a part-time basis.

From the time of the merger of KeyCorp and Society Corporation in March 1994 until May 1997, Mr. Gillespie served as their president. He was elected chairman of KeyCorp in September 1996 and served as chief executive officer from September 1995 through February of this year as well.

Along with his successful career, Robert W. Gillespie is an active member of the Greater Cleveland community. He currently sits on the boards of trustees of the Cleveland Museum of Art, the United Way, Case Western Reserve University, Musical Arts Association, Cleveland Tomorrow, and the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. He is also a member of the Financial Services Roundtable, the American Bankers Council, and the American Bankers Association.

My fellow colleagues, join me in recognizing Robert W. Gillespie, a man whose enormous energy and dedication has touched the lives of thousands of people in the Greater Cleveland area in a most positive way.

TRIBUTE TO THE NORCO LIONS  
CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to the Norco Lions Club as they prepare for their 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Saturday, April 28th. In my congressional district of Riverside, California, we are fortunate to have numerous community service organizations that not only unselfishly give their time and talents to the community but find their own lives enriched in return. The Norco Lions Club epitomizes this and more.

Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club association with over 1.6 million members, was founded in 1917 by Melvin Jones with a simple mission—"We Serve." Ever since, Lions Clubs across the world have been dedicated to helping those less fortunate in their communities and around the world. Lions Clubs International's goals pivot on their commitment to aiding the blind and visually impaired, followed by their dedication to serving young people—encouraging youth to serve their community without personal financial reward, with efficiency and high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

The Norco Lions Club, the largest in their district, encompasses the majority of both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Services to the community are eye-sight programs, including eye exams and eye-glasses for children in need, and blood drives. Additionally, Norco Lions Club has scouted or helped to establish the Norco Boy Scout Troop 33, Mira Loma Swan Lake Lions Club, Norco Lioness Club, Swan Lake Lioness Club, Norco Leo Club and other local community organizations. Youth outreach offers a Student Speakers

scholarship program, International Peace Poster Contest, 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, Future Farmers of America Scholarships, D.A.R.E. programs, sports programs and local high school programs.

Mr. Speaker, volunteers are critical to fostering a spirit of understanding, good citizenship and good government in the United States and worldwide. By working so closely with the youth of today, Norco Lions Clubs, and the clubs around the world are assuring that "an active interest in the civic, culture, social and moral welfare" of our communities is passed on from generation to generation. I congratulate the Norco Lions Club on its 50th anniversary, commend its local community and international service, and wish them success for another 50 years to come.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER L. GALIPEAU ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Jennifer L. Galipeau of Tiffin, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Jennifer's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall within the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Jennifer brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending Calvert High School in Tiffin, Jennifer attained a grade point average of 3.96, which places her sixty in a class of 72. In her high school career, Jennifer has been recognized as a National Honor Society Member, a National Science and English Merit Award Winner, Citizenship award recipient, a three time Academic Varsity letter recipient and has been counted in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Outside the classroom, Jennifer has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, she has earned letter in cross-country and softball. She has also been active as a member of SADD, the Calvert News Staff, the French Club, and has been an assistant coach for the Tiffin ponytail softball league. Highlighting her distinguished career is her service in the Civil Air Patrol where she was named Flight Commander and the 1999 Cadet of the Year. In addition, she is a 1999 graduate of the NASA Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of rise today to pay special tribute to Jennifer L. Galipeau. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am confident that Jennifer will do very

well during her career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well as she begins her service to the nation.

COMMEMORATING MERCER COUNTY'S TRIBUTE TO MRS. NELL FRANKLIN ON MAY 10, 2001

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, Nellie Irene Roop Franklin was born on a farm Southeast of Fort Recovery, Ohio, a farm that has been in the family since 1896. Nell graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 1934 and is married to Darrell Franklin. They will soon be celebrating 60 years of marriage. Nell and her husband attend the Fort Recovery Methodist Church.

Nell began her career working for a beauty shop, where she continued to work until her retirement 40 years later. During this time she was elected to village council and then filled an unexpired term as Mayor. She was later reelected and spent 19 years as Mayor of Fort Recovery. Following her retirement from the beauty business, she remained involved in local politics by working for the Mercer County Board of Elections. She spent 17 years serving as both Director and Deputy Director. She has a total of 16 years spent as Treasurer of the Mercer County Republican Central Committee and 10 years as the President of the Mercer County Republican Women's Organization. Nell attended two Republican National Conventions as a delegate and alternate delegate from the 8th Congressional District. Nell has never missed voting in an election since she was 21.

Nell has received many awards for her community involvement including the Fort Recovery High School Distinguished Alumni Award given to her in 1997, the Service to Community Award presented to her by the Fort Recovery Masonic Lodge #539 in September of 2000, and the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award awarded to her in 1996. In addition, her name is listed in the Fort Recovery Hall of Fame.

In both a professional and personal capacity, Nell has gone above and beyond in providing service to her community. Her hard work and dedication should serve as an example and an inspiration for us all. Every American should aspire to this kind of enthusiastic commitment to their community. I am proud to know and represent Nell Franklin in Congress—a hard-working woman who spent her life dedicating herself to the ideals that will help insure our country remains a great place to live with hope and opportunity for all.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember one of the most historic days in

Vietnam history and to honor the numerous agencies and churches that helped thousands of refugees adapt to a new life in the greater Cleveland Area.

Mr. Speaker, April 30, 1975, represents one of the most historic dates in the history of Vietnam. It was on this date, twenty-six years ago, the communist troops completed their conquest of Vietnam. Mr. Speaker today, twenty-six years later, I rise to honor the memory of the 500,000 South Vietnamese soldiers and the 58,135 American service personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom and the defense of democracy in the conflict.

Mr. Speaker, today I also rise to join the Vietnamese Community of Cleveland to congratulate and thank the many agencies and churches in the Cleveland area for their outstanding efforts in providing much needed assistance to the Vietnamese refugees as they adapted to their lives in Cleveland. They represent the very best that Cleveland has to offer, and their assistance to the thousands of refugees has helped the Vietnamese Community grow.

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in rising on this special day, to honor the memory of the hundreds of thousands of men and women who gave their life in the name of freedom and to thank, with the Vietnamese Community of Great Cleveland, the many agencies and churches that helped improve the lives of thousands of Vietnamese refugees.

TRIBUTE TO THE DICKEY DELOSS RECIPIENT, GOLD KEY AWARD

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to Dickey DeLoss as she is presented with the Gold Key Award from Soroptimist International of Riverside on April 24th. In my congressional district of Riverside, California, we are fortunate to have men and women that not only unselfishly give their time and talents to the community but find their own lives enriched in return. Dickey DeLoss epitomizes this and more.

Soroptimist International of the Americas, a volunteer service organization for women, was formed in 1921 with a simple mission—to “make a difference for women.” Members represent a wide array of professions, including doctors, attorneys, teachers, chief executive officers, business owners and government officials. The group's name comes from two Latin words meaning “best for women.”

Dickey DeLoss, as a Soroptimist, has unquestionably become a leader of women in her community. Her service began more than 20 years ago. Since then, Dickey has given tirelessly, engaging in awareness, advocacy and action through an incredible array of community life, including volunteering with: Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Deaf Awareness Commission, Evergreen Cemetery, County of Riverside-Division on Student Programs, Law Enforcement Policy Commission, YWCA, Youth Accountability Board and Human Relations Commission for the City of Riverside.

As a realtor since 1967 and broker since 1969, Dickey has led the way for women in

the Inland Empire and received countless awards and recognitions. In fact, she became only the second woman in the 20 year history of the Riverside Board of Realtors to be President in 1975 and was the first woman president of the Magnolia Center Chamber of Commerce. Dickey was honored as California “Woman of the Year” in 1995 and has received over 73 other awards.

Mr. Speaker, volunteers are critical to fostering a spirit of understanding, good citizenship and good government in the United States and worldwide. The women of Soroptimist International of Riverside exemplify this by offering young women role models, thereby assuring that an active interest in the civic, culture, social and moral welfare of our communities is passed on from generation to generation. I congratulate Dickey DeLoss on her award and commend her for her work within the community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EMILY A. GROSS ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Emily A. Gross of Norwalk, Ohio, has accepted an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Emily's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Emily brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending St. Paul High School, Emily attained a grade point average of 3.93, which places her tenth in a class of 68. In her high school career, Emily has been recognized as a National Honor Society Member, a Wendy's National Heisman Award Nominee, and has been counted in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Outside the classroom, Emily has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, she has earned numerous letters and awards in volleyball and basketball. She has also been an active member of the Key Club, marching band and concert band.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Emily A. Gross. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am confident that Emily will do very well during her career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well as she begins her service to the nation.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS/STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN BOEHNER TO COMMEMORATING NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Alcohol Awareness Month to recognize the Century Council and the distilled spirits industry for their latest efforts to fight drunk driving.

