

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO GRACE ANN MURPHY

#### HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 14, 2001*

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, after 42 years of government service, the last 28 of which was with my office, Grace Ann Murphy has earned a well-deserved retirement. Grace began her government career at the Navy Department, followed by employment at NASA. In 1970, she came to Capitol Hill to work for Rep. Frank Bow, my predecessor in Congress.

When I came to the House in 1973, I was pleased to have Grace continue her service to the constituents of the 16th district. She is well known to residents of the 16th district having advised them on traveling to our Nation's capital, helping to set tours of the Capitol and the White House, and responding to a myriad of constituent requests.

With her vast knowledge of how the Hill works, Grace's skills were particularly appreciated during office moves and Presidential Inaugurations, both events having taken place recently. Grace is extremely knowledgeable about Washington, DC, as she was born and raised here where she graduated from Anacostia High School. She spends her spare time keeping track of all of her fellow classmates for class reunions.

My staff, my constituents, and I will miss Grace not only for her many outstanding contributions in helping to keep our office running smoothly, but especially for the way she made the various holidays special with the appropriate decorations and foodstuffs. We wish her well in her retirement as it is richly deserved.

### IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK DOMINGUEZ

#### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 14, 2001*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Dominguez for his committed service to the community of Elizabeth, NJ, and for his extraordinary business achievements.

Frank Dominguez is president and CEO of Imperial Construction Group, Inc., one of the fastest growing construction firms in the country. From 1996 to 1999, sales increased from \$6.4 million to over \$21 million. This year, Imperial stands to earn revenues exceeding \$30 million. Hispanic Business Magazine ranked Imperial as one of the 100 fastest growing Hispanic-owned companies in the United States. The company has over 70 employees who provide construction and design services for private corporations and government agencies.

Many associations have recognized Mr. Dominguez for his outstanding business

achievements. In 1993, he received the "Contractor of the Year" Award from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey. In addition, the U.S. Small Business Administration has honored him four times in the last 8 years.

In the past three years alone, Imperial has awarded over \$14 million in subcontracts to numerous small businesses in the State. Mr. Dominguez's dedication and commitment in assisting other small businesses speaks volumes about his character.

Frank Dominguez resides in Warren Township, NJ, with his wife and their two children Anthony and Mark.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Frank Dominguez for his hard work and for his years of service to the State of New Jersey, where he has helped build houses, develop and revitalize communities, and change lives for the better.

### THE RETIREMENT OF CELIA DOLLARHIDE

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as all federal agencies are keenly aware, the government is losing many valued employees to retirement. Among them, one stands out for her dedication and commitment—Mrs. Celia Dollarhide, Director of Education Service at the Department of Veterans Affairs, who retired on May 3.

Most veterans don't know Celia Dollarhide by name. Her leadership in setting policy, working with Congress, and ensuring that education benefits are paid has been felt by the hundreds of thousands of veterans and their survivors who received an education under one of the three GI Bills during her tenure.

Celia Dollarhide has devoted her working life to federal service. After taking the federal entrance exam, Celia was highly sought by many federal agencies. Fortunately for veterans, she settled on the Veterans Administration. In 1966, Celia began her career as a claims examiner at the Chicago Regional Office, and in 1972 moved to Washington, DC, to work as an Education Specialist. By 1975, Celia was the Chief of the Program Administration Division in the Education Service. After various management positions within the Veterans Benefits Administration, she became the Deputy Director of the Education Service and in 1994, then-Secretary Jesse Brown promoted her meritoriously to the Senior Executive Service. Celia has served the last six years as Director of Education Service.

Throughout her career, Celia has received numerous awards and professional recognition due to her advocacy and leadership on behalf of veterans and their survivors. It is her core belief—that veterans could achieve so much more with an education—that has driven her to succeed at every turn. There is no way to

count the number of people whose lives Celia has affected, and I wouldn't even begin to try.

Mr. Speaker, Celia Dollarhide has met the highest standards to which civil servants can aspire. On behalf of the VA Committee and our staff, I say thank you to this remarkable professional.

### RETIREMENT OF CELIA DOLLARHIDE

#### HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, last week marked the retirement of Celia Dollarhide, longtime Director of the Education Service for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Like most people, I don't like telling friends goodbye. And Celia has been an incredibly helpful friend to me and to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs over the years. Most importantly however, Celia has been an unwavering friend to the men and women who have served our Nation in uniform.

Mrs. Dollarhide has served veterans faithfully for almost 35 years, all of which have been with VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). She has achieved a remarkable record of accomplishment in the education program. From processing individual education claims for veterans to managing the administration of entire benefit structures, Mrs. Dollarhide's career has been devoted over time to three different GI Bill programs. Prior to her management role at VBA, she began her career at the Chicago Regional Office in 1966 as a Veterans Claims Examiner. She then became an Education Specialist when she moved to Washington, DC in 1972.

From 1975 to 1980, Mrs. Dollarhide served as Chief of the Education Service's Program Administration Division. Throughout the 1980's, she assumed the roles of Administrative Officer for VA's Central Region and Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Benefits Director for Program Management. She returned to the Education Service in 1990 as its Deputy Director. In 1994 our former Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown, had the wisdom to bring Mrs. Dollarhide into the Senior Executive Service. Since that time, she has excelled in her role as Director for the Education Service.

Above all else, Celia Dollarhide has always believed in the power of higher education. As a major proponent of enhanced education benefits for veterans and as a caring administrator, her career stands as a testament to the notion of individual empowerment. Her life's work has focused on empowering the brave men and women who defend this country to become more and achieve more than they ever could have without education.

The VA education benefits that Mrs. Dollarhide has so masterfully administered have helped countless thousands of veterans and servicemembers to make their dreams a

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reality. I can say this from experience, as I myself have directly benefited from VA education benefits under the GI Bill program. In this regard, I want to personally thank my friend Celia—for her tireless energy, for her unwavering advocacy efforts and for her leadership.

At VA, Mrs. Dollarhide has spent her working days seated behind the large lawyer's desk that used to belong to her late husband, Charles "Lew" Dollarhide. Mr. Dollarhide also served as VA's Director of the Education Service from 1980 to 1986. Mrs. Dollarhide's service and that of her husband have been an exemplary contribution to public service by two remarkable people. For the betterment of veterans and their families, Celia Dollarhide leaves behind an outstanding record of achievement at VA and for this we are all grateful. Thank you, Mrs. Dollarhide, and best regards to you in your well deserved retirement.

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NO ESCAPE, NO MORE TO GIVE

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a poignant and powerful article about the increasing violence we are witnessing in Israel. The author of the article, Sherri Lederman Mandell, is the mother of one of the two teenage boys who was found stoned to death in a cave last week. Her words provide us with an insightful look into the lives of Israelis living on the front lines of the violence in Israel.

We must not lose sight of the human element of the issues which we debate. The decisions we are trusted to make impact the lives of real people, a fact too often forgotten. This is especially true for the current violence in Israel, where personal testimonies are often drowned out by pools of rhetoric and propaganda. The fact is, Mr. Speaker, that innocent Israelis are forced to live lives full of fear of violence and terror. Confined to their homes by the violence that surrounds them, these brave people hold out hope that peace will occur one day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this entire article "No Escape, No More to Give" by Sherri Lederman Mandell, and published in the May 14th edition of the Washington Post be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I urge my colleagues to carefully consider the tragic human suffering that persists in the Middle East and which the author describes so vividly in this excellent article.

[From the Washington Post, May 14, 2001]

NO ESCAPE, NO MORE TO GIVE  
(By Sherri Lederman Mandell)

We want to stop listening to the news and watching TV. It is so unbearable that we have reached the point of saturation; no more—no more listening to reports about our children, our soldiers, our husbands, our mothers, our fathers dead, maimed, dying, lost, suffering.

My friend Leah this morning had to pay a mourning visit to a friend whose husband died on Friday. He was on his way from Neve Yaakov, home to Beit Shemesh, and was found in the trunk of his car, dead. It's not clear whether the killing was criminal or

terrorist. The astonishing thing is that we talk about this story and feel as though the world is lost. Then, 10 minutes later we're talking about our diets. Everyone I know is on a diet. Why? Because our weight is all we can control.

I am cleaning house, something I generally don't do. Each corner has to be swept, each bed needs to be made. It is a way of feeling that I can cope. My house is clean and in order, so the world is good.

My friend Shira who is a former SDS member, a feminist and now a therapeutic masseuse, has been reading romance novels—for the first time in her life. She also is decorating the walls of her house with shell sculptures that she fastens with concrete glue. She is busy designing waves and a sun. She is building a life of freedom within the confines of her four walls, the only place she feels safe nowadays.

Suddenly, everyone is home for Independence Day. The only picnic is one that is close by, one that we don't have to drive to with our whole family in the car. We say a special prayer in the synagogue on Friday for Linda and Bobby who were shot at on the tunnel road—shots were fired over their car, the road was closed and they turned around and went back, unhurt.

This is our freedom and independence in our own country. During Holocaust Day, you could hear the sounds of gunfire and tank fire from Gilo and Bethlehem as the prime minister made his speech at Yad Vashem praising Israel as the land where the Jews are free to defend themselves.

On Independence Day, my daughter read the names of 12 people from our area who were killed in the most recent battles. This is not Holocaust Day; this is not some distant battle. This is the battle of today.

We can try to deny it, but we can't escape it—a battle is raging around us. No matter how much we don't want to listen, we lie in bed and hear the shooting.

There is no way not to listen. But what is the message we are supposed to hear? It's not clear anymore. We want peace, but peace is a word that is not the absence of war. Peace has to have value in itself. We have been dreaming about peace. But we have been dreaming with our eyes closed.

Now our eyes are open. We can't escape the sounds of battle. And what is most alarming is this: The battle is a result of giving everything we could. To give more, makes no sense.

The writer's 13-year-old son, Koby, was stoned to death in a cave in Israel last week; she wrote this piece before her son's death, and it is published now with her permission.

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TRIBUTE TO JOYCE WILLIAMS

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, and I am proud to recognize Joyce Williams in the Congress for her invaluable contributions and service to our nation.

