

should undertake a review and strengthening of its domestic laws to ensure that trafficking in human beings is established as a criminal offense and that penalties can be imposed that reflect the grievous nature of the offense. I would be very glad to provide the law which we crafted should the example be helpful to other lawmakers.

Legal reform is a vital step in the battle against modern-day slavery. In the meantime, however, even in countries in which the law does not specifically prohibit trafficking in persons, law enforcement authorities can and should prosecute traffickers by using existing laws against, inter alia, kidnapping, fraud, pandering, falsifying documents, assisting individuals to cross borders illegally, forced labor, assault, or rape. As with all human rights, the responsibility to prevent this particular abuse, to prosecute those who commit the atrocities, and to protect their victims, begins and ends with individual States.

IN HONOR OF GREAT LAKES-MIDWEST REGION FIVE OF BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and celebration of the Blacks in Government Great Lakes-Midwest Region Five 19th Annual Training Conference being held in Cleveland, Ohio this first day of June, 2001.

The Greater Cleveland chapter of Blacks in Government, B.I.G., is hosting this very special convention. They chose a very fitting theme, "Look Toward the Future for Your Future," and plan on executing numerous workshops throughout the conference that discuss career development, financial security, equal employment opportunity, professional development, and career growth.

Blacks in Government has continually strived for excellence. They have trained countless employees and have instilled in them true values and integrity. This conference facilitates education and interaction, fellowship and celebration. Their cause of justice and equality will ring out loud in Cleveland during this esteemed conference.

Not only will this weekend provide for leadership training and development, but it is also a time for Blacks in Government to celebrate another year of service. Their national mission is to promote excellence in government, and Blacks in Government has done just that. Please join me in celebration and recognition for the Great Lakes-Midwest Region Five of Blacks in Government for their 19th Annual Training Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind:

Mr. BACA. Mr. Chairman, I wish to elaborate on my vote in favor of final passage of H.R. 1, The Leave No Child Behind Act (Roll #145)

I strongly support the increased education funding this measure provides. Education is the number one priority for the American people, including under-served populations, such as Hispanics. We recognize that education is our path to the American dream. Unfortunately, Hispanic children remain among the most educationally disadvantaged of all public school students, suffering from high poverty, high dropout rates and language barriers. With significant increases in the number of Hispanic children attending our nation's schools, we must, as leaders of this great nation, remain committed to their unique educational needs. We cannot allow the final conference education bill to leave our nation's children behind.

I would like to emphasize, though, that I remain deeply committed to bilingual and migrant education programs, and I was disappointed that the version of the bill brought to the House floor did not sufficiently address adequate funding for those programs. I urge the Conference Committee to safeguard these programs. Seventy-five percent of the 4.1 million Limited English Proficient (LEP) children are Hispanic and speak Spanish as their first language. These students face the daunting challenge of learning a new language (English) while also keeping up with academic subjects like math and science. I therefore strongly support increased bilingual education funding but without instructional time limits, parental notification and consent requirements. I furthermore strongly support increased funding for the Migrant Education Program. Roughly 800,000 Hispanic children in our schools are from migrant families. These migrant children move from farm to farm, place to place, constantly interrupting their education. The Migrant Education Program must have a national focus that transcends those geographical barriers that form the educational systems for most children.

The final ESEA reauthorization coming out of conference is an excellent opportunity to address these unique educational needs of Hispanic school children. Hispanic children, migrant children, are our nation's children, our nation's future. We must live up to our commitment to "Leave No Child Behind."

RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT THOMAS M. HENDLEY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize retiring Sergeant Thomas M. Hendley of Oceanport, New Jersey's police department and of his twenty-six year long commitment to serving the people of Oceanport a distinguished law enforcement officer.

A native of West Long Branch, New Jersey, Thomas served in the Air Force from 1963 to 1967 before working in various capacities for Jersey Central Power and Light between 1967 and 1974. Sgt. Hendley's career in law enforcement began when he attended the 91st State Trooper Recruit class in 1974, a program from which he was later forced to withdraw as a result of injury.

In 1975, Sgt. Hendley was hired by the Oceanport Police Department. In 1980, five years after graduating from the Monmouth County 6th Municipal Police Class as the class's Academic Leader and Proctor, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

During his tenure with Oceanport's police department, Sgt. Hendley became certified as both a Firearms Instructor and a Supervising Firearms Instructor. He has also served as the department's training officer since 1994 and has received numerous awards and commendations for Honorable Service, Exceptional Duty, Life Saving, and Educational Achievement.

Sgt. Hendley has further served our community as a member of the Oceanport First Aid Squad and a life member of the Police Benevolent Association. After his retirement, he plans to spend more time with his family in addition to serving as an umpire and part-time charter bus driver.

I applaud Sgt. Thomas Hendley on his many years of service to the people of Oceanport and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his invaluable contributions to our society.

ROTH KASE CELEBRATES 10 SUCCESSFUL YEARS

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Roth Kase USA as it celebrates its 10th anniversary in the specialty cheese business.

Roth Kase is located in Monroe, Wisconsin. Although the company's background goes back 125 years, Roth Kase came to Wisconsin ten years ago, and began business with 25 employees. Today, more than 80 employees produce some of the greatest cheeses in the world. In fact, Roth Kase has been recognized with approximately 55 national and regional awards over the past decade, including winning the World Championship in 2000 for its Gruyere cheese. Their most recent award was winning first place in the semi-soft open class category at the U.S. Championship Cheese contest this past March.

Roth Kase's commitment to quality and taste is evident in every product they make. I congratulate the employees of Roth Kase on their dedication and hard work. They created a decade of success, and they have my best wishes for many more successful decades in the future.