On April 10, 2001, in a landmark announcement, the Century Council joined by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) announced that they will work together to help states implement comprehensive legislation to combat the devastating problem of drunk driving.

America's leading distillers have had a long-standing commitment to fighting drunk driving and maintain that it is the responsibilities of the states to enact an appropriate blood alcohol concentration level.

Launched in May of 1991, the Century Council is funded by America's leading distillers to promote responsible decision-making regarding alcohol consumption and to fight alcohol abuse, focusing on drunk driving and underage drinking problems.

I am pleased to join President Bush and Secretary Mineta in commending the Century Council, the distilled spirits industry, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their lifesaving efforts.

IN HONOR OF BR. JAMES SPOONER, CSC PRESIDENT OF ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Br. James Spooner, CSC, President of St. Edward High School.

Born on January 4, 1946, Br. James Spooner grew up in Westpark where he attended Our Lady of Angels School. He eventually went to St. Edward High School in Lakewood where he graduated in 1964 and later attended Eastern Michigan University graduating with a B.A. and M.A. in Science.

Br. Spooner entered the congregation of Holy Cross in 1964 where he served his Postulancy at Sacred Heart Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin. He then served his Novitiate at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana from 1964–1965 and his Scholasticate at Dujarie Hall in Notre Dame, Indiana from 1965–1967.

Br. Spooner has traversed throughout the Midwest Province serving as teacher and role model for high school students. He was a dedicated teacher and dorm counselor in Boysville School in Clinton, Michigan. He also spent time in Kentucky and Ohio offering his service at different high schools. From 1986–1988 he served as Associate Principal of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron and

then in 1988 became President and Principal of St. Edward High School in Cleveland.

Under his leadership as President of St. Edward High School, Br. James Spooner has led the school to many great achievements. In 1996, St. Ed's was honored as a Nationally Recognized School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education. He spearheaded the St. Edward Technology Plan, a \$1 million program to incorporate technology in the classroom. He also raised the school's endowment from \$300,000 to over \$5 million for student financial aid and faculty development. He has worked tirelessly with the staff and faculty to create and foster the Community Service and Community Meal programs which allows St. Edwards staff and students help and serve others. He has also worked for the school accreditation as a College Precatory School.

Most recently, he worked to launch the Generations of Eagles campaign, an ongoing capital campaign that will change the landscape of St. Edward High School from a Student Activity Center to be opened this fall, to the Jack Kahl Student Life and Leadership Center to break ground this summer, and the complete renovations of the Chapel starting next year.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Br. James Spooner's hard work, dedication and his commitment to the St. Edward High School community.

TRIBUTE TO THE AUXILIARY OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ON THEIR 75th ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, my congressional district in Riverside, California is extremely fortunate to have a dynamic and dedicated group of community volunteers who willingly and unselfishly give of their time and talents to ensure the well-being of our city and county. These individuals work tirelessly to enrich and brighten the lives of so many at Riverside Community Hospital. It is my distinct pleasure to honor and commend the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital today as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary on April 28th.

Volunteers of the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital have donated millions of hours of service to the hospital and the community over the last 75 years. Fund-raising before 1997 helped to significantly improve services at the hospital. And since then, the Auxiliary has raised \$50,000 for defibrillators for the Riverside City Fire Department, \$75,000 for a mobile health vehicle to deliver free health services throughout the riverside area, and most recently \$50,000 for dental equipment and \$25,000 for health educational materials for the Eastside Health Center. The Auxiliary volunteers also raise funds for educational scholarships and seminars.

Volunteers of the Auxiliary give over 60,000 volunteer service hours a year to the Riverside Community Hospital in addition to all of their community work. Services that Auxiliary volunteers perform to augment the quality of health

care at the hospital include: Discharging patients, clerical work, visiting patients, information desk, messenger service, maternity tea, lobby host and much more.

As we approach National Volunteer Week, from April 21 to April 28, it is fitting that we thank the Auxiliary volunteers for their dedication and service to better the lives committed to Riverside Community Hospital's care and the enriched atmosphere that their presence creates. 2001's designation as International Year of Volunteers also reminds us that the men, women and youth across our nation who volunteer deserve recognition and thanks for giving back to their local community, state and nation.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital on its 75th anniversary and commend its local community and city service.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR I. CERALDI ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Arthur I. Ceraldi of Oak Harbor, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, Arthur's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipman class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and regarding undertakings of their lives.

Arthur brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Naval Academy Midshipmen. While attending Oak Harbor High School, Arthur has attained a grade point average of 3.75, which places him 21 in a class of 175. Arthur is a member of the National Honor Society, and received a superior rating at the Ohio State Science Fair during his sophomore year.

Outside the classroom, Arthur has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Arthur has earned varsity letters in football, track and swimming where he is the team captain. Arthur has also been active in the Boy Scouts, the French Club, the Science Club, the Varsity Club, and Buckeye Boys State.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Arthur Ceraldi. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am confident that Arthur will do very well during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the nation.

COMMEMORATING RETIREMENT  
OF J. RICHARD HARRIS FROM  
THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT  
AT LEHMAN CATHOLIC HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, at 78 years of age, Mr. J. Richard Harris remains an active member of the Piqua community. Dick is a Troy native and graduate of Troy High School. He served his country during World War II in the US Navy and saw active duty aboard the U.S.S. *Bunker Hill* and the U.S.S. *Wasp*. Upon his return to Ohio, he served on the Highway Patrol Auxiliary and worked for Waco Airplane Company in Troy before becoming advertising director and later publisher of the Piqua Daily Call. He also worked for the Piqua Battery Company for a number of years before opening a Development Office at the Lehman Catholic High School in the late 1980's.

During his 12-year tenure at Lehman, he helped raise over \$5.5 million in the Twenty-First Century capital campaign to benefit the school. He remains active with the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce and founded the Piqua Ambassadors, a group dedicated to promoting the city of Piqua and its communities. He has served as a United Fund chairman and has continued his work with Border City Savings & Loan, the YWCA and the YMCA.

In both a professional and personal capacity, Mr. Harris has gone above and beyond in providing service to his community. His hard work and dedication should serve as an example for us all. Every American should aspire to this kind of enthusiastic commitment to service. I am proud to know and represent a person like Dick Harris in Congress. A hard-working man who has spent his life striving to live up to the ideals that will help insure our country remains a great place to live with hope and opportunity for all.

IN HONOR OF CLAIRE A. VAN  
UMMERSEN, PH.D.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tireless efforts of Dr. Van Ummersen. Dr. Claire A. Van Ummersen has gone above and beyond her duty in furthering the mission of Cleveland State University as one of the great urban universities in the nation.

Dr. Claire Van Ummersen became president of Cleveland State University in April of 1993. Since that time, she has granted diplomas to over 20,000 graduates. Under her leadership, Cleveland University executed an extensive building construction program and implemented several resourceful degree programs. The University's endowment grew fourfold during her tenure. Recently, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Institutions of Higher Education sug-

gested that Cleveland State University be honored continuing accreditation without qualification for the next ten years.

Prior to her appointment at Cleveland State University, Dr. Van Ummersen facilitated as chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire. She also served as a vice chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education.

Dr. Van Ummersen has been continuously active on numerous boards and commissions. She earned her B.S. summa cum laude from Tufts University. Furthering her education, she earned an M.S. and a Ph.D. from the same university. Achieving high honors in her field of study, Dr. Claire Van Ummersen has been awarded two honorary Doctor of Science degrees, and she is a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi honorary societies.

In November, Dr. Van Ummersen announced she accepted an opportunity to work for the American Council of Higher Education as Vice President and Director of the Office of Women in Higher Education.

In honor of Dr. Claire A. Van Ummersen's hard work and dedication, I ask my colleagues to join me today to recognize her efforts as a community leader and role model.