Joyce comes from the small town of Bono, Arkansas, but her resume shows that she has not had a small town life. In the first place, she is one of the best-educated people I know, having attended Arkansas State University, the Graduate Institute of Politics, Jonesboro Business College, John Robert Powers Modeling School, and of course, Bono High School.

Right now she and her husband Jim—who also is a wonderful friend—operate Williams & Associates Management Consultants, but I came to know her when she worked for me after I was elected in Congress. In total Joyce spent 22 years employed with the U.S. House of Representatives, and her experience in the offices of my predecessors was crucial as I learned how to represent the First Congressional District of Arkansas. Before working for our institution, Joyce had jobs in industry with General Electric and A.D.T., as well as in the bookkeeping trade and sales.

In addition to these professional responsibilities, Joyce somehow found time to be the Governor of Altrusa International, and hold memberships in the Altrusa Club of Jonesboro, the Order of the Eastern Star, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Girl Scout Council, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Arkansas Democratic Women, the Craighead County Democratic Women, the Craighead County Election Commission, the Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Joyce is a devoted mother to her daughter Teresa Jo—now Mrs. Michael Watkins—and spends a great deal of time with her grandchildren Seth and Sarah Watkins, and she is a devoted daughter to her own mother.

I am proud to recognize Joyce Williams for everything she has done to help me and the residents of the communities that have been lucky enough to count her as a member. Today I want to express my appreciation on behalf of those people, and on behalf of the citizens of this nation.

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PHIL KENT, PRESIDENT, SOUTH-EASTERN LEGAL FOUNDATION

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, those who would argue that a successful career in the news media and sensible conservative views are mutually exclusive traits have obviously never met Phil Kent.

Phil's service to his country began with duty as a military police officer in the United States Army, and as press secretary to Senator STROM THURMOND. After finishing his tenure in Washington, Phil returned to Georgia where he began a job as opinion page editor for the Augusta Chronicle.

His work at the Chronicle brought him widespread recognition and honors. Even his liberal opponents will admit, Phil's written work was always well-researched, well-written, and interesting to read.

Phil Kent is now entering a new phase in his career. He was recently recruited by the Southeastern Legal Foundation to serve as its President. I have every confidence this vital, public interest legal foundation will benefit greatly from Phil's conservative vision and penchant for bold action as he takes the helm there.

I hope other Members of this body will join me in celebrating the arrival of such an effective activist at such an important legal foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS, KID WITNESS  
NEWS AWARD WINNERS**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in paying special tribute to a very talented group of students at the Gordon Parks Academy, located in my Congressional district in East Orange, New Jersey. On May 15th, they will be honored at the 11th annual Panasonic Kid Witness News Vision Awards Ceremony, to be held in our own Newark Museum in Newark, New Jersey.

The Gordon Parks Academy, K-8, is this year's special Technical Vision Award winner for producing a video with the best special effects. This winning video, "Reading: Destination Unlimited", used especially creative and innovative special effects to create its message that books can transport the mind and the imagination. Two students wander into their school's book fair looking for a recommendation. They are invited by the mysterious librarian to take a trip across the United States. To the tune of Nat King Cole's "Route 66," the students experience a fulfilled cross-country odyssey. The special effects reinforce the point that reading a good book can be as vivid as living what you are reading. Mrs. Sharman Howe Nittoli, the TV Production Teacher and KWN coordinator, should be commended for her outstanding work with the very talented young people who produced this video. Kid Witness News is a hands-on video education program in more than 200 primarily inner-city schools in 120 U.S. cities. Using Panasonic-supplied equipment to create video projects, young people are encouraged to develop their creative, communication and technical skills through video production. Annual awards are presented to student teams in various categories, including Best Video, Documentary, Local Hero, Multiculturalism and News at a special program held in New Jersey each spring. It is apparent that The Gordon Parks Academy is proud to be a participant in Panasonic's KWN student news program. I know Ms. Joyce F. Howard, the school's principal, clearly recognizes the importance for young people of diverse backgrounds to seek new experiences and examine themselves in different roles as they prepare for their own future. I truly am proud to say congratulations to her, to the program advisors, and especially to the students of Gordon Parks Academy for a job well done. As a former teacher and lifelong advocate of youth, I am pleased to support Panasonic's Kid Witness News program. I commend Don Iwatani, Panasonic's Chairman and CEO of North American operations, for his support and leadership of such a commendable program. The excitement surrounding this program is that we actually will see "The World Through Their Eyes" in years to come as the participants become the future newsmakers of tomorrow. The 2001 New Vision Awards are a testament to the great future of today's youth as they prepare for the 21st Century. I am proud that Panasonic is in New Jersey and proud of its efforts to make a difference in the lives of children both in New Jersey and across the country.

THE 42ND ANNUAL CASTROVILLE  
ARTICHOKE FESTIVAL**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 42nd Annual Castroville Artichoke Festival, taking place May 19th and 20th. While quite unknown to many people outside of my district in California, Castroville is the self-declared "Artichoke Capital of the World," and this delicious thistle is one of the largest crops in northern Monterey County.

The Artichoke Festival is an annual two-day event that celebrates the culture of the Salinas Valley, specifically the growing, harvesting and many uses of the artichoke itself. Every year new events are planned, but the most popular ones include a classic car show, a parade, and, of course, the food. This year will surely be more exciting, with the addition of a 10K/ half marathon race and an artichoke recipe contest.

The artichoke first came to central California in 1921, when four families with close ties to Italy decided to grow the thistle that was so popular in Europe right in Castroville. With a climate that is perfect for this crop, the artichoke has become a rich part of the heritage and culture of our area.

Because of this importance in the life and economy of my district, and because it is such a delicious treat for anyone familiar with this thistle, I am pleased to be able to honor the 42nd Annual Castroville Artichoke Festival.

## TRIBUTE TO JIMMIE LOU FISHER

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, and I am proud to recognize Jimmie Lou Fisher in the Congress for her invaluable contributions and service to our state and nation.

I have known Jimmie Lou for years, and I can testify from experience to her public service and the example she has set for others.

Jimmie Lou has served longer than any other state treasurer in Arkansas history. As one of the first female office holders in our state, she has been a positive role-model and trailblazer for young women. Most importantly, she executes her responsibilities effectively, and combines her obvious competence with a passion for politics. This explains why the citizens of Arkansas have elected her so many times, and why she has inspired so many others to become involved in our political system.

Clearly Jimmie Lou has mastered her job, and has shown creativity and ingenuity in the process. In 1990 she was named the president of the National Association of State Treasurers. Recently she was the only state treasurer in the nation to employ a state-of-the-art investment and general ledger system, which has cut paperwork and processing in half, and dramatically reduced maintenance costs.

Her many awards and nominations indicate the degree to which she has touched the lives

of people in communities large and small. President Bill Clinton was lucky to have her as a district coordinator when he first ran for governor; the Democratic party was lucky to have her in all of the capacities she accepted in its behalf; the citizens of Arkansas were lucky to have her through almost eighteen years of public service; and the women in our state have been lucky to have her as a role model and inspiration.

Jimmie Lou decided to retire from politics this year, which came as a surprise to many people in our state. We all wish she could have served forever. On behalf of the citizens of the state of Arkansas and this nation, with great love and respect, I thank her for everything she has done to improve the lives of others. I am very proud to call her my friend.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SMALL  
BUSINESS LIABILITY PROTECTION  
ACT**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Small Business Liability Protection Act. This bill, which has cosponsors from both sides of the aisle, represents the successful negotiations of Republicans and Democrats on both the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. This bill is long overdue and will provide liability protection to small businesses that disposed of very small amounts of waste or ordinary garbage and shelter small businesses from serious financial hardship by offering those affected businesses expedited settlements. It does not save any businesses from Superfund liability if their waste stream caused serious environmental harm. This bill provides an appropriate helping hand while keeping the onus on all businesses to be responsible stewards of our environment. I would urge all members of this House to support this bill, without amendment.

CELEBRATING NILOUS MCKINLEY  
AVERY**HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend and celebrate the life and Golden Anniversary Celebration for Dr. Nilous McKinley Avery. Dr. Avery has pastored Hill Street Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina for fifty (50) years. It has been my privilege to be in his church many times as he has held the summer "Earning by Learning" reading program in his church which I have sponsored for the past seven years.

Dr. Avery graduated from Garner High School in Garner, North Carolina, and then went on to complete his Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Divinity, and Master of Divinity at Shaw University in Raleigh. He pursued a Doctor of Theology Degree (THD) in Psychology and Pastoral Counseling from the Boston University of School of Theology in

Boston, Massachusetts and was recognized with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Shaw University.

As a student Dr. Avery served as pastor of Pilot Baptist Church in Pilot, North Carolina; New Liberty Baptist Church in Louisburg, North Carolina; Macedonia Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina; and Malabys Crossroads Baptist Church in Knightdale, North Carolina. In 1951 he came to Asheville to pastor Hill Street Baptist Church, and fifty years later he is still the pastor.

Since his arrival in Asheville, Dr. Avery has become an outstanding leader in the religious community. In 1956 he became the first African American to be elected president of the Interracial Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County. In addition, he has served in a leadership capacity in many organizations in the area as well as state-wide organizations.

Dr. Avery is married to the former Christine Watson who is a retired teacher from the Asheville City Schools System. They have four children, all college graduates: Nilous M. Avery, II pastors Mount Zion Baptist Church in Salisbury, North Carolina. Kryste' N. Moore practices dentistry in Newark, New Jersey. CiCi Morton is the Supervisor for Community in Schools in Asheville, North Carolina. Nian Avery is a licensed embalmer and funeral director at Hart Funeral Service in Asheville, North Carolina. The Averys have eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in saluting Dr. Avery's first fifty years of service to his Lord, his church and our community.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT CHEN  
SHUI-BIAN OF TAIWAN

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, President Chen Shui-bian of the Republic of China will be completing his first year of service as Taiwan's head of state this May 20, and I would like to congratulate him and comment on a few of Taiwan's achievements.

