

against by the U.S. Government solely because they are private citizens.

I invite my Colleagues to help change this policy by including private sector Americans residing overseas in the census.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, H.R. 1745.

H.R. 1745

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Full Equality for Americans Abroad Act".

#### SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD IN FUTURE DECENNIAL CENSUSES.

The Secretary of Commerce shall ensure that, in each decennial census of population taken after the date of the enactment of this Act under title 13, United States Code, all American citizens living abroad shall be included for purposes of the tabulations required for the apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the several States, and for other purposes.

#### SEC. 3. REPORT ON RELATED ISSUES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby enacted into law the provision described in subsection (b) (relating to the report to be submitted by the Secretary of Commerce to the Congress by no later than September 30, 2001).

(b) DESCRIPTION.—The provision described in this subsection in the paragraph beginning on page 256 and ending on page 257 of the explanatory language on H.R. 5548 (as introduced on October 25, 2000), as included in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying the conference report on H.R. 4942 (House Report Numbered 106-1005, 106th Congress, 2d Session, October 26, 2000, 256-257), but deeming such paragraph not include "and their dependents".

#### HONORING THE LATE OFFICER RYAN CUNNINGHAM

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I now honor an extraordinary human being and great American. Officer Ryan Cunningham of the Vail Police Department was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, May 5, 2001 while trying to avoid an out of control semi truck. "Officer Cunningham was one of the finest officers I have known in my 24 years of policing," said Vail Police Chief Greg Morrison.

In the early morning hours of Sunday, Ryan and another officer responded to an accident on I-70 when a truck driver lost control of his semi on an icy stretch of road and began heading in Ryan's direction. Ryan's immediate reaction was for those around him. After he was sure of the safety of his fellow officers, Ryan ran to the left shoulder and tried to protect himself by jumping over a concrete retaining wall. He fell 60 feet to his death. The truck was able to make a controlled stop 100 feet away from where Ryan jumped.

Ryan was born in Salt Lake City and moved to Colorado in 1992 where he graduated from Arapahoe Community College in 1998. He joined the Vail Police Department in 2000.

"Ryan just radiated goodness. He was a member of the Latter Day Saints church. His dedication to family and community was very, very heartfelt," Morrison said. "He was a fine human being." Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, as you can see, this extraordinary human being truly deserves our timeless gratitude for his service and supreme sacrifice while in the line of duty. Ryan Cunningham may be gone but his legacy will long endure in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to know him. Colorado is assuredly a better place because of Ryan Cunningham.

#### HONORING LINDA COFFEY, OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 08, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, It is with great honor that I ask this body to recognize and congratulate the first recipient of the "Outstanding Teacher Award" presented by the Dove Creek Soil Conservation District. Dolores County High School teacher Linda Coffey, received the award for her outstanding work with students over the years. The award was created to emphasize the importance of teachers in the lives of our children.

After graduating high school, Linda attended the University of Northern Colorado where she received her teaching certificate. Overall, she has taught for 19 years, covering a variety of subjects like, Computer Applications, Keyboarding I & II, Accounting, Senior Seminar and Office Job Applications. "I have had the pleasure of working with Linda Coffey for five years now. In that time I have come to know her as a very caring and compassionate teacher," said Stephen Baroch, principal of Dolores County High School.

Linda is also the FBLA Sponsor and the Senior Class sponsor. "A lot of respect and admiration is evident in all of her classes. Linda is very popular with students and willing to go that extra mile to help a student succeed," said Principal Baroch. "Being passionate about learning and high expectations encompasses everything that Linda believes in. I appreciate everything that she is willing to do for our school and community."

Mr. Speaker, Linda has succeeded in making sure that students learn and feel comfortable in her class. She is very deserving of this award and it is fitting that she be recognized as the first ever recipient of this "Outstanding Teacher Award". I would like to congratulate her and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

#### TO HONOR ANNE M. RINDFLEISCH

#### HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, there are few things I enjoy more in this job than getting the opportunity to shine the spotlight on truly deserving people who serve as a source of inspiration to the rest of us. Anne M. Rindfleisch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is one of

those people, and I would like to pay tribute to her today.

Anne Rindfleisch is here in D.C. with us because she is the 38th winner of Goodwill's Graduate of the Year competition. Ms. Rindfleisch has a congenital disability called Full Amelia, meaning she has no arms or legs. Despite the challenges posed by her physical condition, Anne has managed to earn a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and serve as an exemplary employee at Burlington Coat Factory for almost five years.

Despite her current success, Anne faced many obstacles along the way to entering the workforce. In fact, for six years after getting her degree, she volunteered for a number of organizations, but was unable to find employment.

In 1995, Ms. Rindfleisch went to Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin and Metropolitan Chicago to upgrade her computer skills. During her eight months of training, Ms. Rindfleisch learned to type 42 words per minute using a month stick and mastered several accounting software programs. During training, she moved out of her parents' home and into her own apartment. In 1996, she was hired by Burlington Coat Factory as a data entry clerk, and has commuted to and from work in her motorized wheelchair using shoulder controls.

Unfortunately, Anne has had to pass up numerous raises and promotions because of current salary restrictions under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) laws. If she were to earn over \$700 per month, or work more than 20 hours per week, she would lose her SSDI benefits. We must work in Congress to eliminate this Catch-22, so that hard-working, deserving people like Anne Rindfleisch can work to support themselves and their loved ones.

Anne Rindfleisch has not only overcome tremendous challenges in her life, but is a brave person who stands by the courage of her convictions. She a truly extraordinary human being, and it is my hope that others will be inspired by her dogged determination to succeed and the strength of her spirit.

#### WORLD COMMUNITY NOT DOING ENOUGH ABOUT GLOBAL ILLICIT DRUG CHALLENGE

#### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the worldwide profits from the illicit drug trade by some estimates, including the United Nations Drug Control Program (UNDCP), exceed \$400 billion dollars annually. In our nation alone, the annual societal costs from illicit drugs exceed \$100 billion dollars, and continue to wreck havoc and destruction on our families and communities.

The UNDCP is often the only entity from the world community in certain nations and regions around the globe, like Afghanistan, where we can help address the threat from illicit drugs. We all face the serious threat from the trade and production of these deadly substances.

Last year, the entire UNDCP's budget did not exceed \$80 million dollars, in a struggle