**SUPPORT THE EARTHQUAKE LOSS  
REDUCTION ACT OF 2001**

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, when a major earthquake hits our communities in California, one of the first things firefighters and police must do is make sure local hospitals are ready to handle injuries. Falling walls, buckling roads, flaming gas-main breaks—the aftermath of an earthquake can quickly turn an entire hospital into an emergency room.

Imagine, then, what a disaster it would be if one of the buildings destroyed in an earthquake is the only hospital for 100 miles around. This is the prospect faced by many residents in remote rural areas in California, like the Mojave Desert in my district. It is a chilling thought, and it is something that we must not allow to happen.

The California Legislature has mandated that it will not happen. By 2008, all hospitals in the state must be retrofitted or rebuilt to ensure they will remain standing in a major quake. This is an admirable goal and an absolute necessity. But it is also so expensive that small rural hospitals and major urban medical centers are worried they cannot afford the upgrade.

To help avoid this, my colleague MIKE THOMPSON and I have introduced the Earthquake Loss Reduction Act of 2001. It would begin the process of investing in mitigation rather than paying tens of billions of dollars in disaster relief for every natural disaster that occurs in this country.

In support of this measure, I would urge my colleagues to consider the following information provided to me by the California Healthcare Association:

**HISTORY OF HOSPITAL SEISMIC MANDATE**

The state of California in 1994 enacted sweeping legislation mandating stringent

new hospital building seismic standards (SB 1953, Chapter 740, Statutes of 1994).

The legislation was approved in the wake of the January 1994 Northridge earthquake, which caused 23 hospitals to suspend some or all of their services and resulted in more than \$3 billion in hospital-related damages.

No patient who was hospitalized during the Northridge earthquake died as a result of the tremor. No patient in any California hospital has died as a result of a building's structural failure due to an earthquake since 1971.

The seismic mandate requires all hospital buildings in the state to comply with more stringent seismic-safety mandates by specified deadlines—(1) by 2002, major non-structural

The specific regulations for this statute were not finalized until 1997, and the cost of the mandate was not fully understood until engineers thoroughly evaluated all of the state's hospital buildings as required by Jan. 1, 2001.

Thorough hospital building evaluation reports were submitted by hospitals throughout the state by Jan. 1, 2001. These reports were made public by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) on March 28, 2001.

Based on the evaluation reports, 78 percent of the hospitals in California have at least one building that is at risk of collapse during a major earthquake.

**IMPACT OF LEGISLATION**

There are approximately 2,700 general acute-care inpatient hospital buildings (at approximately 470 hospitals) that are required to meet the mandates of the seismic law.

The seismic mandates enacted by the Legislature in 1994 did not provide any financial assistance to hospitals to help defray the costs of these upgrades. The state's seismic law is an "unfunded mandate" on hospitals.

The current "hard construction" cost estimate to comply with the requirements of the state's seismic law is \$24 billion. This cost is equivalent to the total undepreciated assets of all of California's hospitals. Additionally, hospitals will face significant additional costs including the cost of financing, land acquisition, reconfiguring parking and revenues lost during seismic retrofitting or construction.

California hospitals face mounting financial pressures. More than 60 percent of California's hospital—2 out of every 3—are currently losing money from operations. Nearly a third of the state's urban hospitals and more than 50 percent of rural and inner-city hospitals are losing money from all sources of income.

Many hospitals—especially rural and inner-city facilities—may not be able to raise the necessary capital to comply with the state's seismic law. Those that can't will be forced to close their doors or significantly reduce their services.

According to a December 2000 Standard & Poor's report, California's hospitals face "... deteriorating credit quality and more limited access to capital" than hospitals in other parts of the country. "Given the volatility of the health care sector, access to capital through bond financing has been greatly reduced for all but the strongest credits. Bond insurers have retreated from the sector, limiting exposure to higher-rated credits and charging significantly higher fees."

The seismic mandates do not account for the additional operating burdens faced by hospitals, including rising costs for pharmaceuticals and new technologies, and reduced

reimbursement from government and insurance programs.

Construction and retrofitting activities to meet the law's current deadlines are likely to diminish services to patients—including the uninsured—exacerbate personnel shortages, and result in dislocation of medical staff and employees.

Because of the lengthy five- to six-year approval and construction processes required for hospital building projects, the issues surrounding compliance with the seismic law must be addressed this year.

#### HONORING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE 16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ARTS COMPETITION

##### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to honor the students, teachers and volunteers who participated in 16th Congressional District Arts Competition this past Saturday in Southgate, Michigan. All totaled, 73 students from twelve area high schools participated in this year's competition and I want to say thank you to everyone involved in putting this extraordinary event together.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the winners this morning. I offer my congratulations to Jennifer Senko of Lincoln Park High School, who took top honors with her self-portrait entry; Rebecca Gruden of Dundee High School in Monroe County, who won the second place prize for "Alice's Cup of Tea"; Amber George, also of Lincoln Park High, who placed third for "The Old House"; and finally Brian D. Goodwin of Grosse Ile High School, who received the fourth place award for his work "Belle Isle."

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of a wonderful woman and educator from Lincoln Park High School, Mrs. Valerie Truax. Valerie has been involved with the Congressional Arts Competition for many years. Unfortunately, this will be her last year, because after 34 years of instructing the students of Lincoln Park in the visual arts, Valerie is retiring. It is a beautiful tribute and a reflection of her dedication and enthusiasm that two of her students won honors at the competition, with Jennifer taking the top prize. Congratulations Valerie, thank you for your fine service to your community and to the arts. We will miss you.

Jennifer Senko, the first place winner received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and will be flown to Washington, D.C. to participate in an awards ceremony with other first-place winners from around the country. Her winning self-portrait will be shown at the Capitol Exhibit with the artwork of other first-place winners in the Cannon Tunnel—an underground, pedestrian walkway between the U.S. House of Representatives and the Capitol—through May 2002.

The artwork of Rebecca Gruden, Amber George and Brian D. Goodwin will be proudly displayed in my Washington office through May 2002, where visitors from all over the world will have the opportunity to appreciate the talents of these fine young artists from Michigan's 16th Congressional District. I am looking forward to the arrival of these fine works of art.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ADAMS MEMORIAL LEGISLATION

##### HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my legislation to authorize the placement of a memorial in Washington, D.C. to honor John Adams and his wife, Abigail; John Quincy Adams and his wife, Louisa; and their legacy of public service.

History's characterization of the remarkable Adams family has been woefully inadequate. The patriarch, John Adams, is often portrayed as short and overbearing, better known for his temper than his leadership and intellect.

Thanks largely to David McCullough's forthcoming biography of Adams, such misconceptions will soon be corrected. Adams, of course, was the most passionate advocate for our break with Britain. He nominated Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence and passionately and persuasively defended the final product. It was Adams's foresight to nominate George Washington as commander of the Continental Army, and he negotiated the Treaty of Paris to end the Revolutionary War.

As President, Adams was nonpartisan and ideological, never sacrificing his beliefs for political gain. He skillfully (and wisely) avoided war with France despite the overwhelming warmongering from his own Federalist Party. Such independence preserved his integrity, but cost him a second term.

One of the few people truly comparable to John Adams both in passion and intellect was his wife, Abigail. Those who knew them personally called their union perfect. Abigail's letters to her husband reveal not only her wit and intelligence, but also a profound belief in the equality of women that was more than 100 years before its time.

Their son, John Quincy Adams, was perhaps the most remarkable public servant in our country's history. Following in the footsteps of his father, Adams spent much of his public service career in Europe as foreign minister to Russia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Prussia, and Great Britain. As foreign minister to Russia during the Madison Administration, he negotiated the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812. As Secretary of State under President Monroe, John Quincy Adams was a primary author of the critical Monroe Doctrine, which warned European nations against involvement in American affairs. He also negotiated the transfer of Florida from Spain to the U.S. and successfully extended the border of the Louisiana Purchase all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Like his father, John Quincy Adams was an idealistic President. Despite the objections of many in his own party, he sponsored a program of government investment in science, education and infrastructure. He urged the government to establish an observatory, and fund a national university. His many critics called his initiatives unconstitutional. Like his father, John Quincy Adams's refusal to succumb to political pressure cost him a second term.

Following his Presidency, John Quincy Adams returned to public life as a U.S. Representative from Quincy, Massachusetts. He

served nine terms in Congress and spent the majority of his time and energy vociferously opposing slavery. He suffered a stroke on the House floor in 1848 and died in a chamber of the Capitol two days later.