First, the Republic of China on Taiwan is a major trading partner of the United States and has maintained friendly ties and relations with us for the last ninety years. Second, over recent decades, Taiwan has become a successful model of political reform. Fifty years ago, Taiwan was a closed and authoritarian society with neither freedom of speech nor freedom of assembly. Taiwan did not have elections. Today, Taiwan has become a true democracy. It is the home to more than 90 political parties and virtually every political office in Taiwan is hotly contested through free and fair elections. Third, Taiwan subscribes to the private enterprise system. Taiwan's economy is vibrant and it offers its people one of the highest standards of living in Asia, including universal education and free medical care of people of all ages in Taiwan. Fourth, in terms of its trading relations with us, Taiwan represents our seventh largest export market, thus providing many jobs for our manufacturers. Fifth, in addition to trade relations, more than 30,000 Tai-

wan students are studying at U.S. colleges and universities. Sixth, the U.S. is the number one destination for most of Taiwan's travelers. Seventh, and last but not least, Taiwan and the U.S. share many values in common such as attachment to human rights, freedom and democracy.

Congratulations to Taiwan. I would also like to extend my sincerest welcome to President Chen during his visit to America. He will be stopping in New York on his way to Central America later this month. His stay in New York will be brief, but I hope he enjoys his stay and I wish him success during his official visit in Central America.

REVEREND FELIX B. DUCKWORTH

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, and I am proud to recognize Reverend Felix B. Duckworth in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to our nation.

Reverend Duckworth was born in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1964, and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He has been married to his lovely wife for 14 years, and he has two beautiful daughters who are 13 and 14 years of age.

His is a life of devotion to the church, and he has spent 20 years in the ministry winning souls for Christ. For ten of those twenty years Reverend Duckworth has been pastor of a church. He served seven of the ten years as Pastor of the Star of Zion Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. While at the Star of Zion, he was as a member of the City Revitalization/Economic Development Committee. It was here that he committed himself to improving socially and economically distressed areas. Through his work on that board, Reverend Duckworth helped to build and develop the infrastructure for the city of Robstown, Texas, a suburb of Corpus Christi.

After leaving the Star of Zion, he moved to Forrest City, Arkansas, where he assumed the stewardship of Salem M.B. Church. At Salem, he continued his life's work by providing the vision to construct the Salem M.B. Church Family Life Center. Reverend Duckworth used his experience in Corpus Christi to give Forrest City a resource that will provide the community with much-needed intervention and prevention programs. The Salem M.B. Church Family Life Center will serve as a community center that will offer counseling, tutoring and wellness services. The facility will have a computer learning center that is the result of a collaborative effort of state and federal agencies. The Center's primary focus is promoting the importance of getting a good education and addressing the social problems that are ever-present in distressed communities. Reverend Duckworth has written several papers conveying his thoughts on leadership and stewardship. Recently he completed a Leadership Manual addressing church leadership philosophies that will probably be published in late 2001.

In addition to his main responsibilities with the church, Reverend Duckworth somehow has found time to be Moderator of the North Arkansas Baptist District Association, which

oversees 12 churches; President of the St. Francis County (Arkansas) Ministerial Alliance; a member of the Community Relations Board at Forrest City Federal Prison; Chaplain of the Baptist Memorial Health Care Center in St. Francis County; a member of the St. Francis County TEA Coalition Board; and a member of the St. Francis County NAACP.

I am proud to recognize Reverend Duckworth for everything he has done to help the residents of the communities that have been lucky enough to count him as a member, and I want to express my appreciation on behalf of those people, and on behalf of the citizens of this nation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWARK YMWCA ON 120 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring an institution which is close to my heart and which has inspired countless young men and women over its 120 years of service, the YMWCA of Newark and Vicinity.

As friends and supporters of the Newark Y gather for the 120th anniversary celebration, we reflect on the unique history of the organization as it has worked to serve fellow citizens, young and old, men and women, families and singles, of all races and religions. The Newark Y was the first major Y in the nation to have an African American Executive Director, Mr. Robert Wilson. In the early 1950s, when both the YMCA and the YWCA were conducting a capital campaign to raise funds for a new building, it was decided that the two would merge, creating the YMWCA. The Newark Y has been in the forefront of international programs, with the diligent global work of people like Woody and Connie English putting Newark on the map.

As a school teacher in the 1950s, I encouraged students on the athletic team I was coaching at the then Southside High School, called Malcolm X. Shabazz High School today, to join in the storefront Y at 52 Jones Street. That first group formed the Omega Phi Epsilon High School Club, and within a few years we had over 40 clubs. The TransCity Teen Program was recognized as the most active in the country. Our efforts at the Y resulted in thousands of youngsters being mentored and placed in colleges throughout the northeast and the rest of the nation. Volunteers would drive them to college and help them settle in to their freshman dormitories. Participating in regional, national and international programs in Europe, South America and Africa, many of the Y youngsters of yesterday have become outstanding leaders of today in all fields: education, law, government, medicine, and the corporate world. The YMWCA is committed to developing the spirit, mind and body of the individual; to creating a sense of common social purpose in the community; and to promoting basic, wholesome values for living. The YMWCA demonstrates those commitments through programs and services which offer opportunities to develop youth leadership skills,

strengthen family life, adopt healthy lifestyles, build international understanding, make friends, go to camp, learn to swim, obtain new skills, volunteer in the community, and play basketball and other sports. Despite the ever-changing nature of the world, the need for these kinds of programs and services remains as great as it was when the YMCA was founded in 1881.

As the proud former national President of the YMCAs of the USA, I am pleased to recognize the Y for its many contributions to the quality of life in Newark and surrounding communities and urge support for the Y so that it may continue to serve us for years to come.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF PHILIP  
CHOVAN, MARIETTA, GEORGIA

### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, one would be hard pressed to find a better example of a life spent serving others, than that of Marietta, Georgia Deputy Fire Chief Philip Chovan. After serving in the United States Army, and following his graduation from college, Deputy Chief Chovan began a career protecting his friends and neighbors from fires and other disasters.

During that career, Deputy Chief Chovan has continued to develop as a professional; earning certification after certification, and holding teaching positions where he has passed those skills along to others. In addition to engaging in practically every facet of emergency planning in his own department, Philip Chovan has served on disaster preparedness boards, such as the Georgia Local Emergency Planning Committee, on the Atlanta FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, and as a presidentially appointed member of the Defense Science Board.

While all of us hope we will never need the services of someone like Philip Chovan, I can say with great confidence he is the kind of person I would want protecting my home and family in an emergency. As he begins a well-earned retirement this year, I join the many individuals who Deputy Chief Chovan has protected from harm, in expressing our thanks and wishing him a safe and prosperous future as he pursues new challenges.

A TRIBUTE TO SMITH DOBSON

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a legendary jazz musician who passed away last month. Smith Dobson died April 20, 2001, in an automobile accident that took the life of a great pianist and teacher. Mr. Dobson was only 54.

Smith Dobson had a career that led him to some of the highest levels of performance. He has shared the stage with musicians such as Art Pepper, Pharoah Sanders, Freddie Hubbard, Mundell Lowe, Stan Getz, among many others, and has spent the last 13 years play-

ing with vibraphonist Bobby Hutcherson. At the beginning of his career, in fact, he was a member of the Airmen of Note, the official White House jazz band. His teaching career has been equally praised, having held positions in jazz history at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and jazz piano and harmony at San Jose State University. Mr. Dobson was also a dedicated community advocate for musical education and outreach. He sat on the boards of the San Jose Jazz Society, the Stanford Jazz Alliance and the Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz.

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, his death has shocked our local community as well as the jazz community at large. At his memorial service, over 1,000 people came to pay their respects, filling the chapel two hours before the service even began. His life was celebrated in word and in song, as his friends and colleagues shared tales and memories. Smith Dobson has been described as the "moral center of the community", a "world-class" player, and the "first-call guy". In fact, last year the internationally known Monterey Jazz Festival recognized his talent and dedication to his craft with a lifetime achievement award. He and his family were also the recipients of the 2001 Gail Rich Award for excellence in the arts. Mr. Dobson's loss is indeed a loss for us all.

Smith Dobson was a consummate musician and member of his community, and I am sure that his legacy will continue through the talents of his two children and wife, all of whom are accomplished musicians as well. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Gail of Santa Cruz; son, Smith Jr. of San Francisco; and daughter, Sasha, of New York; as well as thousands of musicians, friends, colleagues and fans.

SUPPORT H.R. 10

### HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 10, the Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act. This comprehensive legislation is an excellent first step toward rectifying the severe retirement savings shortfall in this country.

Clearly we need to do more to prepare for our futures. IRA's, 401(k)s, and other tax-favored retirement plans are one way to do so. At present, half of our nation's workforce, practically 75 million Americans, lack access to a 401(k)-type plan or any kind of pension. IRA contribution limits have been frozen at the \$2,000 limit since 1981. I applaud Congressmen PORTMAN and CARDIN for creating this package that will allow Americans to set more aside in IRA or 401(k)-type plans, modernize pension laws, and provide regulatory relief to encourage more small businesses to offer retirement plans.

By allowing individuals to increase their contribution limit for both traditional and Roth IRA's to \$5,000 over the next three years, gives them the potential for a sound economic future. This legislation would allow so many working Americans the opportunity to better themselves, their families and their future. Also by including catch-up provisions granting individuals who are over 50 to increase their

contribution for IRA's to \$5,000 next year, provides these individuals to chance for a better retirement.

In today's society, we are living longer and healthier lives. Current statistics indicate that one-fifth of today's 35-year-olds who reach retirement can expect to live into their 90's. This evidence clearly demonstrates that Americans will outlive their retirement savings. Therefore, it is crucial that Congress can provide Americans, who have worked hard to support themselves and their families, every opportunity possible to achieve a financially secure retirement.

I would urge my colleagues to support this landmark legislation that would expand access to private pensions and increase flexibility for families to save for their retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 11TH ANNUAL PANASONIC KID WITNESS NEWS PROGRAM AND THE NEW VISION AWARD WINNERS

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very talented group of students at Theodore Roosevelt School in Weehawken, New Jersey. On May 15th, 11th annual Panasonic Kid Witness News program will present its New Vision Awards at the Newark Museum in Newark, New Jersey.

Theodore Roosevelt School's K-8 is this year's New Vision Award winner for producing the best "Local Hero" video. Videos in the Local Hero category profile an individual who represents accomplishments, heroism or spirit, and demands our attention and adulation. The video created by the Weehawken school KWN team used a series of on-camera narrators, interviews, still photographs, and home video footage to create a moving portrait of one of their classmates, 12-year-old Lenny Rodriguez, a cancer survivor who made the hard decision to have his leg amputated. In choosing the Theodore Roosevelt School, the judges selected "Our Little Giant Dares to Dream," an inspirational story about one person's extraordinary triumph over adversity. I commend Mr. Jon Hammer, 7th grade teacher and KWN coordinator, and 6th grade teacher Eileen Hochman for their generous time and support given to the Weehawken KWN team to produce such an outstanding and special video.

I am very familiar with Panasonic's Kid Witness News program. It is a hands-on, video education program, in more than 200 primarily inner-city schools in 120 U.S. cities. Using Panasonic-supplied equipment to create video projects, young people are encouraged to develop their creative, communication, and technical skills through video production. Annual awards are presented to student teams in various categories, including Best Video, Documentary, Local Hero, Multiculturalism, and News at a special program held in New Jersey each spring.

Theodore Roosevelt School was the very first participating school in Panasonic's KWN student news program. Mr. Anthony LaBruno, the school's principal, clearly understands the students' pride in accomplishing from these

kinds of programs. Congratulations to him, to the KWN program advisers, and to the students of Theodore Roosevelt School for work well done. And a special recognition and best wishes to Lenny Rodriguez, a very courageous young man.

For 11 years the Panasonic KWN program has been helping young people learn about issues that affect them, their classmates and their community. And in its efforts to bridge the digital divide, KWN encourages students' discovery of what technology can do to enhance their educational experience. Therefore, I commend Don Iwatani, Panasonic's Chairman and CEO of North American operations, for his leadership and support. The effort of KWN to bring information, knowledge, and understanding of current events to tomorrow's citizens will make a difference in the world we all share. Kid Witness News certainly has made a difference in the lives of children in New Jersey and throughout the United States.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the talented students and teachers who have contributed to the great success of Panasonic's Kid Witness News program.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANNE M. GLATT

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a friend and constituent of the sixth district whose unselfish service for over 35 years has left a lasting impression in the hearts of members of both her Temple and her community.

Born in Poland and raised in a Yiddish-speaking home in Montreal, following her family's 1930 emigration to Canada, Anne M. Glatt's early education included both public school and a six-day cheder. After three years of college, Anne moved to the United States in 1950, living first in the Branch Brook Park section of Newark, NJ, then Jamestown, NY, and finally settling down in the Edison-Highland Park area in July, 1964.

When she arrived, Anne immediately began looking for a Hebrew School for her three daughters and called the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center. Once all financial arrangements for her daughters' schooling were arranged, Anne politely suggested to Executive Director Reuben S. Silver that the Temple might be able to use a bookkeeper. Director Silver agreed and thus began an extraordinary relationship that continues to this day. Anne was kindly welcomed by all at the Temple, and found a particularly warm friend in the new young Rabbi Yakov R. Hilsenrath, with whom she often engaged in spirited conversation.

After having been single for 23 years, Anne met Moishe Glatt in 1982, and the two were married in 1986. They will soon be celebrating 15 wonderful years together.

Anne has been a loving mother, grandmother, wife, sister, and most of all, friend to everyone who has had the good fortune of meeting her. She has been the caring voice on the other end of the phone, shining smile behind the desk, and confidante in times of need. Her genuinely good nature and tireless devotion to her community have rightfully

earned her the Temple's prestigious Chaver Award for exemplary service.

It is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Anne M. Glatt for her nearly four decades of dedication to the Highland Park Jewish community and wish her all the best in the years to come.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-BIAN OF TAIWAN

### HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, as the Republic of China on Taiwan prepares to celebrate President Chen Shui-bian's first anniversary in office, I wish to extend to President Chen and the people of Taiwan my congratulations.

Despite its diplomatic isolation, Taiwan is a proud nation that has made extraordinary progress in recent years. It has an exemplary democracy with free elections, free press and respect for human rights.

For decades, the United States and its people are united in supporting Taiwan's pursuit of freedom and democracy. We will continue to support Taiwan and its people. Peace and security in the Taiwan Strait is vital to the security interests of all nations in the area.

Congratulations, President Chen on a job well done.

#### MEMORIALIZING MARY BIANCHINI'S LIFE AND SERVICE

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the life and service of my dear friend and tireless advocate, Mary Bianchini of Nyack, NY.

Throughout her life, Mary Bianchini has not only served her family and friends, but our communities with her unwavering kindness and commitment. She devoted a lifetime to service to others—as a nurse, as a media personality, and as a linchpin in numerous charitable endeavors. It is therefore appropriate that we reflect upon Mary's many significant accomplishments and as a dear friend to so many of us that we pause and express our love to her which she has showered upon us all these many years.

A cover story in the January–February 1987 issue of "Geriatric Nursing" recounted how Mary emigrated to the United States from Italy with her family at a young age. In 1929, she married the man her parents had chosen for her even before that union found a firm foundation in love. In fact, Mary remained married until her husband's untimely death in the late 1950's, nearly 30 years after their nuptials.

Mary was a devoted housewife and mother, but as happened with all too many Americans at that time, the Great Depression threw a wrench into her plans. Forced to find employment in a shoe factory, Mary had to seek new employment when that establishment burned down and upon applying to become a telephone operator at the Rockland State Hos-

pital, she was told there were no vacancies, but would be hired if she would help out in patient care. From that experience on, Mary was dedicated to helping others.

Mary demonstrated a natural skill in caring for the ill. She became a licensed practical nurse in 1938, and soon earned a reputation statewide for her compassion, skill, common sense, and her advocacy for nurses.

Mary served as an officer in the New York State Practical Nurses Association from 1948 until 1962. In those positions, her reputation as a feisty defender of the underdog was assured. In the 1960's, Mary embarked on a completely new career as host of her own radio, and cable television programs. Soon, the movers and shakers in all aspects of society were seeking to be interviewed by this remarkable woman, not quite five feet high. Her popular broadcast interviews continued until well into the 1980's.

Mary, who was often referred to as "Rockland's First Lady," received many awards and recognition, including the American Heart Association "Queen of Hearts" in 1985, being cited by Governor Mario Cuomo for her service to our State, and as a strong supporter of my Congressional Citizens Advisory Committee on Drugs.

Perhaps Mary's greatest pride was in her own family. Her son, Dr. Valentino Bianchini, is a respected member of the medical profession, who has raised his own family following Mary's lifetime goals.

The poet John Dryden (1631–1700), once said, "So softly death succeeded life in her/ She did but dream of heaven/and she was there."

Mary Bianchini will be sorely missed not only by all her family and friends, but by the countless people she has helped throughout her life. As we mark the passing of Mary 'Bee,' our good friend, this outstanding citizen, with her gentle heart, we convey our condolences and prayers to her family as we reflect upon her lifetime and service to us all.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVE SCHLESINGER

### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the Director of the City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department (MWWWD), Mr. Dave Schlesinger.

Dave is retiring after more than a decade of service to the City of San Diego. During that time he was responsible for managing the planning, design and construction of facilities associated with the upgrade and expansion of the Metropolitan Sewerage System which provides wastewater treatment services to 1.9 million residents from the fifteen cities and districts in the greater San Diego area.

As director of MWWWD, Dave headed a team of more than 1,000 employees and full-time consultants, that are also responsible for wastewater collection services for the City of San Diego. The MWWWD treats the wastewater generated in a 450-mile-square-mile area stretching from Del Mar to the North, Alpine and Lakeside to the East, and South to the Mexican border. I worked with Dave on a number of projects critical to San Diego. He

was a key member of the team that successfully attained legislative approval of the so-called 301(h) waiver for the Point Loma waste treatment plant. This action saved literally billions of dollars for the taxpayers of San Diego. Without Dave's technical expertise and political acumen, we would not have been successful in this effort.

Dave's talents were also critical to last year's Congressional approval of the Bajagua project to treat Mexican sewage. Dave helped to develop the innovative public-private partnership that promises to solve a 50-year-old problem plaguing San Diego. We always relied on Dave's "sense of the possible"—both politically and technically—to get over the many obstacles we faced over several years.

Dave is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He also holds a Masters degree in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. He is a registered professional engineer in the Civil Discipline. He has had nearly 30 years of experience in planning, engineering and construction project management and facilities management. Prior to his service with the City of San Diego, he served as a U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer for 25 years. He retired with the grade of Captain. Dave is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Navy League of the United States. He is also involved in numerous technical and professional societies in the San Diego area.

The City of San Diego will greatly miss the services of Dave Schlesinger.

IN HONOR OF DAVID C. FORBES,  
SR.

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Doctor David C. Forbes, Sr., Senior Minister and Pastor of Christian Faith Baptist Church, on the occasion of his receipt of a doctorate in sociology from the University of Virginia. Doctor Forbes was one of eight children born in Raleigh, North Carolina to a Pentecostal Bishop and a sainted mother. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Shaw University, a Master of Social Work degree from Adelphi University and Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary. He has also been awarded several honorary degrees, including a Doctor of Divinity by the Richmond Virginia Seminary, Doctor of Humane Letters by Shaw University and Doctor of Divinity by Shaw Divinity School.

Doctor Forbes was active in the civil rights movement during the 1960's having served as the North Carolina representative for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Doctor Forbes came to the gospel ministry after an extensive career in education, which included teaching at the elementary and university levels. He was also involved in counseling and social program administration. In addition to the ministerial role, he was Assistant Professor and Director of Admission, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University for some twelve years. From

1979–1984 Dr. Forbes served as Pastor of St. Peter Baptist Church, Glen Allen/Richmond, Virginia; and from 1983–1990 Senior Minister and Pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Forbes currently serves as Consultant to the President and Dean of The Shaw Divinity School.

Doctor Forbes has also volunteered on numerous committees and boards. He currently serves on the Human Services Taskforce of The North Carolina Local Government Partnership Council, the Board of Building Together Ministries, Board of The United Way of Wake County, and the South-East Raleigh Improvement Commission. In addition, he has a number of publications to his credit. In fact, he is in broad demand as an evangelist, church development consultant, workshop facilitator and keynoter.