John Quincy Adams's son, Charles Francis, served in both the Massachusetts and U.S. House of Representatives, in his father's old seat. Similar to his father and grandfather, Charles Francis Adams was a strong abolitionist who left the Whig Party to run on the 1848 Free Soil ticket as the vice-presidential candidate. He is best known for his role during the Civil War as foreign minister to England, his logic, reserve and directness preventing the British from substantively embracing the Confederacy.

Charles Francis Adams's son, Henry Adams, was a "liberal Republican" journalist who detested the partisanship that infested Washington during Reconstruction. Through his writing, he exposed massive political corruption and numerous scandals. Henry Adams is best known for his brilliant autobiography, *The Education of Henry Adams* (published in 1918), which won the Pulitzer Prize.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce this legislation which, pursuant to the 1986 Commemorative Works Act, authorizes the placement of a commemorative work, to one of our country's truly remarkable and indispensable families. I want to thank my friend and colleague, BILL DELAHUNT, for joining me in this important effort.

#### IN HONOR OF DANNY PLYMESSER AND DOLORES TLACIL

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Danny Plymesser and Dolores Tlacil. My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring these representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary.

Danny Plymesser is a Cleveland native. After graduating from Fairview High School, he joined the Navy. There, he was quickly sent to Panama, and from there, Vietnam.

After his service, he joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2533. A very active member, Danny participated in many programs and advanced through the post positions. In 1996, he became Post Commander. For four consecutive years, his peers selected him for Post Commander. Danny was recognized every year as All State Post Commander. He continues to provide extensive service to the Post on various committees and chairmanships, and even as a cook during their dinners.

Additionally, Danny is active with the Cuyahoga Council County, and is now serving as commander. He is also active at the state and national levels. He is to be commended for his broad service.

I also wish to honor Dolores Tlacil. During World War II, she married and began raising her family of seven children. She joined the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign War in 1985. Dorothy served on many committees and became President in 1986. She proudly carried the American Flag in many local parades to honor our veterans.

Last year, Dolores was elected to President of the Cuyahoga County Council. She is also

involved in the American Legion Post 496. Dolores has served as model of active citizenship and public service to assisting our local veterans.

I ask my colleagues to rise in honor of Danny Plymnesser and Dolores Tlaci. They have served as true models of the committed men and women who serve in the VFW and Ladies Auxiliaries.

#### AMTRAK TURNS THIRTY

### HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, thirty years ago today, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) took over from the Nation's freight railroads the responsibility for providing intercity passenger train services in the United States. Passenger train services had fallen on hard times. The railroads had a common carrier obligation to provide passenger train service, but virtually all of them were losing money and wanted to rid themselves of what they saw as an unnecessary burden. Prior to the creation of Amtrak, it was the policy of many of the railroads to simply allow the service to deteriorate to the point where ridership was so sparse that the Interstate Commerce Commission would grant the carriers permission to discontinue the operation. Some of the railroads went beyond benign neglect and actively downgraded the service to discourage people from riding the trains.

The railroads were private, for-profit firms that saw passenger operations as little more than a drain on their income from carrying freight. After 1920, except for the World War II years, intercity rail passenger travel declined, as people shifted to air and auto to meet their intercity transportation needs. Passenger train travel declined not only relative to other modes, but absolutely as well. From being the dominant mode of intercity transportation in 1920, rail passenger service declined to relative insignificance by 1970. Less than one-half of one percent of intercity passenger transportation was made by rail. Many thought that the day of the passenger train was over, and that outside of a handful of operations in a few densely populated corridors, passenger trains were destined to join the stagecoach and the flatboat as relics of America's transportation history.

Fortunately, for America's traveling public, this was not to be the case. Congress passed the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 and created the National Railroad Passenger Corporation—popularly known as Amtrak. On May 1, 1971, most of the railroads still operating passenger trains turned over their equipment to Amtrak and the new company took over the responsibility for providing intercity passenger train service. From the outset, it was clear that the task of revitalizing the service would be daunting. Amtrak had to overcome years of railroad neglect and indifference.

The first thing that Amtrak had to do was to arrest the long-term decline in intercity rail passenger ridership. Despite being woefully undercapitalized and inheriting a fleet of passenger cars and locomotives that averaged more than 20 years old, Amtrak stemmed the

tide of traffic to the other modes and began the long and arduous task of rebuilding passenger train service in America.

Over the years, Amtrak has managed to replace and upgrade the car and locomotive fleets, rehabilitate many once dilapidated train stations, and introduce a variety of new services in an effort to keep people riding the rails. Congress has continued to provide both operating, and capital support for Amtrak, although the level of support has varied. Amtrak has never received the kind public investment that the Nation's highways and aviation system's have received. In fact, the Corporation often has been starved for capital. Almost from the outset, Amtrak's opponents have pressured Amtrak to reduce its deficits, while at the same time they tried to cut its budget. From Roger Lewis to George Warrington, a succession of Amtrak's CEOs have pleaded for adequate funding. Rarely have those pleas been answered.

Nevertheless, many in the Congress have demanded that subsidies to Amtrak be eliminated, and the Corporation is now scheduled to achieve operating self sufficiency by the end of 2002. Amtrak has made great progress toward reaching that goal.

Back in 1971, many believed that Amtrak would be little more than a holding action until passenger trains disappeared forever. Instead, despite the obstacles, Amtrak has survived—survived the inadequate equipment and facilities with which it started life; survived the budget cutters, and survived the competition from low cost airlines. And now, in 2001, we see the wisdom of keeping in place intercity rail passenger service in the United States.

Today, our airports and highways are facing gridlock. Delays are rampant and there are real limits to simply pouring more concrete and asphalt for new highways and runways to solve our Nation's congestion problems. Intercity rail passenger service can now be a major part of the solution to our transportation congestion problems. Most recently, Amtrak has inaugurated its Acela train service in the Northeast Corridor, and for the first time Americans can experience high-speed rail travel similar to what the French, Germans, and Japanese have enjoyed for decades.

When the Acela trains are fully operational, Amtrak plans to capture 50 percent of the air-rail travel market in the Northeast Corridor, replicating its experience in the southern end of the Corridor between New York and Washington D.C. with its Metroliner service. Already, Amtrak is carrying a record number of passengers—22.5 million in 2000—and, as additional Acela trains come on line, Amtrak's ridership will increase further. Amtrak should be proud of what it has achieved.

In the near future, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HOUGHTON) and I will be introducing a bill that will help develop high-speed rail passenger service throughout the United States. The Secretary of Transportation has designated about a dozen high-speed rail corridors around the Nation that will be eligible for this funding. Amtrak currently serves these corridors, and in most cases its operations will provide the basis for building the high-speed operations.

By preserving our Nation's rail passenger service network through difficult times, Amtrak has set the stage for developing a national network of high-speed trains that can play a major role in relieving air and highway traffic

congestion. Not only then is Amtrak a vital link to our Nation's transportation history, it is indispensable to our transportation future.

#### ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S EDUCATION PROPOSAL

### HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with my colleagues an outstanding article written by Linda Banas, an English teacher, a constituent, and a resident of Tonawanda, New York, regarding President Bush's education proposal. This article, which appeared in the April 24, 2001 edition of the Buffalo News, is response to the President's recent statements on National Public Radio that our children are trapped in schools that do not teach and will not change. Linda Banas's column appropriately points out that these accusations are groundless. She emphasizes that teachers across Western New York and throughout the nation are making extra efforts to ensure their students succeed both in and outside the classroom. Her thoughtful ideas and observations serve as a starting point from which to begin a national conversation on education, and I urge all of my colleagues to take the time to read the following article.

#### MY VIEW: BUSH'S INANE ACCUSATIONS WON'T IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS

I am a teacher. I teach in a nice suburban high school. We have access to the Internet in every classroom. Most of the students go on to post-secondary education. The halls are calm and the students are polite and thoughtful.

Our district is not without problems, but we can handle them because the community has resources. I am truly thankful for the opportunity I have to focus on what I was trained to do—teach English. As I drive to work, I listen to National Public Radio. Recently, President Bush was talking about education. He said, "... children are trapped in schools that will not teach and will not change."

I tried to imagine the teachers and administrators the president says will not teach. I suppose Bush pictures them sifting around tables having morning coffee and planning their day. A kindergarten teacher would snicker as she says, "I know the whole alphabet, but I am not going to tell even one letter to those kids in my room." A second grade teacher would agree, "I know how to do long division, but I'm not going to teach them how to even do the first step."

Bush wants to be the education president. Does he really think some educators go to school to not teach? I know of a high school where the one set of books is chained to the desks so the kids cannot take them home to study. Why doesn't the president know this?

I know a school librarian who spends part of her paycheck on coats and shoes for children who don't have any, teaches gang members to write poetry, runs baby showers for young mothers who have nothing, and buys food every week for kids who are hungry after school. Why doesn't the president know this?

I know a teacher of eighth-grade English who has no novels and is allowed one ream of paper a month for her 160 students. I know about the hundreds of dollars she spends in the copy stores each year. I know a guidance

counselor who takes children into her home to help them escape abuse and hunger. Why doesn't Bush know this?

If I were the education president, I would look at these teachers and the thousands like them who "will not teach." I would look at the neighborhoods around the schools. I would see great poverty and need amidst the plenty and prosperity. If I were the education president, I would wonder why all children do not have clean, warm, well equipped schools.

If I were the education president, I would ask Congress to provide each child with a school as nice as the ones my daughters attended. That would be a start. Then I would ask how we could improve the neighborhoods where these children live.

If I were the education president, I would wonder what I could do to help poor parents get training or better jobs. If I were the education president, I would see that every neighborhood had access to a clinic and that all children had enough to eat. After I did all these things, then I would be certain to hold schools accountable for the children in their charge.

A real education president will use his power to make positive change in the lives of our children. A real education president will not settle for accusations and trite sayings. If I could spend an hour with this education president, I would beg him to spend some time with teachers in the schools he says "will not teach." Then I would ask him to rise above partisanship and make a real difference.

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#### UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2001*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this misguided bill.

Let me make something perfectly clear from the outset: The loss or harm to a woman and her fetus is absolutely devastating to the woman and her family. Those who injure or kill a pregnant woman and her fetus should be severely punished, and families should have the legal tools to have their loss recognized. We will offer a substitute that does that, and I believe that the Lofgren substitute demonstrates very clearly that there is a lot of common ground on this issue if we would only look for that instead of looking for ways to disagree.

Having said that, let me explain why the approach this bill takes is just another thinly veiled attack on a woman's right to choose.

This bill would give a fetus the same legal recognition as you or I—for the first time in federal law. Instead of addressing the real issues at hand—the horrible pain for a woman who loses a pregnancy to a cowardly, violent act—this bill is an ideological marker for the anti-choice special interests.

Frankly, this bill is just another way of writing a Human Life Amendment. In fact, the National Right to Life Committee admits that it participated in the drafting of the bill, and according to the NRTL website, "[t]he bill challenges that [pro-choice] ideology by recognizing the unborn child as a human victim, distinct from the mother."

If anti-choice members of this House want to recognize the fetus as a person—do that.

Put your money where your mouth is. Bring a Human Life Amendment to the floor and let us vote on it. But don't tell pregnant women in this country that you're trying to protect them with this bill when there are existing state and federal laws to do that and when we are willing to join you in addressing the tragic cases when pregnant women are attacked. The American people are smarter than you're giving them credit for. They know that you're proposing a political statement today, not a real solution.

If you really want to crack down on cowardly criminals who would attack a pregnant woman, support the Lofgren substitute. It gets us to the same ends, without the overtly political means. And if you're serious about protecting women in this country from violence, let's fully fund the Violence Against Women Act today.

VAWA is the most effective way for us to help combat violence against women. Every year, over two million American women are physically abused by their husbands or boyfriends. A woman is physically abused every 15 seconds in this country. And one of every three abused children becomes an adult abuser or victim. The Unborn Victims of Violence Act will do nothing for these women. But VAWA makes all the difference in the world.

My colleagues, please do not be fooled. The Unborn Victims of Violence Act is not about protecting pregnant women from violent acts. Rather, it is yet another anti-choice attempt to undermine a woman's right to choose.

I have stood on the House floor many times and asked my colleagues to work with me to find ways to help women improve their health, plan their pregnancies, and have healthier children. It is tragic that every day over 400 babies are born to mothers who received little or no prenatal care, every minute a baby is born to a teen mother, and three babies die every hour. And it is tragic that 1 of every 3 women will experience domestic violence in her adulthood.

Instead of finding new ways to revisit the divisive abortion battle, Americans want us to focus our efforts on providing women with access to prenatal care, affordable contraception, health education and violence prevention. If we truly want to protect women and their pregnancies from harm, then let us work together to enact legislation to help women have healthy babies and protect them from violent abusers.

Please vote no on H.R. 503.

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IN HONOR OF DORIS MERRILL  
MAGOWAN

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a prominent and beloved San Franciscan, Doris Merrill Magowan. Mrs. Magowan recently passed away, and she will be missed not only in San Francisco, a City she called home, but across the country.

San Francisco had to share Mrs. Magowan with several other cities, and each benefited from its association with her. Mrs. Magowan divided her time among California, New York, and Florida and was an active member of her

community in every location. In San Francisco, she served on the Board of Directors of the Fine Arts Museum, the Strybing Arboretum, Children's Hospital, and Grace Cathedral Episcopal Church. A lover of art, gardens, and antiques, she founded the San Francisco Antique Show in 1979. The event has become one of the premier events in the field.

In New York City, she served on the Board of the Greenwich House, the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association, and the New York Infirmary. In South Hampton, New York, she worked with the Fresh Air Home, St. Andrews Dune Church, and South Hampton Hospital. In Palm Beach, Florida, she served with the society of the Four Arts and Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

Nationally and internationally, she was involved with the National Tropical Botanical Garden, the World Wildlife Fund, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

Family was of great importance to Doris Magowan, and her family members were as impressive as she was. Her father, Charles Edward Merrill, founded the financial services company Merrill Lynch. Her brother, James Ingram Merrill, was a Pulitzer Prize winning poet. Her brother, Charles Edward Merrill, served as the President of Morehouse College in Atlanta. Her husband, Robert Anderson Magowan, was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Safeway grocery store company.

She also leaves five successful sons, Robin, Merrill, Peter, Stephen, and Mark. It has been my privilege to know this exceptional family, including Peter in his capacity as President and Managing General Partner of the San Francisco Giants.

Doris Magowan was an inspiration and a friend to many. Her commitment to her community and her family earned her the respect and admiration of all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with her sons, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren at this sad time.

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#### INTRODUCTION OF INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today I join 43 Members in introducing legislation to reauthorize and amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)—the keystone federal law that directs the delivery of health services to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The Indian health care network—comprised of reservation- and traditional homeland-based hospitals, clinics, school health centers and health stations in very remote areas, and urban Indian health programs in major cities—is the primary source of medical care for over 1.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Indian Health Service administers this comprehensive health care network largely in partnership with Indian tribes themselves who have assumed an increasingly greater role in operating health programs so vital to the well-being of their members.

The IHCIA was first enacted in 1976 to present a more organized and comprehensive

approach to the delivery of medical care to Indian people, most of whom live in isolated, sparsely-populated and under-served areas of our country. Subsequent reauthorization, has amended the Act to reflect advancements in health care delivery, respond to the desire of tribes for greater responsibility of programs, and target the high incidence of certain diseases that have plagued this segment of the American population.

The bill we introduce today is based largely upon recommendations made by the Indian health community—including tribal leaders, tribal health directors, health care experts, Native patients themselves, and the Indian Health Service. Its primary objective is to improve access to quality medical care for this population.

In this bill we maintain the basic framework of the IHCA, including its provisions that target diseases for which Indian Country shows an astonishingly high rate—such as diabetes, tuberculosis, infant mortality, and substance abuse. We have included a greater role for Indian tribes in setting local priorities for health care delivery and provide for innovative options for funding of Indian health facilities. This legislation authorizes a nationally certified Community Health Aide program to supply medical care in under-served, remote areas and strengthens health programs that serve Indian people in urban areas. In addition, this bill will provide for the consolidation of substance abuse, mental health and social service programs into a holistic system for behavioral health services.

We have certainly made improvements in the health status of Indian and Alaska Native people since IHCA was first authorized including; infant mortality which has decreased by nearly 55 percent. Native people, however, still suffer death rates from some diseases at rates many times higher than the national population such as; diabetes at 249 percent higher, tuberculosis at 533 percent higher, and substance abuse at 627 percent higher.