Dr. Forbes is married to the former Hazel Baldwin of Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina. He is the father of three children, a son, Reverend David C. Forbes, Jr. founder and Pastor of the Columbus Christian Center, Columbus, Ohio, and two daughters, Mrs. Cheryl Forbes Lassiter, a banker in Raleigh, and Denise Colene Forbes, a music teacher in Bronx, New York. Dr. Forbes proudly answers to "Pa Pa" and "Grand Pa" to five grandsons and four granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Doctor David C. Forbes, Sr. has devoted his life to serving his community his church and his people. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today as he is awarded a truly hard-earned honor. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHOENIX  
HOME LIFE MUTUAL INSURANCE  
COMPANY

### HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, 1851 was an extraordinary year. Our country was 75 years old and on the brink of Civil War. In the midst of all the chaos, a small group of Hartford, Connecticut's leading businessmen, religious leaders, cultural and civic leaders, applied for a charter for the formation of The American Temperance Life Insurance Company, which would become Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company.

On Thursday, Phoenix celebrates its 150th anniversary. It has survived the Civil War, Reconstruction, the Great Depression, two World Wars and the societal upheaval of the late 20th century. Phoenix has endured because the company has always met the needs of its policyholders and customers while upholding its standards of integrity, and industry and community leadership.

Phoenix has through the years been a leader in product innovations: it was the first to insure the temperate, the first to lower rates for women (based on actuarial science), the first to offer policies that covered total families, not just individuals, and the first to lower rates for nonsmokers.

Phoenix has been a leader in business practice innovations: Phoenix was the first to require full-time dedicated agents and led the

drive to make the sale of insurance a profession. Phoenix was also the first to develop a publication for its field force and the first company to use direct mail marketing.

Phoenix has been recognized ten times by Working Mother magazine as one of the Top 100 companies for working mothers. It was recognized for its efforts in providing childcare, workplace flexibility, leave for new parents, and advancement of women.

But perhaps most importantly, Phoenix's Chief Executive Officer, Robert W. Fiordella, has proven that the values of community and citizenship made good business sense. Phoenix encourages its employees to volunteer through a policy that allows them to devote 40 hours of company time per year to community activities, provided it is matched by the same amount of personal time. The company also rewards its top 20 professional advisors through its Donor's Award, a program that enables them to designate up to \$2,000 to a local charity. Since its inception, the award has benefited many organizations, including the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Lou Gehrig Baseball and the Make A Wish Foundation.

Phoenix has spearheaded a \$3 million "Legacy Campaign" to sustain and grow the Doc Hurley Foundation, the creation of Walter J. "Doc" Hurley, who has worked tirelessly for Hartford's youth. Phoenix contributed \$250,000 at the start of the campaign and will contribute another \$250,000 at the end of it. The campaign's endowment will help high school students go on to college through a scholarships and other support, such as help with purchasing books and completing paperwork. Foundation Trustees will help with mentoring and helping to complete necessary paperwork pertaining to college applications.

Student attendance and mastery test scores have improved at Hartford's Fred D. Wish Elementary School as a result of Phoenix's partnership with the school. For 15 years, employees have worked one-on-one with students in grades three through six to sharpen math and language skills. Phoenix provides transportation each week for students to travel to their Hartford office for tutoring.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when some businesses are scaling back their corporate giving programs, Phoenix is sustaining and even enhancing its involvement. In 1995, Phoenix made an eight-year commitment to Special Olympics International as its first Official Worldwide Partner, setting a standard for volunteerism and civic responsibility few companies can match.

Please join me in offering congratulations on their 150th anniversary and in recognition of Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company.

HONORING ENRON METHANOL  
COMPANY AS INDUSTRY OF THE  
YEAR

### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Enron Methanol as the 2001 Industry of the Year by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. On May 17, 2001 Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board Larry C.

Johnson will present this 2001 Industry of the Year Award at the Industrial Luncheon at the First United Methodist Church. Although I will not be able to attend this ceremony because I will be in Washington, D.C. fulfilling my official legislative duties, I want to congratulate all of the employees at the Enron Methanol plant and Plant Manager David Bush for their commitment to community service. Helping your neighbors is a valuable goal which we should all applaud.

As you may know, Enron Methanol is the seventh industry recognized by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce for the overall positive impact they provide to the area. This Award is presented annually to a local business which has contributed to improving our neighborhoods and community.

Enron Methanol has clearly demonstrated their commitment to our area. This year, Enron Methanol employees have worked cooperatively with many local community groups including the United Way, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, American Heart Association, Pasadena Police Department, Girls Softball, H.O.S.T. program, Pen Pal Program, Science Fair judges, Pasadena Alumni Association, the Emergency Response Team and East Harris County Manufacturing Association as well as the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. All of these organizations have benefited from the volunteer labor and financial assistance which Enron Methanol employees provide to local organizations.

The Pasadena Enron plant produces Methanol, which is a colorless liquid used in MTBE, Acetic Acid, Formaldehyde, Fuel, and Windshield washer fluid. This facility is one of the world's most energy efficient methanol plants. They provide sixty jobs locally with an annual payroll of \$3,600,000 and pay \$750,000 in taxes to our area.

Again, I want to congratulate the employees of Enron Methanol and encourage other local business organizations to participate in local volunteer activities to make Pasadena, Texas a better place to live.

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL AND JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

**HON. HENRY J. HYDE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, each year I present a challenge to the 6th District high school seniors and to the students attending junior high. The challenge is an essay contest I sponsor in which I choose a topic and ask the student to write about it. The work is judged on originality, creativeness, cohesiveness, writing skills, including sentence and paragraph structure, and neatness. The topic for the Seniors this year was "The Necessity of the Electoral College," and for the junior high students, I asked that they write about James Madison.

I am very pleased to share with my colleagues the essays that won first place. In the senior category, the author of the winning entry is Jeremy Hawbaker who lives in Bensenville and attends Fenton High School. The first place winner in the junior high category is Keith Root of Elmhurst who attends Jefferson Middle School. I thoroughly enjoyed

the writing skills of both these young students and am pleased to insert their essays in the RECORD for your enjoyment.

THE NECESSITY OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE  
(By Jeremy Hawbaker)

In the wake of a highly controversial election, in which a candidate won with less popular votes but more electoral votes than the other candidate, the question of whether the Electoral College should be abolished or not has come up. Questions then arise around that. What exactly is the purpose, the original purpose, the Founders put it in place for? What would be the advantage of abolishing it in favor of election by purely popular vote? What other method is there?

The purpose of the Electoral College, as the Framers of the Constitution made it, was that with this system, more populated states would not be able to dominate over the less populated states in the presidential elections. This was a compromise made between those who favored power in the states and those who favored the power in the people. This was also a precautionary measure. The Founders created the United States of America as a republic, not a democracy as many would have one believe. They knew when they formed the nation that a democracy could quickly lead to mob rule and eventually tyranny, the farthest thing that they wanted having just fought a war to rid themselves of the tyranny of the British government. In a republic, there would be a government of law that would protect the rights of an individual. As James Madison wrote, many important issues "are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority." In other words, people too often vote the way in which they are misled by politicians who claim to have the people's best interests in mind. Decisions are made by emotion rather than intellect. Instead, in the republic that America is currently, decisions are made by close deliberation. The Founding Fathers also knew their history. They were aware that unlimited power could not be trusted to anyone, including the people. As constitutional scholar Dan Smoot pointed out, "they devised a system to control political power by dispersing it and balancing it so that too much power could not be concentrated in one place." The Electoral College system was also made to protect the people from despots. Once again, from their knowledge of history, the Framers knew that in past democracies in which leaders were chosen by the people alone tyrants had quickly arisen. For example, Caesar, elected by the people with promises of more property, quickly seized power. As Benjamin Franklin put it, "There is scarce a king in a hundred who would not, if he could, follow the example of Pharaoh, get first at the people's money, then all their lands, and then make them and their children servants forever." This has also happened since the Founders. One of the more obvious examples is that of Adolf Hitler who was elected by a democratic election. Hitler, after becoming Chancellor of Germany, rapidly pooled up as much power as possible and abolished the independence of the German states. This was not because this is what the German people wanted. They were unfortunately ignorant of what Hitler truly wanted and instead listened to his promises of security and greatness. Perhaps if such an institution such as the Electoral College existed in Germany this would not have happened. As Fisher Ames, one of America's first congressmen aptly put it, "Every step . . . towards a more complete unmixed democracy is an advance towards destruction; it is treading where the

ground is treacherous and excavated for an explosion. Liberty has never lasted long in a democracy; nor has it ever ended in anything better than despotism."

Many people today feel however that popular vote is a much better way of determining who the next president should be. What are the advantages of this then? Or rather should I say what are the disadvantages? One possible advantage is that by abolishing the electoral College, the election process is simplified. The principle of "one person, one vote" is upheld. However, there are many disadvantages. One problem with this method is that it worsens the problems associated with a two-party system. "Split votes" become a serious problem in that if two candidates divide the vote of those who agree with them, a dissimilar third candidate would receive the plurality of the votes even if the electorate sides more with the pair. A larger problem though is that this would require an amendment, an amendment that would most likely never be able to be passed. An amendment requires three-fourths of the states to support it. In an amendment such as this, most states would lose their influence in presidential politics. Few states would endorse this.

What then is there to do? I suggest retaining the Electoral College but reforming it. Instead of the "winner-takes-all" system that the Electoral College runs under now, electors should instead be chosen by congressional districts, with two electors-at-large for the senators in each state. With this idea, candidates would receive an electoral vote from each district they win. This would much more accurately reflect popular mandate. An advantage of this is that it would not take a Constitutional amendment. States can already do this if they wish, a couple of states already do. In this last election, the results would have been much more simplified as well. Bush won counties with an aggregate population of 143 million, compared to the 127 million that Gore would have won. This system would preserve then the weighting of votes in favor of the less populous states instead of letting the more populous states totally dominate over presidential elections.

To keep our country secure and free then, the Electoral College should by all means stay as part of our government. However, I do believe that the process should be looked at due to the amount of controversy recently surrounding it.

JAMES MADISON, THE FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION  
(By Keith Root)

James Madison, the president of the United States from 1809-1817, is known today as the Father of the Constitution because of his major role in the Constitutional Convention. His many other accomplishments include serving as Thomas Jefferson's secretary of state from 1801-1809 and sponsoring the Bill of Rights.