I will push for immediate action on this important legislation in the Resources Committee where I serve as the Ranking Democratic Member and look forward to working with my colleagues and Indian Country as we proceed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

### HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to introduce the Department of Environmental Protection Act, important legislation that redesignates the Environmental Protection Agency as an executive department in the executive branch.

Like many of my colleagues, I believe the time has come to elevate EPA to cabinet-level status. This is not a new idea, but it continues to be a good idea. Rep. Jim Florio and I introduced legislation in the 101st Congress (1988) to elevate the agency. I introduced a similar bill again in the 103rd Congress. Several of my colleagues also introduced EPA elevation bills and, in 1993, there was significant debate surrounding Senate-passed and House Com-

mittee-passed bills. The problem wasn't so much the concept behind the bill, but the "baggage" attached to the bill. It became a magnet for controversial provisions and pet projects.

And so, today I'm introducing a baggage-free EPA elevation bill. I believe the bill steers clear of controversial issues that could sidetrack the broader effort. It also combines features from previous legislative efforts, particularly those of the former Chairman and Ranking Member of the Government Operations Committee, Representative JOHN CONYERS and former Representative Bill Clinger.

The Department of Environmental Protection Act should help start the discussion in the 107th Congress. There is at least one bill introduced in the Senate. The subject also came up during Administrator Whitman's confirmation hearings. But there needs to be much more discussion and, most importantly, action.

It may be an "old" idea but it's still a good idea. EPA's mission is too critical for the agency not to be an official part of the cabinet. The idea was good under a Republican President in the late 1980's, a Democratic President in the 1990's, and now a Republican President at the start of the 21st Century.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the effort.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. JENNIFER LUCIANO

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Jennifer Luciano. Ms. Luciano has spent the last five months doing an internship in my Congressional office. As she prepares to leave Capitol Hill tomorrow and return to Loyola University to complete her education I wish her well.

On behalf of the constituents of the Seventh Congressional District I want to commend and congratulate Jennifer for doing an outstanding job. During her internship Jennifer responded to constituent mail, drafted ideas for legislation, prepared "Dear Colleagues" and assisted the legislative staff.

In particular, Jennifer thought of the idea for a Minority Women's Statue to be displayed in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol. Currently, there are no depictions or Statues that represent the accomplishments of Minority Women to the history of America. In addition, she thought of a bill to expand Medicare coverage to cover eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Medicare eligible population. These are just two of the outstanding ideas that Jennifer worked on.

I am certain that Jennifer will do well in her future endeavors if she continues to work as hard as she has worked on behalf of the people of the Seventh Congressional District and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Jennifer Luciano as she prepares to go back to Chicago, Illinois.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF AQUI EN EL VALLE

### HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to *Aqui en el Valle* newspaper, headquartered in Bloomfield, New Mexico, and its founder, LaVerta Valdez-Johnson, on its recent one-year anniversary. In that short period, this newspaper has delivered dedicated service and commitment to the Hispanic community in the Four Corners area.

*Aqui en el Valle*, or "Here in the Valley," is typically focused on positive local news and information that benefits the Hispanic community. The paper also focuses on Southwestern history and profiles of successful Hispanics. The newspaper is even used in Bloomfield elementary and high schools for Spanish language classes.

The *Aqui en el Valle*, however, would never have become a reality without the persistence and vision of LaVerta Valdez-Johnson. She was told by the business community that a Hispanic newspaper was not a sound investment. Undeterred, Mrs. Valdez-Johnson, with the help of her husband, Wesley and son, Russ, the monthly paper has gone from 1,000 copies in March, 2000, to a circulation today of more than 5,000. It has established a strong and diverse base of support and serves a vast area of 11 New Mexico towns that stretch from Bloomfield to Santa Fe.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending LaVerta Valdez-Johnson for not backing down from her dream and to extend best wishes for continued success in the coming years.

#### THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PROFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2001

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill to authorize the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to establish a demonstration program under which the Director awards grants to qualified schools.

The grants received by these schools will be used to develop a program that builds or expands mathematics, science, and information technology curricula; purchase equipment necessary to establish such a program and provide teacher training in such fields. The act also allows the private sector to contribute goods and services, such as the donation of computer hardware and software; the establishment of internship and mentoring opportunities for students who participate in the mathematics, science, and information technology program; and the donation of scholarship funds for use at institutions of higher education by eligible students.

The need for this legislative proposal to provide grants to qualified schools is beyond doubt, and the case supporting this bill can be simply stated:

Mathematics and science education is a vital link to connect today's students with the information age and to the workplace of the 21st century.

Today's United States economy depends more than ever on the talents of skilled, high-tech workers and in order to sustain America's preeminence, we must take drastic steps to change the way we develop our workforce.

It is estimated that more than half of the economic growth of the United States today results directly from research and development in science and technology.

The nexus between scientific and technological advances and education has been noted by several entities. Yet, according to the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century, the performance of our country's students from both the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and the National

The National Education Association (NEA), an endorser of this bill, recognizes that quality math and science education is essential to prepare our students to compete in the 21st century. The NEA stated,

By authorizing grants to Local Education Agencies for expansion of math, science, and technology curricula, purchase of technological equipment, and teacher training, this legislation will help enhance math and science education. The resources provided for teacher training will help ensure the high quality professional development critical to world class math and science teaching. In addition, the bill's special focus on schools with the greatest economic needs will help level the playing field for disadvantaged students, who often lack access to technological and other resources necessary to maximize math and science learning.

Texas Instruments, another endorser of this bill, believes that the need for additional emphasis in the fields of mathematics and science education is clear. Texas Instruments stated,

In this age of rapidly advancing technology, math and science education is a vital link that prepares students to thrive in the new, information and technology driven economy. More than ever, U.S. economic and technological leadership depends on our ability to ensure that students graduate with the skills and knowledge they need for 21st century jobs.

We must acknowledge that the effectiveness of the United States in maintaining this economic growth will be largely determined by the intellectual capital of the United States.

The education of America's students is critical to developing this resource. American students consistently demonstrate average and below average performance compared to their international peers in their skills in mathematics and science. According to the 1999 edition of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as the Nation's Report Card, the trends in mathematics and science are characterized by declines in the 1970's, followed by increases during the 1980's and early 1990's. However, performance has remained unchanged since the early 1990's. Several findings of the Report Card deserve mention, including the following:

In 1999, the average science score for 17-year-olds was lower than the average score in 1969 for the same age group.

In 1999, the average science score for 13-year-olds was similar to the average score in 1970 for the same group.

In 1999, White students had higher average mathematics scores than their Black and Hispanic peers. Although the gap between White and Black students narrowed since 1973, there is evidence that the gap may be widening since 1990.

In 1999, males outperformed females in science at ages 13 and 17.

A greater percent of 13-year-olds in 1999 than in 1986 reported that the content of their science class was general rather than focused on earth, physical, or life science.

In an age now driven by the relentless necessity of scientific and technological advancement, the current preparation that students in the United States receive in mathematics and science is, in a word, unacceptable. Proficiency in mathematics and technology is necessary to prepare American students for participation in the 21st century and to guarantee that the United States economy remains vibrant and competitive. Now is the time to set the stage for advancement in mathematics and science proficiency. The United States must expect more from our educators and students.

In order to achieve this, it is important that we show interest in economically disadvantaged students who have not been provided with opportunities that will improve their knowledge of mathematics and science. Many economically disadvantaged students in urban and rural America share a common need to receive a quality education, but often their schools lack the needed resources to prepare them for the 21st century global community. The schools and businesses serving these communities are strategically positioned to form a unique partnership with urban and rural students that will increase their mathematics and science proficiency for the benefit of the Nation. If our Nation continues failing to prepare citizens from all population groups for participation in the new, technology-driven economy, our Nation will risk losing its economic and intellectual preeminence. Finally, America's students must improve their performance in mathematics and science if they are to succeed in today's world and if the United States is to stay competitive in an integrated global economy. It is clear that we must provide American students with the competence and confidence to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, The Mathematics and Science Proficiency Partnership Act of 2001 provides an unprecedented opportunity to redefine the federal role in K-12 education that establishes clear national priorities, provides incentives for change, disseminates best practices and targets assistance effectively. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN WWII VETERANS

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to our WWII veterans of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry.

Half a century ago, these young members of the Greatest Generation answered this country's call to fight in Europe, North Africa

and Asia, on the Atlantic and the Pacific. They selflessly served in support of a greater cause, and all too often were called upon to give the greatest sacrifice of all—their own lives.