James Madison was born on March 16, 1751 in Port Conway, Virginia. He was the son and heir to a wealthy planter. He received a full education, and graduated from the College of New Jersey (which is now Princeton University) in 1771. In 1776, he was elected to the Virginia Convention, a convention that was called to urge independence from Britain. He was elected in 1780 to the Continental Congress, of which he was the youngest member. Despite this potential drawback, he gained much respect and rose to a position of leadership. During his term he worked with Alexander Hamilton (unsuccessfully) to give Congress the power to tax and regulate trade.

Madison was instrumental in persuading Congress to revise the Articles of Confederation (the current constitution at that

time) and, ultimately, create the Constitution that we have today. The Constitutional Convention met in May 1787 in Philadelphia. Madison played a huge role. He drafted the Virginia Plan, the basis for the new government's structure. He also created the checks and balances system, which insures that none of the branches of government become too powerful. Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay created the Federalist Papers, essays that defended the Constitution against people who feared a strong central government. Madison then shepherded the new Constitution through the ratification process through 1787 and 1788.

Madison was elected to the House of Representatives in 1789, where he sponsored the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution. He broke with Alexander Hamilton and the Federalist Party in 1791 and joined Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe in creating the Democratic-Republican, or Jeffersonian Republican, Party. In 1794, Madison married Dolley Payne Todd, who was a widow.

In 1801 Madison was appointed secretary of state under Thomas Jefferson, where he failed to persuade the British to stop interfering with American trade. In 1809, he ran in the presidential election and defeated Charles Pickney, the Federalist Candidate with 122 electoral votes to 47. He repealed the embargo by which Thomas Jefferson (who was President before him) tried to avoid war with Europe by banning trade with them. (The major European powers were at war themselves.) However, this didn't stop tensions between Britain and America. Madison declared the War of 1812 on June 12. In 1814, Madison replaced Secretary of War John Armstrong (who wasn't managing the war very well) with James Monroe when Washington was captured. A peace treaty was signed in Belgium in December 1814, but it didn't solve any of the outstanding issues between the U.S. and Britain.

After the war, Madison chartered a national bank and negotiated an agreement (called the Rush-Bagot Agreement) for demilitarization of the frontier between the U.S. and Canada. However, this agreement wasn't ratified until Madison had left office.

When Madison left office, he retired to his estate in Orange County, Virginia. He avoided further participation in politics, and helped Thomas Jefferson found the University of Virginia in 1826. Ten years later, at his estate, James Madison died. That night, America lost one of the most important men in its development as a country.

TRIBUTE TO BEAVER COUNTY  
POLICE OFFICERS

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I rise to the floor today to pay tribute to the law enforcement community of Beaver County, Pennsylvania. These heroic men and women of uniform will be honored on Friday, May 18, 2001 as part of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Pursuant to a joint resolution of the United States Congress issued June 21, 1961, the President of the United States has designated a week in May as Police Week, in honor of

the federal, state, and municipal law enforcement officers who have lost their lives or suffered injuries while safeguarding the lives and properties of the communities they serve.

I join all the residents of Beaver County in recognizing the courageous service these police officers provide to their communities. Their dedication to protecting and preserving the laws of this great land and ensuring that all citizens receive justice deserves the praise and gratitude of all Americans.

I congratulate these men and women who selflessly risk their lives to protect ours, and I thank them for all their service.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration: the bill (H.R. 1646) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, once again, I would like to speak in opposition to the DeLay amendment to H.R. 1646.

The intent of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is to try individual perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity when nations cannot or will not hold perpetrators accountable. I can think of no Member of the U.S. Congress, the administration, or any federal agency, including the Department of Defense and all branches of our armed forces, opposed to ensuring that war criminals are brought to justice. If the accused perpetrator of a war crime is an American citizen, civilian or soldier, then I would strongly support our civilian and/or military systems of justice do everything in their power to bring this individual to trial in the appropriate American court as would be permissible under the ICC treaty.

The argument by supporters of this amendment that American servicemen and service-women would be at risk of being tried in foreign courts under the ICC treaty is not accurate. Presently, any alleged crime, including war crimes, committed by U.S. citizens on foreign soil can already be tried in that nation's courts. The ICC would do nothing to diminish the role a U.S. court would have in bringing to trial accused war criminals if they were American citizens. In fact, the ICC could only intervene in trying Americans in the very unlikely event that the American judicial system would be unwilling or unable to try a case.

I do not believe the formation of the ICC will threaten American military personnel. The ICC will provide a forum to bring individuals to justice that commit the most heinous and inhuman acts of systematic violence around the world. To ensure that the U.S. Congress is committed to achieve this needed justice I oppose the DeLay amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BETTY R.  
HORNER

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Betty R. Horner, Conejo Valley Civic Leader and pioneer in the communities of Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks, California. Her volunteer service spans more than 32 years.

Betty Horner's community service began in 1968, in the Westlake Village Foxmoor neighborhood homeowners association. At the same time, she was a baseball and cheerleader team mother with the Westlake Athletic Association. She also worked with the PTA and PFA in her neighborhood schools.

While raising her family of three children, Cynthia, Larry Jr., and Kymberly, and helping support her husband Larry Sr.'s professional and political career, Betty began to fashion a civic and philanthropic career for herself.

Betty's distinguished community involvement includes service as the First Lady of Thousand Oaks and Charge d'Affaires (official hostess for the City of Thousand Oaks). This role required her attendance at public ceremonies, meeting with public officials and dignitaries, representing the City of Thousand Oaks, performing ribbon cuttings, and presenting commendations. She was tenacious and carried out her duties with much style and grace. She attended all City Council meetings for 15½ years, a record unequaled by anyone in the city.

Due to her engaging personality and knowledge of the community, Betty has been asked to serve on many prestigious public and private boards and committees. She is an original member of the City of Thousand Oaks' Volunteers in Policing Team and at 65 years of age she can be seen patrolling neighborhoods to help keep our community safe. In 1976, she joined the Westlake Women's club, serving as its president during 1987-88. This philanthropic organization raises thousands of dollars annually for various local organizations and charities. Betty was also instrumental in helping to build the Thousand Oaks Library, and has served on the Library Foundation Board.

She was also selected by the Automobile Club of Southern California to serve on their Advisory Board for seven years.

Betty has received numerous honors and recognitions, including Woman of the Year from the Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce and was also chosen as one of the ten Outstanding Women in Southern California by Coca Cola Bottling Co. and the Los Angeles Sentinel.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Betty R. Horner for her many contributions and years of dedication to the Conejo Valley.

TRIBUTE TO ATTORNEY  
CONSTANCE SLAUGHTER-HARVEY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey. Attorney Harvey is a persistent trail blazer in a world of challenges. For 31 years, she has dedicated her life to legal and public service.

Attorney Harvey, a native of Scott County, received her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Economics from Tougaloo College in 1967. In 1970, she became the first African American female to receive a law degree from the University of Mississippi.

Upon graduation she was staff attorney for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, executive director of Southern Legal Rights and director of East Mississippi Legal Services.

Among her other outstanding achievements, attorney Slaughter-Harvey is the first African American female to serve as Student Government President at Tougaloo College (1967); to be appointed to serve as judge in Mississippi (1976); to be the president (first female) of the National Association of State Elections Directors (1991); Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Human Development (1980–1984); and to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for Elections, Public Lands and General Counsel for the State of Mississippi (1984–1995).

Attorney Slaughter-Harvey is the first African American female to receive the 2001 Outstanding Woman Lawyer Award given by the Mississippi Women Lawyers' Association.

Among her honors is the Constance Slaughter Harvey Endowed Chair in Political Science/Pre-Law at Tougaloo College. The University of Mississippi named the Black Law Student Association in her honor in 1998. She was 1 of 8 founders (the only female) of the National Black Law Student Association in 1969 at Rutgers in New Jersey.

In 1970, she successfully argued *Morrow v. Crisler*, which led to the desegregation of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. She filed a 3.8 million dollar lawsuit in 1970, *Myrtle Green Burton v. John Bell Williams*, against the state of Mississippi and other defendants for wrongful deaths of Jackson State student, Phillip Gibbs and Jim Hill student, James Earl Green.

Presently she is engaged in private practice in Scott County. She is president of Elections, Inc, the Scott County Bar Association, the Magnolia Bar Association and the W.L. and Olivia Slaughter Memorial Foundation. The W.L. and Olivia Slaughter Memorial Foundation is a tribute to the legacy of her parents who lived in Forest and the legacy includes a foundation, library, residential subdivision and office building complex where her law office is located. She has been an adjunct professor at Tougaloo College or 31 years.

Mr. Speaker, Attorney Harvey is proudly recognized by the state of Mississippi and the United States of America as a visionary for all people. On behalf of the people of the 2nd Congressional district, I salute her.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW J. LENZER ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 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 Matthew J. Lenzer of Wellington, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York.

Mr. Speaker, Matthew's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen 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.

Matthew brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Merchant Marines. While attending Keystone High School in Lagrange, Matthew has attained a grade point average of 3.91, which places him fifth in his class of one hundred twenty-seven students. Matthew is a member of the National Honors Society, Buckeye Boy's State and has attended that National Young Leaders Conference. Also, he has been awarded an All A's Citizenship Award and the Bausch and Lomb Science Award.

Outside the classroom, Matthew has been active in the performing arts. He is a member of the marching band and pep band and is very active in his church.

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

FRANK BAUMAN: HONORED  
COMMUNITY SERVANT

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Frank A. Bauman, a native Portlander, whose 80th birthday will be celebrated on June 10, 2001. Mr. Bauman has dedicated his life to making enormous contributions to our city, the state of Oregon, and the international community. It is my personal privilege to bring my colleagues' attention the outstanding accomplishments of this great Oregonian.

Mr. Bauman was admitted into the Oregon Bar in 1950 after graduating from our shared alma mater, Yale Law School, and practiced law in Portland for many years. During that

period, he devoted substantial time to many worthwhile civic endeavors, where he held significant leadership positions, including:

First Chairman, Oregon State Bar Committee on World Peace through Law; President, United Nations Association (Portland Chapter and the Oregon Association, (two times); President, World Affairs Council of Oregon (two times); Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations (two times); Chairman, Scholarship Committee of the University Club of Portland; Board of Directors, English Speaking Union; Master, Oregon-Ashlar Masonic Lodge, Member of the Chess for Success, which has established chess programs in 30 Portland public schools and has been hailed by The Oregonian as the most significant extracurricular activity in the public school system.

Mr. Bauman's dedicated and effective leadership was recognized in 1971 when he was appointed by the United Nations Secretary General to serve as Resident Representative for the United Nations Children Fund, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Information Office in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji. Mr. Bauman executed these responsibilities very capably, while serving as the Chief Administrator of United Nations activities in Australia and conducting outreach relations with National and Regional Committees to deal with long-term development for Third World Countries.

Mr. Bauman's commitment to society was further recognized in 1998 when he was awarded the E.B. MacNaughton Civil Liberties Award for his legal work in Mississippi in the 1960's on behalf of African Americans.

It is my honor today, on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, to commend to my esteemed Members of Congress, the 80th birthday and extraordinary achievements of Frank A. Bauman.

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

**HON. HEATHER WILSON**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, they say salsa is now our country's #1 condiment, beating out even the ketchup bottle. A New Mexico company known nationally for their salsa—and their green chile, and their tamales—is celebrating its 50th year of business this month.

Bueno Foods takes pride in sharing a part of New Mexico's culture through the wonderful food they produce and market nationally. Please join me in congratulating Bueno Foods and the Baca Family on fifty successful years and thank them for their contributions to our community.

In the beginning, for the Baca brothers, the company was a way to provide jobs for themselves and members of their community. After serving in WWII several of the brothers had difficulty finding jobs in Albuquerque. Their father Refujio had worked for the Santa Fe Railroad all his life but had always dreamed of owning his own business. He encouraged his sons to start their own business.

The Ace Food Store, a neighborhood "mom and pop" grocery store, was born. They later

saw a need to take their business in another direction. They expanded the store into carry-out, which featured traditional recipes by Filomena, the Baca brothers' mother. Also at this time freezers were becoming popular. The Baca brothers recalled the yearly family tradition popular throughout New Mexico for roasting fresh green chile over an open flame and freezing it for the winter months. They decided to take this home process into a commercial one and make this very special family tradition the focus of their restaurant and retail product lines. Food processing became their niche.

Under the leadership of Jacqueline Baca, President (the daughter of founder Joe Baca), Bueno Foods' sales have grown six-fold and the number of employees has tripled. She started in the business at the age of 16 making tamales. Jacqueline is joined by her siblings in the family business. Gene Baca is Senior Vice President, Catherine Baca, MD, is Vice President of Research and Development, Ana Baca is Communications Manager and Marijo Baca pioneered the distribution of Bueno's products in the Colorado market. Together, they make the company's slogan "From Our Family to Yours" a reality.

The Baca Family is committed to our community. From its start with 5 employees to more than 240, located in the Barelmas Industrial Park, Bueno is one of the largest employers in this "Pocket of Poverty." Bueno contributes between 3 and 6 percent of after-tax profits to organizations that help people meet basic needs including housing, food and education. Among the many honors earned by Bueno Foods, in April 2000, they received the first annual New Mexico Ethics in Business Award recognizing the integrity, ethical conduct and the highest standards of civic and social responsibility that is part of daily operations within the company.

Please join me and other New Mexican's in honoring the Baca Family and Bueno Foods.

#### ALGERIA TRIP REPORT

### HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, on February 24–26, 2001, accompanied by former Ambassador David Laux, I traveled to Algeria to meet with key officials and attend celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the Sahrawi Republic in the Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf, Algeria. The meetings and discussions with the President, Prime Minister and Cabinet Members in Algeria reflected officials who hold great concern for their nation and the development of their economy and society, as well as concern for North Africa and the whole of Africa.

Creative solutions were presented for problems facing the government as they seek to modernize the financial, security, and democracy aspects of Algeria. There were clear indications that the Algerian government desires to stabilize their economy to attract foreign, particularly U.S. investment (current U.S. investment is \$3.5 billion, projected to grow to \$6 billion in the next two years due to increased energy investment), and to cooperate in security/terrorism issues with the U.S. Government. A two and a half hour meeting with

President Bouteflicka revealed a statesman with great insight, leadership abilities and vision for his nation and the continent, exemplified in the President's key role in helping bring peace in the Ethiopia/Eritrea conflict and his leadership in the OAU in pursuing economic development in all of Africa. The impressive character and qualities of the President also are reflected in his Cabinet and the current Ambassador of Algeria serving in Washington, D.C. His Excellency Idriss Jazairi.

The Algerian people and government are also to be commended for their great hospitality towards the Sahrawi refugees. Many of the Sahrawi people fled their homeland of Western Sahara over 25 years ago due to the conflict over Western Sahara. The Algerian people have graciously allowed the Sahrawis to live in refugee camps in Tindouf and have been supportive of humanitarian aid to assist the refugees arriving from all over the world. Under the leadership of President Bouteflicka, Algeria has continued to extend hospitality to the refugees and not presented obstacles to the Sahrawis governing themselves in the Sahrawi Democratic Republic.

Upon my return to the United States, I shared my impressions about Algeria with a number of individuals, including Secretary of State Colin Powell. I suggested to Secretary Powell the idea of holding an Africa Summit with key African leaders, such as President Bouteflicka of Algeria, for President Bush to listen and learn from those leaders as he shapes his policies on Africa and for the African leaders to garner international support for their vision to help eliminate poverty, elevate standards of living, and bring hope to the people of Africa through a variety of measures.

In light of the various visions and solutions discussed in the meetings, there are several long term and short term practical actions the people of Pennsylvania and the U.S. government can take to support democratic, economic, and security developments in Algeria. My hope is to assist in building a strong relationship between the people of Algeria and United States and our governments through the following projects:

Encourage President Bush to hold an Africa Summit with the leaders of the OAU in which the President can learn about Africa and African leaders can share ways in which the international community can support their vision to help the people of Africa.

Assist the Algerian Minister of Agriculture on his visit to the U.S. by arranging meetings with leading agricultural companies and producers.

Interact with leading U.S. wheat producers regarding the potential opportunities for investment in Algeria.

Encourage the U.S. Department of State, Near East Division, about the need for increased counter-terrorism training and cooperation between Algeria and the United States.

Encourage the establishment of an Algerian-U.S. business council.

Assist in coordinating training seminars for Algerian Army regarding democracy and human rights.

Assist in coordinating police training seminars for Algerian police.

Assist in coordinating lecture, seminar series/academic exchanges at U.S. and Algerian universities.

Investigate water resource issues and possible expertise cooperation.

People to people exchanges and humanitarian projects, including medical equipment, police/forensics equipment, English textbooks, etc.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. BETTY WARD FLETCHER

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Dr. Betty Ward Fletcher. Dr. Fletcher is a trail blazer, a persistent advocate, a remarkable woman and outstanding leader. She has proven time and time again that one person can make a difference.

Dr. Fletcher, a native of Rankin County, received her undergraduate degree in Sociology from Tougaloo College. She received her master and doctoral in Social Work from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

From 1975 through 2000, Dr. Fletcher dedicated her life to providing information and ideas on behaviors of societies to Jackson State University. She was the founding director of the Student Intervention and Information Program of Interdisciplinary Alcohol/Drug Studies Center. She has worked in various scholarly positions such as Associate Director of Graduate Program in Alcohol/Drug Studies, Instructor, Associate Professor, Acting Director, Acting Graduate Dean and Vice President for Research and Development of Sociology Department. In addition, she excelled her instructional focus on research and evaluation of sociology by serving as an adjunct Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, School of Social Work.

Dr. Fletcher's research focus has been the study of social and behavioral correlation of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. She has generated over \$17.5 million in externally funded initiatives, while simultaneously fulfilling her administrative duties.

In 1999, Dr. Fletcher was Jackson State's first-ever Vice President for Research and Development. During her leadership, the University garnered a \$2 million donation and a \$12.9 million research award. This award was to serve as the coordination center for the Jackson Heart Study, the largest study of cardiovascular disease ever undertaken in the nation.

In 1999, Dr. Fletcher was named Interim President of Jackson State University by unanimous consent of the Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning. She was then labeled a "charismatic, courageous and visionary leader" for her success in launching the School of Engineering and building a strong support base with the business community for the University.

In 2000, she was appointed as Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) and had oversight for a \$438 million budget and 4,168 employees. Dr. Fletcher made a positive difference and a goal was to build cooperative working relationships with other state agencies.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Fletcher is proudly recognized by the state of Mississippi and the United States of America as a visionary for all people. On behalf of the people of the 2nd Congressional district, I salute her.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA J. SMITH

**HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special constituent, Barbara J. Smith, on the occasion of her receipt of the Ohio Women's Bar Association's Justice Alice Robie Resnick Award of Distinction. This award is the OWBA's highest award for professional excellence and is bestowed annually on a deserving attorney who exhibits leadership in the areas of advancing the status and interests of women and in improving the legal profession in the state of Ohio. It gives me great pleasure to wish Ms. Smith my warmest congratulations on this truly special occasion.

Barbara Smith is currently a shareholder of McDonald, Hopkins, Burke & Haber Co., L.P.A. in Cleveland. She attended Old Dominion College (B.A., 1968); Pepperdine University (M.B.A. 1974, magna cum laude); and Case Western Reserve University (J.D. 1977, magna cum laude).

She is a former President of the OWB (1994–1995) and is one of its original members. The OWBA was initially formed in 1991 and is the only statewide bar association within Ohio solely dedicated toward advancing the interests of women attorneys while encouraging networking and the creation of a statewide mentor program for women attorneys. The 2001–2002 membership year celebrates the OWBA's 10th Anniversary.

Barb has also served as President of the Cleveland Bar Association. At the time she served, she was only the third female president in its 125-year history.

At the same time, Ms. Smith has been active in the community on issues affecting women and minorities, including Ohio Attorney's Assault on Domestic Violence, a Charter Fellow and member of the Cleveland Bar Foundation Board of Trustees and a member of The Federated Church—Multi-racial, Multi-cultural Task Force.

Ms. Smith has been recognized for excellence in her legal work including Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in America and The Best Lawyers in America for Health Law.