The willingness of these young service members to serve and die in support of the war effort is made even more poignant by the racial inequalities experienced by their families at home in the United States. Many of these Asian and Pacific Islander WWII veterans went into service while their families were simultaneously being forcibly relocated to internment camps across the country, solely because of their ethnic origins.

The generous service of these WWII veterans is truly remarkable. It is a privilege to recognize their contributions to this country on the House floor today, in celebration of "Asian and Pacific American Veterans of WWII Day."

I wish to also commend the Asian American Student Union of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This group of committed students has worked diligently to ensure that the memory of these veterans' sacrifices, selfless service, and patriotism is never forgotten, and they have helped to make this day of recognition a reality in Wisconsin.

THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
NEW YORK COLLEGE OF  
PODIATRIC MEDICINE

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 90th anniversary of an important institution in my Congressional district, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. In view of the fact that podiatric doctors are assuming a growing and significant place on the Nation's health care team, the College means even more to our community.

The College was founded in 1911 in East Harlem by Dr. Maurice J. Lewi, medical physician and educator, former Secretary to the New York State Board of Medical Examiners and first president of this institution. Dr. Lewi drafted the first legislation creating the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and its clinical training arm, the Foot Clinics of New York to provide educational and training programs and the establishment of the first standards of podiatric clinical care.

The College is the first and largest college of podiatric medical education in the Nation, having treated literally hundreds of thousands of people in its foot clinics over the 90 years of its existence. Graduates of the College account for 25 percent of the Nation's practicing podiatrists. Forty percent of the current student enrollment are minorities, 45 percent of whom are women. The college is affiliated with the New York Presbyterian Healthcare System, Lincoln and Harlem Hospitals, Metropolitan Medical and Nassau County University Medical Centers—a clear reflection of the outstanding reputation the college has earned in the health care community. In October, 2000, the college affiliated with Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons to provide improved access to patient care, academic programs for

medical education and joint research programs.

The Foot Clinics of New York is a fully staffed medical teaching/training facility with more than 50,000 annual patient visits who have benefited from the skill, dedication and quality of care provided by clinical faculty of the Foot Clinics.

As the College is celebrating the 90th year of its existence, I want to salute the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, the Foot Clinics of New York, its board of trustees, president, Louis Levine, faculty and staff and students on the occasion of this 90th anniversary year. The history of this outstanding educational institution truly has been marked by its distinguished graduates and by its traditions of academic excellence and service to the community. May it continue to carry on its proud tradition for many years to come.

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REMEMBERING THE ARMENIAN  
GENOCIDE

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in observance of the 86th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and to celebrate the victory of the Armenian spirit over an oppressor bent on their extinction. But, Mr. Speaker, I also rise to remind my colleagues of our obligation to the Armenian people.

Before this House will be a bill to recognize the Armenian genocide, a bill that we, as Americans, as a people whose predecessors fought their own battle against an oppressive rule, have a responsibility to support.

Can we claim to have earned our passage into the 21st century if we fail to recognize the atrocities of the last century? Progress is not earned by merely flipping the pages of a calendar. Progress is achieved when we are unafraid of the truth—of seeing the past for what it was, and to stand guard: ensuring that this hate-filled violence will not happen again on our watch.

We owe this to the Armenians, but not just to the Armenians. We owe this to ourselves—and to our children. The generations that come after us will learn from us and use our actions as an example.

If the 21st century marks anything, it should be that the echoes of past tragedies will not dissolve into obscurity. That we recognize the earlier failures of mankind and strive against their repetition.

The Armenian people are no longer victims, but victors. It is our responsibility to see that their triumph is awarded its rightful place in our collective memory.

And it is in this spirit that I stand here and celebrate the enduring legacy of the Armenians. But only in recognizing the Armenian genocide do we earn the right to stand here and share in their triumph.

HONORING THE EUREKA LODGE  
OF ELKS' 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Elks Lodge of Eureka in Humboldt County, California.

Formed in 1901, the Eureka Lodge of Elks joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States which was established in 1868, and since its inception has grown to more than one million members nationwide. The Elks is one of the largest and most active fraternal organizations in the world.

Through scholarship programs and charitable aid, members give generously of their time to support the youth of the region, providing countless hours of service for the betterment of the community. Local members sponsor Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups, youth soccer programs, and services for veterans. They also help to fund medical aid to disabled children in rural areas through mobile units staffed with trained therapists. Eureka members assisted in the establishment of the Humboldt-Del Norte Blood Bank, a vital asset to the North Coast of California. In May of this year, the Eureka Lodge will dedicate a memorial to all veterans of our armed forces.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor the members of the Eureka Lodge of Elks by acknowledging their dedication and recognizing the value of their efforts for our country.

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INDIAN HEALTH CARE  
IMPROVEMENT ACT

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, today we are introducing legislation to reauthorize and amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)—the keystone federal law that directs the delivery of health services to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

This bill is based largely upon recommendations made by the Indian health community—including tribal leaders, tribal health directors, health care experts, Native patients themselves, and the Indian Health Service. Its primary objective is to improve access to quality medical care for this population.

The basic framework of the IHCIA is retained, including its provisions that target diseases for which Indian Country shows an astonishingly high rate—such as diabetes, tuberculosis, infant mortality, and substance abuse. The major revisions come in the following areas: Greater role for tribes in health care delivery, including local priority-setting. Authorization for a national certified Community Health Aide Program to supply medical care in under-served, remote areas. Innovative options for funding of Indian health facilities. Strengthening health programs that serve Indian people in urban areas. Consolidation of

substance abuse, mental health and social service programs into a holistic system for behavioral health services.

While there have certainly been improvements in the health status of Indian and Alaska Native people in the past two decades, Native people still suffer death rates from some diseases at rates many times higher than the national population. The Indian health care network is the primary source of medical care for over 1.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Indian Health Service administers this comprehensive health care network largely in partnership with Indian tribes themselves who have assumed an increasingly greater role in operating health programs vital to the well-being of their members.

The IHCIA was first enacted in 1976 to present a more organized and comprehensive approach to the delivery of medical care to Indian people, most of whom live in isolated, sparsely-populated and under-served areas of our country. Subsequent reauthorization, has amended the Act to reflect advancements in health care delivery, respond to the desire of tribes for greater responsibility of programs, and to target the high incidence of certain diseases that have plagued this segment of the American population.

I plan to work with my Republican colleagues to ensure that this bill is a high priority for the House Committee on Resources, which should expedite consideration of this measure. It is my hope that Congress will have wisdom and courage to enact this important legislation this year.

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INTERNATIONAL LABOR  
ORGANIZATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for the United Nations' International Labor Organization (ILO) Worldwide Workers' Rights public awareness poster campaign. The goal of this initiative is not only to make people aware of the shameful atrocities workers suffer around the world, but to say that all workers have basic, fundamental rights. The right to form a union, bargain collectively, work free of discrimination, refuse forced labor, and to reject child labor. These moral and humane worker rights should and must be honored both in the job field and during international trade and other agreements. We cannot look the other way when these issues come before us.

I would like to ask my colleagues how they would feel if their family, loved ones, and children were forced to work under conditions where basic labor and human rights were eroded by the lack of enforceable labor protections. Unfortunately, the ILO estimates that about 250 million children between the ages of 5 and 14 are in the workforce, half of which are employed full-time, often in dangerous industries. During hearings I held as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on International Relations and Human Rights in previous sessions of Congress it became obvious that children often labor under unsafe conditions. These young people frequently go to work in dangerous factories or mines, not to mention

the despicable business of child pornography and prostitution. Legislation I introduced, which was passed by the full House, would have authorized \$30 million per year from fiscal years 1999 to 2001 for the International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (IPEC). This organization has identified the need for specific programs in dangerous industries where child labor is prevalent.

While well intentioned efforts have been made on behalf of these children, not enough has been done. Child labor continues to grow in many countries around the world. Regrettably, some of the trade agreements approved by Congress, such as the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) status for China, have compounded the worldwide child labor problem. Unfortunately, the idea of linking worker rights and child labor laws with trade policy is still in the early stage of development.

Nations should not be recognized and rewarded with profitable trade agreements for their systematic violation of internationally recognized workers' rights. These rights must be considered when we discuss plans to expand NAFTA or address our current trade relation agreements with The Peoples Republic of China. Although on paper, virtually every country in the world has outlawed child labor in its cruelest forms, in reality, hundreds of millions of children are still being robbed of childhood for the profit of others.

We can no longer look the other way when basic fundamental labor and children rights are denied or broken. These rights must be addressed head-on and in the most straightforward way. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pledge their active support for the basic labor rights brought to the forefront by the ILO's declaration on fundamental principles and rights at work.

**EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES ACCESS ASSURANCE ACT OF 2001**

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 1648, the Emergency Ambulance Services Access Act of 2001. This legislation will ensure payment for emergency hospital services and emergency ambulance services under a "prudent layperson" test under group health plans and health insurance coverage. I am pleased to be joined by my colleague ED TOWNS in introducing this legislation, which we hope will be included in any patient protection legislation that moves through the House in this Congress.

Individuals suffering from what they have every reason to believe to be life threatening conditions should not have to call their insurance plan before they call for an ambulance. And patients and ambulance services should not be stuck with the bill should the condition turn out to be less than life-threatening once the patient is diagnosed in the emergency room.

Some people assume that because a patient protection bill which includes a prudent

layperson standard for emergency room services also covers emergency ambulance services. But that wasn't the case at all before we introduced this legislation in the last Congress at the start of the debate over patient protection. Most of the bills amended the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act. That Act covers only what happens after you enter the emergency room. It does not include ambulance services. As the debate progressed, most of the bills and amendments that received active consideration in the House and Senate were amended or redrafted to apply the prudent layperson standard specifically to emergency ambulance services.

I urge my colleagues to join me and ED TOWNS in cosponsoring this legislation. You will be demonstrating your support for ensuring that emergency ambulance services are included in the more comprehensive patient protection legislation that will be considered in the House. To become a cosponsor or obtain further information, please call us or Jane Williams of my staff, who may be reached at 5-3761.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANITE QUARRY ON ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, this month, a second town in the Sixth District of North Carolina will celebrate its centennial. Ironically, this town is in the same county as another small municipality in our district to reach the century mark this year. Earlier, we celebrated the 100th birthday of Landis, North Carolina. Now, it is time to turn our attention to another Rowan County town as it marks 100 years of official existence.

On May 19, 2001, the town of Granite Quarry will celebrate its centennial, and on behalf of the entire Sixth District of North Carolina, we honor the first 100 years of Granite Quarry and look forward to the town's bright future. While Granite Quarry is officially 100 this year, the history of the town is more than two centuries old. Granite Quarry began in 1766 when Michael Braun (Brown) moved to the area from Pennsylvania. He constructed what became known as the Old Stone House of native hand-hewn granite. (The house has been restored by Rowan Museum, Inc., and is recognized as the oldest German dwelling in North Carolina.)

The town was known as Woodville in the late 1800s, and by 1891, when the first post office was established, it was under the name of Woodsides. The second name was for a family of Woodsides who lived in the community. On March 7, 1901, the North Carolina General Assembly officially changed the name to Woodsides. When the town was first incorporated, five families lived in the town. Jerry L. Shuping was the first mayor and William Lefler, L.H. Kluttz, Rufus B. Peeler and Alfred L. Peeler were the first aldermen. These family names remain fixtures in Rowan County today.

Shortly after incorporation, it was discovered that there was another Woodsides in North Carolina, resulting in confusion for mail and freight deliveries. While the post office name

was changed to Granite Quarry in 1902, it wasn't until February 5, 1905, that the General Assembly approved the new name of Granite Quarry to recognize and highlight the stone quarried there. The quarries were already attracting attention years earlier as they developed along the newly completed Yadkin Railway and more and more people moved into the area to work the quarries.

Quarrying was begun by the eccentric J.T. Wyatt who was later known as a local newspaper columnist with the fascinating sobriquet of "Venus of Faith." Wyatt began his digging at the site of the Balfour Quarry. The demand for paving stones and later, Durax blocks, kept the town full of workers. Durax blocks, four by four pieces of stone laid in circles on city streets, can still be seen in the nearby town of Salisbury on Depot Street in front of the Southern Railway Station. Curbing stones quarried in Granite Quarry can be found in cities all over the United States.

Large scale quarrying began in 1906 when the Whitney Company was selected to provide the stone for a granite dam on the Yadkin River in Stanly County. Whitney contracted with the Gillespie Company to operate the Rowan County quarry. Hundreds of Italian laborers and English stonecutters were brought to Granite Quarry to work in the mines. Stone cutting was an art that few people in the United States knew, making it necessary to import workers. The dam lost almost \$20 million and when the Whitney Company went into bankruptcy, the Gillespie Company ceased operations. Nearly all of the foreign workers left except for a few of the English stonecutters who had little difficulty in finding employment at other quarries. The waters of Badin Lake today cover the granite dam, but when the water level is lowered, the dam can still be seen in its watery grave.

When the Whitney project failed, the town was hit by a depression, and Granite Quarry became a ghost town. It was saved from a permanent death in the 1920s when the state became a pioneer in the construction of public roads. The demand for crushed stone for paving was tremendous. That demand, when added to the normal output for curbing, paving blocks, ornamental stone, and memorial work, pushed production to new records. It would last for several decades. The quarrying industry has declined in recent years because of rising labor costs and the increasing use of concrete in buildings and road construction, but today, Granite Quarry does not survive on stones alone.

The future for Granite Quarry is bright. The Rowan County town of almost 3,000 people is a bedroom community for nearby larger jurisdictions, but it still boasts of more than 30 businesses including restaurants, doctors' offices and service stations. It is proud of its paid police department of a dozen full-time and part-time officers. Granite Quarry has one of the largest volunteer fire departments for a town of its size with more than 30 members. The Granite Quarry Civic Park stands as a testament to the hard work and dedication of the people who live there. From 1968-1973, civic groups, churches, government and business leaders joined forces to construct the park that is still enjoyed by the residents of Granite Quarry today.

While other towns may have grown larger and still others may have become better known, the people of Granite Quarry will tell

you they cannot think of a better place to call home. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Granite Quarry on its first 100 years. We look forward with much anticipation to what the future holds for this outstanding Rowan County community.

BLOOMFIELD CITIZENS COUNCIL  
AWARDS

**HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a number of Pittsburgh residents who will be honored on May 5th with Bloomfield Citizens Council Awards.

Every year, the Bloomfield Citizens Council gives out these awards to recognize members of the community who have, in some way, improved the quality of life in the Bloomfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the 2001 award winners for their efforts to make Bloomfield a better place to live.

John Giancola has been selected as the 2001 recipient of the Mary Cercone Out-

standing Citizen Award. This award is given to individuals who demonstrate "an unselfish commitment to others and a deep love for the community of Bloomfield." Mr. Giancola has been actively involved in volunteer activities like organized youth athletics and service to seniors. He has also served the Catholic Church, the Democratic Party, and the City of Pittsburgh.

A Community Commitment Award will go to Mafalda "Maffy" Giancola, who has served the community through her involvement with city government, the Catholic Church, and organized community activities for young people and seniors, as well as her operation of Maffy's Restaurant on Liberty Avenue.

An Extra Mile Award will be presented to Ron Flynn for his involvement in community sports for young people, his volunteer work for neighborhood festivals, and his advocacy for the rights of the physically challenged.

Charlie Oleniacz and Bill Reynolds will receive the Patriotism Award for their lifetime commitment to fellow veterans and their efforts to ensure that our Civil War veterans continue to receive the respect and reverence they deserve.

The Bloomfield Citizens Council will again present a number of awards for Christmas decorations this year. Lavern and Joe Manes

will receive the Keeping Christ in Christmas Award for their Precious Moments Nativity scene display. George and Eleanor Sciuolo will receive the Most Outstanding and Completely Decorated Home Award this year for decorations that warmly express the love they feel for their home and community. Tim and Leigh Ann LeDonne will receive the Most Illuminated and Elaborate Property Decoration Award for decorations that outline every story of their house, including windows, banisters, and surroundings. And finally, the Most Creative Design Award will be presented to Nancy and John Greegus for decorating their home, trees, and shrubbery with lights, caricatures, and wreaths. These four couples all helped bring the joy of the holiday season to their neighbors.

In closing, let me just say that all of the individuals receiving 2001 Bloomfield Citizens Council awards have made important contributions to the quality of life in Bloomfield. On behalf of the residents of Bloomfield and the rest of the 14th Congressional District, I thank them for their efforts and congratulate them on their selection as recipients of 2001 Bloomfield Citizens Council awards.