On May 21, 2001, OWBA President Helen Mac Murray will be presenting Ms. Smith with the Ohio Women's Bar Association's Justice Alice Robie Resnick Award of Distinction at its Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.

It gives me great pleasure to rise today, Mr. Speaker, and join the OWBA in congratulating Barbara Smith and wishing her continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF DUTY  
DRAWBACK LEGISLATION

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to change the drawback and other trade laws in order to make their interpretation, administration and implementation less cumbersome for the U.S. Customs Service. More importantly, the provisions

of this legislation will ease the regulatory and administrative burdens imposed by the current regulatory structure on U.S. companies by making them more competitive in the global marketplace when competing against foreign exports of similar or like products.

Since this issue is very technical Mr. Speaker, let me briefly describe what duty drawback is and how this legislation will help. Specifically, duty drawback is the refund of 99% of the duty paid to Customs on an imported product when the imported product, or a product that is substantially similar or commercially interchangeable with the imported product, is later exported from the U.S.

For example, a manufacturer of widgets may import a widget into the West Coast of the U.S., paying a duty of US \$10. The same company then produces the same type or quality of widget in Texas and exports it to Mexico. The company may claim a refund of US \$9 of the duty paid on the West Coast import as it is substantially similar to or commercially interchangeable with the exported widget.

Therefore, drawback levels the playing field and allows U.S. companies to remain competitive in the international market when competing against foreign companies for export sales and in export markets.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. I look forward to working with my colleagues to see it enacted into law.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BLACK  
FARMERS FAIRNESS ACT OF 2001

**HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Black Farmers Fairness Act. This legislation will bring to closure a series of injustices our government has committed to a large number of black farmers throughout the country. For many years, this group of dedicated farmers experienced various acts of discrimination by the United States Department of Agriculture.

In 1997, three brave farmers entered into a lawsuit with USDA to correct injustices they had experienced. Two months later they were joined by 11 additional farmers. As more and more black farmers learned of and joined this lawsuit, the suit was changed to a class action suit. For months, government attorneys blocked settlement of their complaint due to a "statute of limitation" argument.

In 1998, the House extended the "statute of limitations" for the black farmer lawsuit—allowing justice to run its full course. Without this provision, many of these farmers would have not been legally permitted to receive consideration for the civil rights complaints. Before this provision, government attorneys argued that they could not settle complaints beyond the two-year period of each complaint.

Finally, it appeared that justice would prevail. On April 14, 1999, a court ruled in a class action suit that the black farmers would be awarded \$50,000 each in a cash settlement as well as forgiveness for debts resulting from discrimination for the past injustices.

I discovered, however, that a significant portion of this settlement could potentially end up

right back here in Washington through various taxes. That's an outrage! These farmers were discriminated against; no part of their settlement should be taken by the government. That is why I am introducing this bill.

This legislation does two things. First, it lifts the tax burden (income tax as well as estate tax) associated with both the cash payment and debt forgiveness aspects of the settlement. Second, it releases class members from having to include settlement benefits in determining eligibility for federal assistance programs.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress has an obligation to finish what it started in 1998. We have the opportunity and responsibility to give back every cent to those who were denied the opportunity to pursue the American Dream. I encourage my colleagues to join me by supporting the Black Farmers Fairness Act.

TRIBUTE TO RUBEN SIVERLING

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ruben Siverling, the recipient of the Clay/Platte Development Corporation's Small Business Advocate of the Year.

Mr. Siverling is a full-time business consultant serving on the staff at the Rockhurst University Small Business Development Center. During his years as a consultant to the Small Business Community in the Kansas City region, he has helped start or expand over 1,700 small businesses.

Mr. Siverling was instrumental in opening a satellite Small Business Development Center in the Missouri 6th District. Being a resident of the district, he saw firsthand the growth in the Northland region of Kansas City and understood the importance of a guiding presence to help the area's burgeoning entrepreneurs. His dedication to this cause is proven in the early mornings, long days and late evenings that he endures to help each and every one of his clients achieve success. Success to him does not only involve just having a client receive a loan, but all facets of learning the start-up process. Whether it is revising a loan package that was not approved on the first submittal, or following through with revision and follow-up meetings, he ensures that the small business client is getting a first-class education that will help their business flourish.

I commend the Clay/Platte Development Corporation on choosing Mr. Ruben Siverling as their Small Business Advocate of the Year, and once again congratulate and thank Mr. Siverling for his years of hard work and dedication to the Small Business Community.

NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS  
MEMORIAL DAY

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women who are part of the blue line that keep our

homes, our families, and our neighborhoods safe and secure.

Every day, they put themselves in the line of fire, confronting crime and those who engage in it, to make our communities a better place to live.

Our nation's law enforcement officers put their lives on the line, just like the men and women of our armed forces, to protect Americans. For that reason, I have introduced legislation that would provide a Capitol-flown flag for deceased law enforcement officers. H.R. 94 would be a step toward this deserved recognition.

I encourage other Members to join me in passing this legislation, to properly show our appreciation for the risk that our nation's law enforcement officers take just by showing up at work every day.

TRIBUTE TO LLOYD E. LEWIS, JR.

**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, with sadness and regret, I rise to pay tribute to Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr., a city commissioner of Dayton, Ohio, who recently passed away at the age of 74. Throughout his life, Lloyd was a model civic leader who dedicated himself to the community he loved so dearly.

Lloyd's record of service to Dayton goes back almost half a century and includes serving two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives and working as a Dayton assistant city manager. He also served two terms as chairman of the Dayton Plan Board.

Lloyd was a member of the Dayton Foundation board, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, the State Board of Housing, the United Way of Greater Dayton, City Wide Development Corporation, and the St. Elizabeth Medical Center board.

No one worked more tirelessly on behalf of Dayton. When he was assistant city manager, he even went on runs with the fire crews. During one particularly rough season of blizzards, the Dayton Daily News reported he was "all but sleeping at city hall."

The son of a small businessman and the grandson of a shoe shiner, Lloyd was a champion of the average man and woman. His family was one of the first black families to move into his West Side neighborhood. He knew racial discrimination but that only increased his desire to improve his community for all citizens.

Lloyd was a thorough gentleman in all his actions, public and private. He was admired and respected by all who knew him—an extraordinary achievement for someone in public life and a testament to his leadership.

Dayton has lost a great citizen and I have lost a friend.

TAIWAN CELEBRATES ITS PRESIDENT'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE

**HON. EARL F. HILLIARD**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, our friend in the Pacific, the Republic of China on Taiwan,

is a small island nation that has maintained excellent relations with us throughout the years. Although we do not have formal diplomatic relations with the Island, our informal relations with Taiwan in areas such as trade and investment, science and technology, culture and security, and education have been growing steadily year after year.

In addition, Taiwan and the United States share many values in common. Both countries have an abiding attachment to freedom, democracy and human rights. As Taiwan gets ready to celebrate its President's first anniversary in office, I wish to assure President Chen Shui-bian and his people that the American people will always stand behind Taiwan and make sure that it continues to thrive and prosper in the Pacific.

Good Luck and Good Fortune to Taiwan!

GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2001*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Glendale High School, which celebrates 100 years of academic excellence on May 19, 2001. This was the first high school in the city of Glendale and famous alumni include actors John Wayne and Madeline Stowe, athletes, Brooklyn Dodger Babe Herman and 3 time track Olympian Frank Wykoff, and entrepreneur Bob Wian, founder of Bob's Big Boy restaurants.

Glendale High has grown from an initial enrollment in 1901 of 23 students, but today hosts 3500 students, each of whom receives a comprehensive educational experience designed to prepare them with the skills, knowledge and training necessary to achieve individual goals and to participate as a productive and responsible member of our ever-changing society and in our own multi-cultural environment.

One of the keys to the success of Glendale High School are the independently-organized parent groups that are committed to continued involvement with the school. Another innovation is the unique grade-level student support services, which counsel and follow students from the time they enter until the time they graduate from Glendale High School.

Please help me in congratulating co-principals Mrs. Gloria Vasquez and Mike Livingston, as well as all students, alumni, friends and family of Glendale High School on their 100 anniversary.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS CANNON**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 581) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appro-

propriated for the wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management:

Mr. CANNON. Madam Chairman, in the last eight years my home and the homes of my neighbors have been threatened by fire on the mountain behind our town in Mapleton. I want to thank the heroic, hard working Federal firefighters for how they fought those infernos. My home is in the mouth of a canyon that has a strong and regular evening wind. Had the fire reached the canyon it would have been like a huge blowtorch. Many Utahns have shared the same concerns. We have a lot of homes located along the hundreds of miles of the urban/public lands interface.

Our ways of thinking about fire have shifted in recent years. We understand the benefits of fires in the natural cycles of our public lands. The beautiful areas where we live, the parks and forests that we enjoy, can benefit from reducing the fire risk by reducing fuel loads, prescribed burns, and educating people on fire safety.

To undertake these prevention measures, the Forest Service must first consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, ensuring that there will be no adverse effects to animals and especially endangered species. Unfortunately, the USFWS lacks the money to do what is needed.

H.R. 581 will allow the Forest Service to reimburse the Fish and Wildlife Service for their consultations.

Last year, many of the western states, including Utah, experienced some of the worst forest fires in history. Utah's current fire conditions look similar to last year's. According to the National Forest Service, most of the state is at high and very high risk of fire danger. Last year nearly 2,000 fires in Utah burned 228,000 acres of land. In Utah County alone, over 3,200 acres of land were destroyed by 57 fires.

Preventive actions can help save our lands as well as better allocate the taxpayer money spent on putting out fires. The Yellowstone fire of 1988 cost the nation \$120 million to fight. Only a fraction of that amount would have been needed for prevention. As prescribed, controlled fire costs about \$50 an acre. In a wilderness fire this cost for fighting the fire alone increases to between \$200-\$400 an acre. That does not include the cost of lost timber, wildlife, or ecological damage. Simply reducing the built-up fuel load that grew during years of fire suppression can have a significant effect on reducing fire danger.

Educating people on fire safety is a key issue as well. In Utah, 60-70% of the fires are either accidentally or intentionally started by humans. Most of these could be avoided with proper understanding.

We must make funding for responsible fire practices a priority. This will improve the sense of serenity for my family, the constituents who I serve, and the many people who live on or near our public lands.